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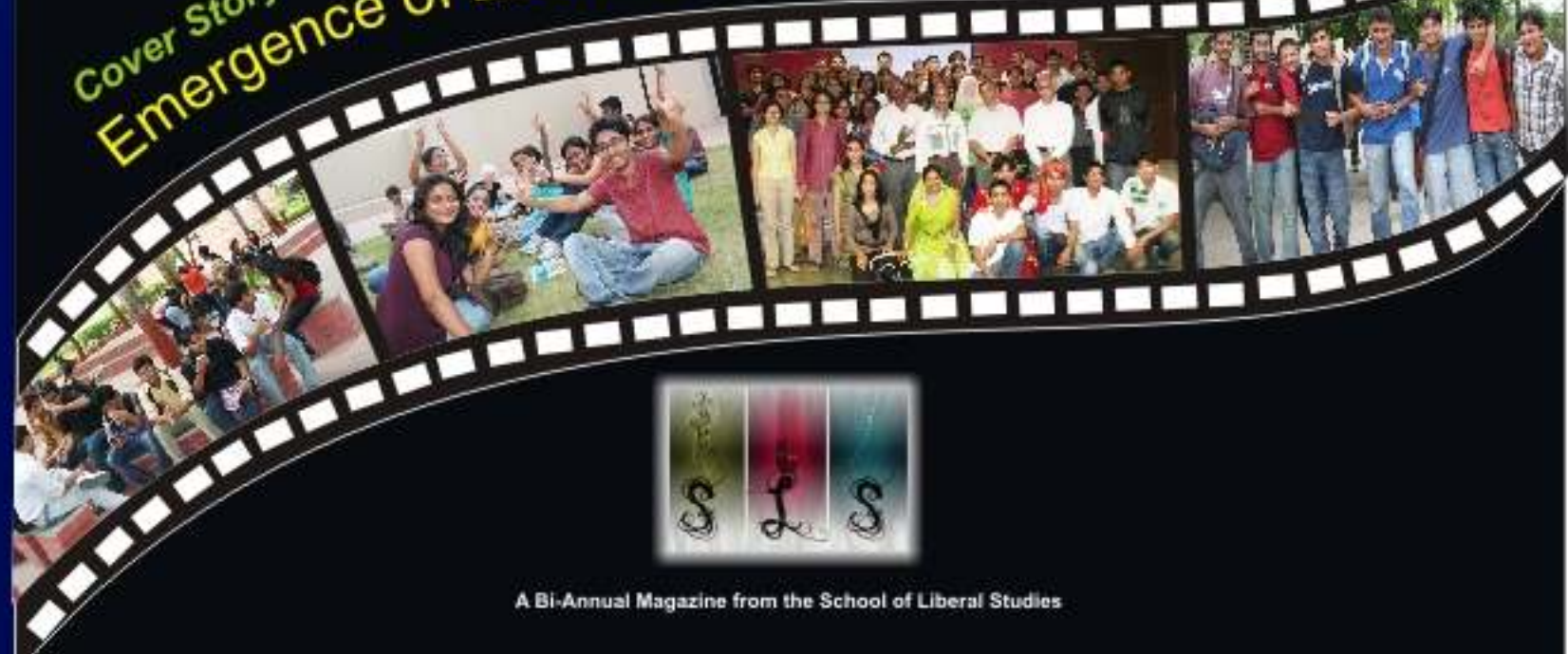
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Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University addresses the need for trained and specialised human resource for Oil & Gas Industry worldwide. It intends to expand the opportunities for students and professionals to develop intellectual knowledge base with leadership skills to compete in the global arena. This objective is being addressed through a number of specialized and well-planned undergraduate and post-graduate energy education programmes and intensive research initiatives.

Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University has been promoted by Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation (GSPC) to create a world class university in energy education and research with special focus on the oil and gas sector.



Schools and Centre @ PDU

School of Petroleum Management

Offers programmes addressing the managerial requirements of Oil & Gas Sector. The school offers 2 year Full Time MBA, 2 year Executive PGDPM and Ph.D with a focus on Oil & Gas Sector. The course offerings pertain to Management, Economics, Supply Chain and Laws governing the Energy and Petroleum Sectors.

School of Petroleum Technology

Offers programmes addressing the technical requirements of Oil & Gas sector. The school offers 4 year B.Tech, 5 year dual degree M.Tech & Ph.D programmes in Petroleum Technology. The course offerings would pertain to Exploration, Production, Drilling, Reservoir, Transportation, Refining & Geosciences of Energy and Petroleum Sector.

School of Solar Energy

Postgraduate programs at School of Solar Energy will commence in 2009. It plans to conduct teaching and research in the technologies needed to supply energy efficiently and on an environmentally sound basis to meet the necessities of today's life. The school plans to develop systems, components, and processes in the areas of solar thermal energy, photovoltaic and related electronics, micro-energy systems, chemical energy conversion, energy storage and rational use of energy. The School will offer Ph.D programme in Solar Energy.

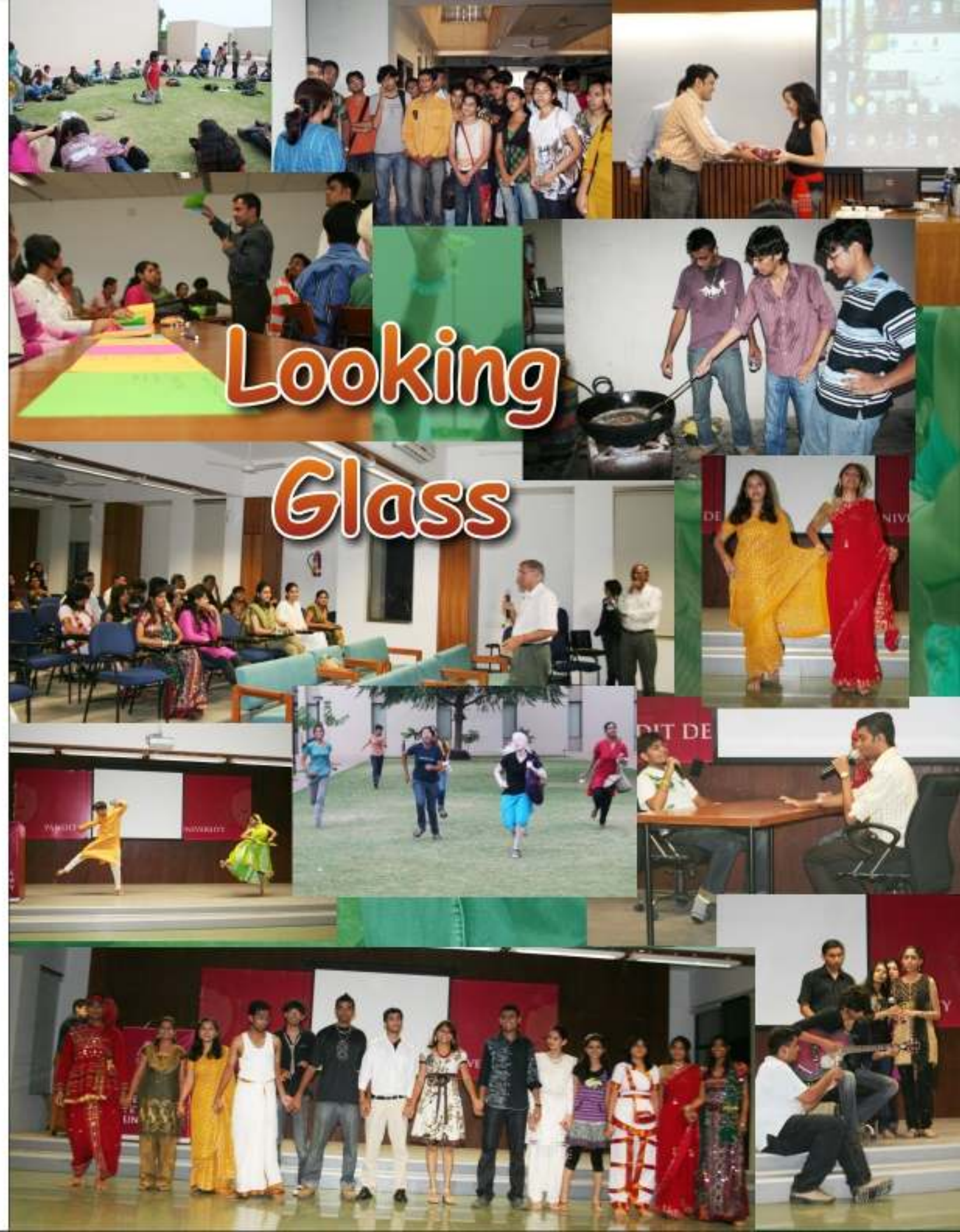
Centre for Good Governance & Policy

This centre is established to carry out detailed and systematic research studies of Energy and Engineering Education/ Skill Development related issues in the State of Gujarat. The centre has currently identified two important areas for extensive studies, namely: Technical education at the ITI level, and the Power Sector in Gujarat. It has also commenced work on three projects for tribal citizens, covering secondary education, skill development, and wealth creation.

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*Prof. Kartik Khillar,
Director General,
Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University.*

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*Dr. Nigam Dave
Academic Coordinator,
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The School of Liberal Studies commenced a four year residential undergraduate program offering a Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree (BLS). The School emphasizes on integrated development in teaching, experiential learning and overall grooming of the students in areas of leadership, teamwork, communication skills, thinking skills and being a responsible global citizen. Students will get exposure to 30 subjects ranging from Arts & Science to Management & Performing Arts, Administration, Foreign Languages etc.

The University is looking for scholarly, innovative and highly motivated faculty preferably with Masters or Doctoral degrees and sufficient teaching experience for various subjects offered by the School.

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EDITOR'S DESK

People often ask, what is liberal studies????!!!! It would be a bit difficult to explain what we mean by liberal studies. The term "Liberal Studies" as such cannot be described in mere words or statements. But if we have to do it in one sentence, then Liberal Studies is about giving wings to one's thoughts and expressions. Though an entirely new concept in India, it is definitely not unheard of. The concept in itself covers all aspects of life.

Now, knowing and experiencing Liberal Studies as students, we wish to make a humble attempt to answer these and such questions by bringing out this magazine. We believe that this magazine can reflect the happenings of SLS students and so it can act as a source of identity for SLS in PDU. Therefore, this magazine is very important for everyone who is inquisitive about this course and would definitely ring a bell whenever they hear it next.

"Failure is when you quit attempting." This is the motto that we followed and still do, which was a great driving force in bringing about this magazine in such a short span of time. To be honest, we never expected that 2 months old freshers at college would be printing a magazine. Though it was an amazing experience, it brought its own trail loads of responsibilities, hard-work, creativity, stress and rewards.

Our magazine is named 'Carpe Diem' (a Latin word derived from poem by Horace) which means 'Seize the Day.' Carpe Diem is what liberal studies stands for. We want to live in the present to enjoy, nourish and cherish it.

"Don't give your children cash and things, give them goals and wings."

Aakriti Gang and Poojan Modi
The Editorial Team

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- The PR (Public Relation) Team who were always on their feet out in the scorching heat (literally!!!) convincing the sponsors.
- The Designing Team for their innovations and creativity which worked wonders.
- The Printing Team without whom this magazine would have remained a dream only.
- The Finance Team!!!! How can we forget them, after all they had set such a stupendous budget.
- Moreover, we would really like to thank our seniors from SPT and SPM especially Rahul Kumar and Abhimanyu Manna who have made this magazine a success.

About P.D.P.U

PDPU is a creative university. The courses offered by PDPU are hardly offered by any other university in India. At PDPU, faculty members give out their heart and try their best not to leave any stone unturned in moulding the career of a student. Faculty members burn the midnight oil. The university has a separate cell with which it interacts with students on a frequent basis.

We all know energy is at the heart of development. This being an energy university will help the students to create an energy deficient free India thereby achieving Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's vision....

Shri Narendra Modi's View

The power of the youth is to stand united, to be moulded and not to be broken.

PDPU is doing its best to allow exploring their potential by bringing well established experts from various fields to show them the path of success/to succeed.

Villagers view

According to the people from nearby villages to have a university like PDPU has contributed to the development of their village at a smaller scale and that they are confident that the day is not far away when their children will make it big in the outside world due to the huge contribution of the university especially by way of conducting summer workshops. They are confident that the village would develop into a world class city with all modern facilities. There are some houses in the village which are as big a house as you can find in any of the big cities. Some houses have ACs and luxury cars because the university has given them good compensation for their land. In return some of the villagers are engaged in providing services to students for example stitching, hair cutting, etc.

Location and Surrounding

PDPU is located at Raisan village in Gandhinagar. The university is about 25 km away from Ahmedabad and about 10 km away from Gandhinagar. The campus is sandwiched between NH-8 and Sabarmati River at a distance of about 2 km from the campus. Sabarmati heritage project is being developed by the government of Gujarat. Some traditional cottages have been made on the bank of the river and a park facing the river is also being made.

Neighbouring this campus is the new campus of GNLU, Institute of Disaster Management, Institute Of Seismological Research and Indian Institute Of Advanced Research. These are unique institutes with respect to those institutes found in other parts of the country and Gandhinagar is all set to become an educational hub.

The Schools at PDPU

1. School of Petroleum Management
2. School of Petroleum Technology
3. School of Solar Energy
4. School of Liberal Studies
5. School of Nuclear Energy





Liberal Studies and Petroleum Engineering: Incongruence of Third Order.

The journey towards a new and a path-breaking pedagogy of Liberal Studies was installed at Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDU). PDU was established with the aim of producing students with both technical as well as managerial skills to provide the enormous requirements of petroleum professionals in the nation. The university is spread over 100 acres with state of art infrastructure. But at one point of time the harbingers of change realised that only producing petroleum technocrats would not make this university "universal". It would be more single-dimensional in nature. So there was a dire need of diversification which would transform the university's attire.

Mr D.J.Pandian, the Managing Director of GSPC, a man with vision aired the origin of these novel academics. After his experience in international arena he felt that students need more balanced ways of resorting to academics. In other words, he envisioned the students of our country would study mathematics with psychology, economics with theatre, music with sociology, literature with sciences and so on which would not be possible in conventional Indian education. He, along with Mr.Palakh Seth, decided to put forth a system which creates a mental revolution in the minds of all.

The need along with the ideas gathered momentum with time. The objectives were set. India needs to develop people with lateral thinking rather than convergent one. It was important to bring individuals who lend a hand to mother earth rather than just exploit her for her resources. It was important to build leaders and responsible citizens of tomorrow rather than pure technical expertise. The new forums had to be reoriented. Thus came the idea of liberal studies.

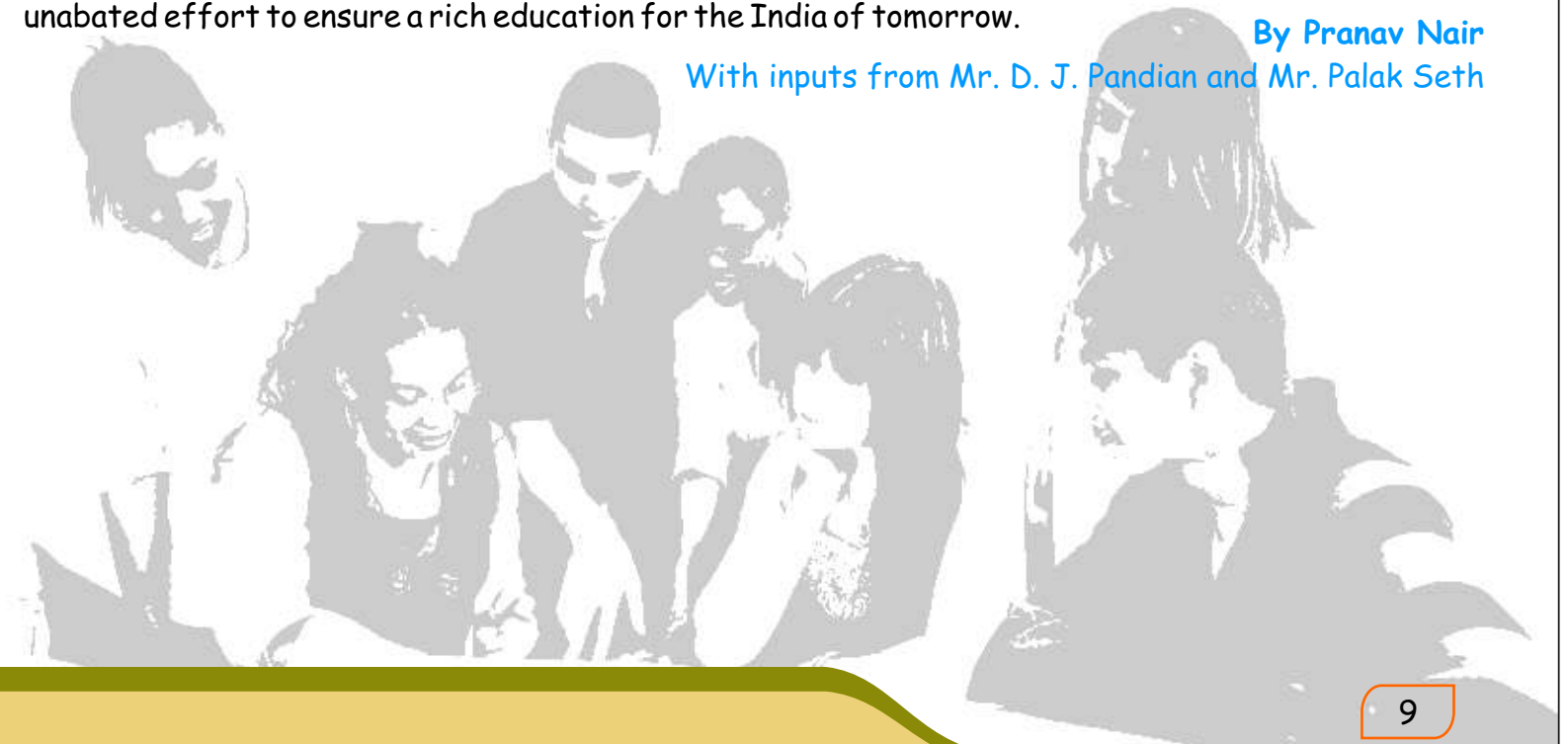
The proposal was then put forward in the Board of Governors. Amazingly there was a magnanimous response from Mr. Mukesh Ambani. A batch of 60 students was initiated. The models of American Liberal Studies education was thoroughly studied by Dr. Nigam Dave (Academic Coordinator, SLS), Mr. Naresh Bordia and Mr. Jaydeep Chavda. They conducted thorough researches with the US model to Indianize it for the convenience of all. They visited reputed educational institutes such as Symbiosis, Flames, Delhi University, JNU, NSD to name a few and decided to analyse it and construct the structure of the course. On the auspicious day of May 1st 2009 it was decided that such a course would start by this academic year itself.

Eventually on the 5th July 2009 it was decided that the admission process would start. They conducted several counselling sessions, in different cities and received zealously unexpected responses. The admission dates were finalised starting from 10th July to 5th August. The format of the entrance exam was clear and precise that it would constitute a written exam along with a group discussion and a personal interview.

The future of SLS as per our visionaries is very bright. We would be given international exposure for interdisciplinary research purpose. We have a research to ancient civilizations lined up. We'll have a large SLS campus of our own by the end of this year. Along with our own campus we will also have our own conference halls, theatres, research labs, lecture theatres seminar arenas and probably the most pivotal for a college student, its own cafeteria. The ideas are yet to materialise but the shapes will spurt soon as we are confident of having a prosperous future. We are confident of having imparted qualitative education as we are encircled by right-minded individuals who imbibe the ethics of unabated effort to ensure a rich education for the India of tomorrow.

By Pranav Nair

With inputs from Mr. D. J. Pandian and Mr. Palak Seth



A view of Liberal Education for the prospective student.



A liberal studies education lasts a lifetime. It will not leave you after your final exam. It will not disappear along with your final thesis. Instead, a liberal arts education will grow tall and strong with each passing day of your life. All your life you can be assured that in despairing times, your education will not fail you. That is the liberal studies.

At the very outset, a liberal studies education comprises the accumulation of general knowledge and a development of the student's intellect. The sciences and the studies are explored. Languages are deciphered. Life skills are taught. The student is taught how to communicate with others and with himself. Above all else, a liberal studies education trusts its students. It knows that there is magic within the individual that can, and must be unleashed. It values the freedom of the mind. It values individual thinking. We seek to create men and women who can think for themselves, who can explore new waters and walk new paths. The aim is to give the students what they deserve—an unhindered, uninhibited education. Perhaps an education that will set us free. The course offers a wide range of subjects from pure sciences to humanities, and social science to studies and Theatre. There will be applied science subjects like information technology, marketing, environmental science, finance.

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These Liberal Studies Graduates will prove you wrong!

Liberal Studies provide a well-rounded education in a variety of areas. Instead of concentrating on one topic, you learn a lot and focus on gaining transferable skills that are useful in every job, from communication skills to research experience.

Here are a few examples of highly successful people who realized that and took a Liberal Studies program to get to the top:

John F. Kennedy, best known for being the 35th President of the United States. He graduated with a history degree in international affairs.

Sally Ride, first American woman to be an astronaut in outer space. In addition to a physics degree, she graduated with a Liberal Studies degree in English (which sadly, did not help her communicate with those aliens).

Brian Lamb, founder and CEO of C-Span, a television network airing live government proceedings and public affairs. Not surprisingly, he graduated with a degree in Speech and Communication.

Harold Varmus is a Nobel-prize winner in Medicine. He discovered the cellular origin of retroviral oncogenesis. Varmus holds a B.A. in English literature and holds a post-graduate degree in English.

Jill Barad, former CEO of Mattel Inc., one of the world's largest toy companies which produce Barbie dolls, Hot Wheels cars, etc. Jill graduated with degrees in English and Psychology.

Ellen Bravo, the co-director of the National Association of Working Women in the United States, holds degrees in Greek and Latin Literature.

Carol M. Browner, the longest-serving Administrator in the history of the Environmental Protection Agency in the United States, graduated with a degree in English.

VIBHA, SLS

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Liberal Studies : A paradigm shift

Fact: Many people, especially those who are on their way to becoming professionals tend to look down on Liberal Studies students as secondary and/or of lower value.

Fact: These people have got a **very wrong concept!**

Some of the myths behind Liberal Studies:

Myth: A Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree won't get you a job better than a call-centre employee.

Fact: Bachelor of Liberal Studies degrees promises new career opportunities. There are many great jobs you can score with a Liberal Studies degree, from the corners of arts to journalism to corporate businessman and governance in a large variety of fields and industries, depending on your specialised subjects and experience.

Myth: You need to go to post-graduation school or further educational institutes to get a job with a Liberal Studies degree.

Fact: A post-graduate degree will make you more preferable as an employee. However, if you have the right attitude and spirit, a Liberal Studies degree may be sufficient for a good job, and after that you can advance to high senior positions. This is because most professional and managerial companies aren't looking for a lawyer, engineer or doctor who went to law school or medicine school- they're looking for analysts, managers and coordinators who have got the ability of thinking out of the box. You can get these skills and experience in a Liberal Studies program.

Myth: A Liberal Studies degree is a waste of time; medicine and engineering degrees are a lot more viable and useful.

Fact: Liberal Studies degrees cannot be more marketable than any other degree. The fact is, if you have the knowledge, skills and general characteristics required for success, you'll succeed in life no matter what degree you have. And besides, Liberal Studies program develop your research,



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communication, creativity, analytical abilities and problem solving skills like no other program. So why would anybody not offer you employment?

So, aren't you convinced yet?

A Liberal Studies degree is a smart choice!

What to do with a Liberal Studies Degree?

Choices, Choices, Choices...

School of Liberal studies gives you ample opportunities to pursue your careers by giving option to choose your major and minor. For example you can have combinations of Major in Economics and minor in Business Administration. This gives you multiple career options and can also take up entrepreneurial ventures.

Here are the majors and minors (subject to change) that SLS offers currently and soon plan to add International relations, Pure Science, Psychology and such other disciplines. How you can take your liberal studies degree and make it to the top notch!

Business Administration

Yes, with a degree in Business Administration, people might classify you into a certain set career, but don't let them! For example you might be a fan of marketing, why not think of a career in human resource, financial accounts or production? Try thinking something different with careers associated with leadership.



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Economics

So, maybe you're sure that you won't become an economist, but at least keep economics in mind? With liberal studies degree in an economics background, you would be able to critically analyze the demand and supply in the stock market. This could include working about microeconomics or macroeconomics. Also, economics can be easily paired with business administration as well. There are so many opportunities within economics such as law, investment firms and economic counselors.



English Literature

You think a degree in English literature is going to land you a career as a teacher and that's as far as it goes? Then think again. The writing and critical reading skills you can pick up with this degree are pretty endless. Ever thought of journalism, mass communication, Business Process Outsourcing and Knowledge Process Outsourcing, interpreter, translator, foreign embassies or even advertising, publishing or law? Why not put those writing skills to test by debating, collaborating in a copy writing career?



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Environmental Studies

Environmental Studies seem to be the glue which holds all of these connections together to the nature. Ever heard of the documentary film 'The Inconvenient Truth', you will be surprised to know how much important is environmental studies nowadays. The extent of global warming and importance of Kyoto protocol and Carbon Credits is emerging all over the world. This gives importance of careers like environmental research.



Governance and Public Administration

Governance and Public Administration is exposed to the social and cultural scenarios of the world. By doing governance you can become an entrepreneur, community service like member /owner of an NGO or perform managerial activities in politics. Though governance and public administration requires leadership skills but have no fear; 'everyone has a leader in them'. You know how to debate, to think and write critically, to have a reason and opinion. So put it in to use in journalism, non-profit work (something meaningful is always great for a career), business, teaching or even broadcasting and communications.



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Marrows of SLS



Aakriti	script writing
Aditi	singing
Alok	playing football
Anjali C	playing basketball
Anjali S	playing badminton
Anuja	playing table tennis
Anupriya	doing comedy
Archita	writing poetry
Dixit	managing people
Gunjan	writing calligraphy
Harneet	playing basketball
Himmat	playing garba
Isha	playing chess
Jinal	playing basketball
Juhi	anchoring an event
Jyotsana	dancing
Kajal	playing badminton
Kaushal	playing table tennis
Krishna	playing basketball
Kunal	playing guitar
Mansi	playing volleyball
Megha	making cards
Nikita	dancing
Nivedita	story writing
Pariniti	playing badminton
Parth	leading a group
Poojan	skating



Pranav	lyrics writing
Prasann	playing cricket
Rahul	playing table tennis
Rajaram	oration
Rajat	designing
Reshma	acting
Richa	choreography
Riddhi	convincing people
Rishika	classical dance
Ronak	entertaining people
Sachin C	playing cricket
Sachin J	playing cricket
Sahil N	doing karate
Sahil S	playing basketball
Shashank	doing mimicry
Shubham	acting
Vibha	painting
Vidit	playing football
Vijiyant	conducting research
Vipul	debating



- SACHIN CHAUHAN,
RONAK THAKKAR,SLS

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1st Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Memorial Lecture on 25.09.2009 at New Lecture Hall on " Power Of Youth In Developing India"

Dr. N.Ravichandran, Director, IIM-Indore gave away the inaugural memorial lecture on "Power Of Youth In Developing India". Dr. N. Ravichandran was formerly a professor at IIM-Ahmedabad. He spoke at length about the attitudes that shape the youth of this country. He gave an objective criticism of the state of affairs and also spoke at length on how we can improve it. The lecture was thoroughly engaging and he filled it with his endearing personality and his amazing sense of humour. Overall, just the right kind of lecture to start with at the new lecture hall.

-Rajaram Surianarayana,SLS

Navratri is the longest dance festival celebrated in India especially in Gujarat. According to Indian mythology, when the Goddess Durga was seen by Mahishasura, he fell in love with her and sought to marry her. The goddess promised to marry him, if he defeated her in the battle. A terrible combat ensued and continued for nine days. Finally, Durga assumed the terrifying form of Chandika and pinned Mahishasura down with her foot and pierced his neck with her spear and she cut his head off with her sword. To honour this occasion, navratri is celebrated every year and in a similar way 'ramzat' (navratri night) is organised by cultural committee of PDU for one night where all students come in traditional dresses and do garba.

GARBA NIGHT



SAAZ--A musical night was organised by PDU cultural committee on 2nd September.

It was an intra college music competition which left everyone spell bound...The winners were--.

Rahul Kumar (1st) and Priyadarshini (2nd) in solos. Aalaap group (1st), Miraaj and Yash (2nd) in duet. Kushagra Saxena (1st ,guitar) and Amit Singh Rao(2nd ,mouth organ) in instrumentals.



Teacher's Day Celebration

Teacher's day celebration started with introduction of School of Petroleum Management's first year students with School of Liberal Studies' first year students. This was more of an ice breaking session where students from both colleges were divided into groups for interaction. Five such groups were made, with each group given one target village where they had to make a plan for the event.

Various ideas for different possible activities were brought up like movie screening, indoor and outdoor games, quizzes and other interaction modes. Next day around 75 volunteers from both these colleges went to five different villages.

Some of the observations from these schools were:

- Nice Infrastructure.
- Sports day celebration every year.
- Science Fair participation.
- Computer Knowledge is adequate.
- All students from the village are at least coming to school regularly.
- Medical facilities: First aid box available in school.
- Teachers are from nearby area in Gandhinagar.

Some expectations from us were:

- Help in increasing awareness among the parents for study of their children.
- Present some plays to let the families understand the importance of education.
- English classes (English starts from 5th standard).
- Drawing activities.
- Music learning.
- Proper learning of Hindi.
- Help in teaching mathematics from some interesting methods.

All the students had a really nice time and also learned much more about the importance of being a socially sensitive being. Event ended on a high note with a promise of many more such programs to follow.

PUNEET ZAIDU, SPM

ABOUT SLS

It has always been said that the world has transformed from caves to modern times because there were always a bunch of men and women who thought differently, who worked differently, who extracted 'but out of the box'. I have always been in agreement with this concept and this idea lured me the most to opt for this course.

The course as I foresee, has exemplary potentials. A new and contemporary jargon that has evolved along with this is 'Jack of all Arts and Master of One'. We get to experience the versatility within us as we get exposed to multiple subjects. As the name indicated, we are liberal in our approach towards education. A wide range of subjects ranging from fine arts to General Sciences, from Mathematics to Psychology, from Economics to Environment Studies the avenues are vast. Vast enough for us to experience the grip of every subject.

The difference between conventional classrooms and liberal studies is the interactive ness that it encourages. We feel one to one with the faculty every time in class. It gives us the elation that class is a 'huge repository of learning.' Our sessions are filled with lab sessions, etc which fills up all the excitement. At the end of the day, we sleep with gratification.

If asked, what I expect, it is much more than a safe and secure job. A job is only a small part of it which we are very confident of. Much more than that we would learn the Science of life and the Art of living which is 'exceptionally rare' in all schools of education.

PRANAV NAIR, SLS



The Induction Program

10:30 in the morning the unexpected day began. Things were moving fast and everyone was excited. Teams were divided and an introduction was done after all hustle and bustle. The Great Wall of China started hands in hands and everyone were engaged into the game before the instructions were over. The only thing in mind was to win not individually but as a team, to enjoy the task to its fullest and to form the longest chain possible. Exclusive part of creativity was when few students picked up brooms, empty cold-drink bottles, dust-bins and bicycles to connect things in a line. The longest chain was a stunning 76.6 inches.

A rather more challenging activity was Sketch your buddy which started with much enthusiasm. Here creative minds were set free. Students were kept in pairs at random and they had to draw their partner's photo WITHOUT LOOKING AT THE PAPER. There was yet another amazing activity called talent brigade where unique strengths of students were jotted down on colored paper by themselves and were stuck on the wall.

In the evening, a formal inauguration ceremony took place in the presence of honorable chief guests, SLS faculty and anxious parents of the students... We were introduced to the term known as 'Multiple Intelligence' by Naresh Sir.

The next day we met our Theatre Arts teacher Soumya Joshi. The clapping exercise was quite a rejuvenating exercise. In the next class, the first word that we heard was 'Bonjour' (hello) and at that point we felt like we had landed on Mars. Ms Aditi, our French teacher introduced the language to us. When she started with 'Comment appelle tu?' (What is your name), we were all staring right at her face. After lunch, we were shown motivational movies which broke 47 dams of emotions and gave us the message.. "where there's a will there's a way".

Speaking of 'Will', another challenging, entertaining and yet tiring activity was 'Treasure hunt'. This was the time when we were unknowingly ragged by our seniors and we were made to run around the whole campus. After the hunt everyone's energy was drained but there was one single most important question in everyone's mind, HOW ARE WE GOING TO COOK???!!!. However, team work, cooperation and dedications of the students towards the task made it all possible.

Fourth day we went to visit NIFT, EDI, NID, MICA. The first institute we visited was NIFT (National Institute of Fashion Technology) where discussions were made on fashion, based on technology. We came across how weaving, printing and fabrication is done... Next we visited EDI that moulds a student

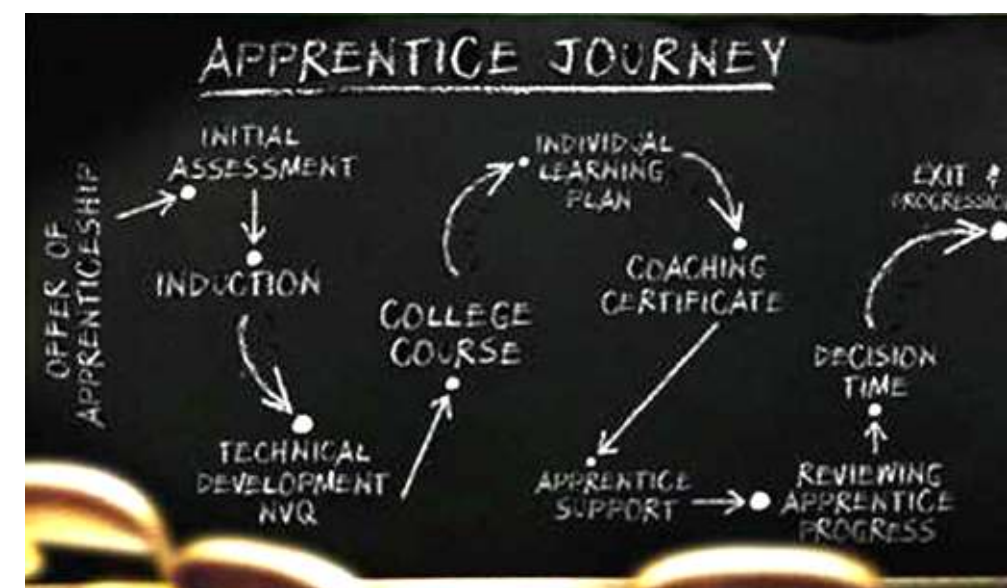
to move forward and to understand about setting up a new business.. we were in NID Ahmedabad, the institute that stands tall, training and developing the young mind to give world a new look. Moving across the institute we were all speechless regarding the creativity of students. The 3-D theatre was the best part of the institute

We left the place to go to Mudra institute of communication, Ahmedabad. The campus is spread over a huge green landscape.. The most appealing thing was the lecture given by one of their faculty members where she discussed the transitions that took place in the history of communication and media.

That night we had dinner at Rajwadu.. and we had great fun, it was a wonderful experience and we danced for about 2 hours.

Theme party had a more productive approach just like the cooking activity. It was exciting and endearing start at 7 with singing performances, spoof and music in the air followed by rajasthani ghumar (folk dance). Now it was time for some fusion, so came the fashion show, last but not least their group dance set the stage on fire. The group was joined by all faculties, who had wonderful time on the dance floor.

The light ignites after the spark and so the end of induction program was a new beginning for all the SLS to become a more homogenous group with heterogeneous qualities. An immense gratification on each face whether it's from the faculty side or from the student side.



ANJALI CHOUDHARY, SLS

INDUCTION

The Initials...

The awaited morning struck
Strange eyes stared at me
Lurked into LH- 7, glared
Quickly glued myself there.
Day one of the induction week
Names were called out
No more were we unknown
The connections rose
Next, the ice burg was to break
Individuals were to team up
Categorized differently
The search was complete.
Hopping out of one, syncing into another
The Great Wall of China
Holding hands, running to and fro
Connecting objects, papers, etc
Ultimately, we were disqualified!
But, the immense learning gained
Trying together remained
Tire, sweat yet energetic
We Sketched our Buddies
Sheer master pieces were displayed
Enrolling an in depth knowledge
We learned each other.
Talent Brigade approached
Decoding ourselves on paper
Put forward five personal strengths
Discovering them all smoothly
Finally, we were warmly welcomed
Proudly inaugurating the new baby
Received ample amount of encouragement
We, the Foundation Batch.
Day two of the induction week
Intensely explored ourselves
Multiple Intelligence assisted
Unique skills were reeled out
The Art of Theatre was aired
The need for focus and creativity was drilled
Clapped to catch and sync
An attempt to genuinely bond.
Day three of the induction week
Bonjour, we pleasantly greeted

Drenched in the unbelievable scenes
Speechless, we stood
Illimitably motivated.
Vegetables, cutlery, stoves and more
Struggling for knives, we cooked
Together, we hosted a self stirred meal
The experience was self explanatory.
Clues, destinations, enjoyment
Led the grand Treasure Hunt
Revealing the unseen campus
Victory!
Day four of the induction week
An exposure to several Landmarks
Blending into their pros
Respecting all their aspects, features
Stunned.
How refreshing the song, the dance
Enhanced by the finger licking cuisine
Moreover their love, their hospitality
Enriched by the beautiful rain showers.
Day five of the induction week
Time to create some seriousness
Define rules, objectives and more
Heartily offer thanks to the backbone
Floor our Theme Party.
Arrangements were on a roll
Each indulged in something special
Weighing all pros and cons
The party was cherished.
Then, now and forever
We would sincerely appreciate
All methods followed
To ensure our flawless five days
Of flourishing experiences and learning
Through every little step taken
Every moment of welcome
Every hand of guidance
Every comforting word.
I genuinely bow to all
Binding everything received
Thankful... grateful... Speechless...

- Archita Bhalotia

School of Liberal Studies, First Year, September 14, 2009

INDUCTION

Reading Workshop

Reading Workshop was held on 12th and 13th of September as a part of our weekend activity. It mostly emphasized on our reading and writing skills.

On the first day, we were given a part of a story and we had to perform these stories as a part of a group. After lunch, we got to know many great poets and we learnt to interpret poetry in different dimensions. The poets whose mesmerizing poetry was presented were Maya Angelou, Wendy Cope, George Gordon and Lord Byron.



On the second day, we enacted on a story with a totally different protagonist. This gave us new dimensions to how the story would look like if told in the perspective of another character. This was followed by a debate. There were four teams and two groups had to debate on the same topic. One of these topics was 'Is Indian Media going to the right direction in today's world' and the other topic was 'Was launching of Nano a right step for the progress of modern India.' All four teams fought equally well.

-JINAL, SLS

Music Club

SLS has also started its music band in which students can get a chance to learn the musical instrument of their interest.

Incharge is 'Kunal Purohit'. Instrument which are included in course are guitar, casio, drums and vocals. No. of students who qualify the test are getting a chance to play in SLS music band.



Visiting Faculty From Spain

Ana Gomez, a Spanish journalist, visited SLS and gave us a great exposure to Spanish media. She discussed basically about different types of approaches of media in India & Spain. She is working on condition of women in rural India. Ex:- She said condition is very adverse as compared to Spain. Here women are more compelled to their households but in Spain they are free to choose their line of interest. She also shared with us the worst experiences she faced as a journalist. She go to pictures of any accident, blast, it is very tough.(it is very tough when she goes to cover the story or to take pictures of any accident, blast.) Spanish media is quite open in expressing news. There are two main newspapers in Spain: "El Pais" and "El Mundo". We also had a chance to meet Anjali Desai who is the author of the book 'India's Guide Gujarat' which is a very helpful tourist handbook. It is good for those who want to explore and get to know happenings in Gujarat. It's user friendly and has beautiful pictures taken across Gujarat which adds its value. It took one full year to complete the book. She has been living in Ahmedabad for six years. You can get to know about major cities in Gujarat through this handbook.

-JINAL, SLS

LITERARY SECTION

Teenage days

Those teen age days
Were full of grace
Forget them not
In any case
Remember them at every phase
Those graceful teenage days



The time you came to class was late
You thought that was your only fate
The times the teacher would leave the class
You thought you could rejoice at last
Remember all those days.
Those graceful teenage days...

Remember the time you had your first crush
Those memories now might make you blush
But all of those lusts had to crash
The saga repeated on your birth day bash
Life was like a maze
Those graceful teenage days....

The times you would go out with friends
You hoped this moment never ends
Fancy gadgets you always had
You were truly a fun loving lad
You had your bit of craze.
Those graceful teenage days...

The days that you were put to test
You always demanded extra rest
But in the hall you put your best
You lived those days with full zest
You had to win a race
Those graceful teenage days

The way you quarreled with your mother
The way you spent your days in summer
The way you made your room a hell
The way you would go out and rebel
You had your own ways
Those graceful teenage days

PRANAV NAIR, SLS

All Alone I stand...

All alone I stand...
At this road's end
With no one about anywhere
Only me and my heart's despair
Searching for a source to guide
And to lead me on a path so right
Remembering miseries untold
And slowly unspokenly they unfold
Peeping back into my past
The images come rolling past
The days so bright ...
For me had no light
The flower's so true
Reminded me of my blue's
The stars so dazzling white
Would make me shut my eyes
The birds that bloomed
For me where full of gloom,
The nights that crept by
Where passed in tears and sigh
My life was a mist
Taking a sad twist
I tried to get out
But was surrounded by stormy clouds
I fought, shouted and cried
And searched for the place to hide
I needed comfort, I needed love
Alas! None which I received from the other side
All alone I stand
Stretching out my hand
To stop the slipping sand
Moving on, knowing not what lay ahead
But hoping it to be better than
What I have left behind...

AAKRITI GARG, SLS



Mother...



Mother you gave me life
And faced all strife
You enriched me with a soul
And made me whole
You were there when I needed you,
Eventough I fought and screamed at you
You showed me happiness
When I only saw darkness
You were the guiding light...
Under whose love I passed lonely nights
Even if I die..i'll wait for you
For I know ill need you there too
Says me and the rest
Mom you are the best.....!!!!!!!

AAKRITI GARG, SLS

A LETTER TO A LIZARD FROM AN INSECT



To,
Shabana Lizard,
Room No.-1, C-Block,
Behind Philips Tube light, PDPU Hostel.

Dear Shabana,

I know that being a lizard you have to eat insect to live and it is your basic requirement but please I want a favour from your side because of the below mentioned reason.

Respected Shabana I want you to know that I am a father of 119 baby insects who were born just two days earlier and my wife being too weak passed away while giving birth to the 119th child. From that day onwards I am

The father as well as the mother of the babies, they can't gather food for themselves to eat and do not know the outside world therefore as a father I have to collect food for them like bacteria from corner of walls and small fungi growing in hidden areas nearby your home and in the coming days I will have to teach them the art of living and survival. You can't resist but I know that you also have a family and surely can understand my problem. So I want you to not to eat me till 14 days till I finish my duty towards my children. I hope you will surely help me with the same.

I surely know that being a mother you could understand it and I hope that you 'eat to live not live to eat.

Your Faithfully,
Shashank Fly.
(Made by Shashank Bajpai, SLS)

Sport

One of the most awaited soccer season ever. Real Madrid vowed the world after buying two world class players namely Cristiano Ronaldo and Kaka. Barcelona are expected to continue their wondrous game under Pep Guardiola and teams like Sevilla and Atletico Madrid surprising everyone with their game previous season. In EPL, Manchester united look to continue their run of winning titles after titles recently. Chelsea, Liverpool and Arsenal this time come stronger to face the Man U challenge and also face each other. The highest expectations are from Manchester city whose manager Mark Hughes has been given a blank chequebook by the sheikh owner. This season their line-up includes players like Adebayor, Tevez and Toure. Everton and Aston Villa also played well in the previous season. In Serie A champions from a long time, Internazionale look to the now organised challenge of AC Milan and the strong Juventus. Indians are nowadays also being interested by the Bundesliga with teams like Wolfsburg, Bayern Munich and Stuttgart coming up.

In short everyone waited for the season to start and it started with a bang. As expected, Chelsea

and Man U won their starting matches. Arsenal, the so called "present weakest link of the big four" were a riot. They crushed Everton 1-6, making them a history. The shock was Liverpool losing to Tottenham 1-0. Primera liga starting matches were cut-throat matches. But there were less shocks. As expected, Barca, real and Valencia won. As a surprise, Atletico Madrid lost to Malaga. Serie A started with clash of the titans. Inter Milan hammered AC Milan 4-0 while Juventus defeated Roma 3-1. As the season progressed, there were many surprises, shocks, beautiful games, but for the best game of the season till now: my vote goes to the Manchester United Vs Manchester City on 20th September in EPL. Man U won the match by 4-3 with a goal by Michael Owen in the last minute of extra time. The game had goals, intense competition, rivalry, clash of stars, in short everything. As of now till 2nd October, Man U is leading in EPL with same points as Chelsea but with higher goals. Sampdoria are the surprise leaders of Serie A followed closely by Inter and Juventus and AC Milan having one of their worst seasons standing 11th. In Primera Liga, Real Madrid and Barcelona lead with 100% record till now but Real with a better goal difference. Let's see what the season has for us ahead, but it surely promises great games.

-- SHUBHAM BANSAL,SLS



Sports Vision

Educational Institutions which have a sports culture always stands out when it comes to bonding. Especially so in universities where there is a huge population and where there are multidisciplinary courses.

Keeping this in mind, the SLS Sports Club has begun work on drafting a sports vision. Though at the initial stage, some of the points mentioned below can be found later on in the final blueprint.



SPORTS EVENTS



The School of Liberal Studies believes in the value of sports participation as an essential part of a strong and comprehensive educational program. The sports program serves to support the SLS Vision of "Developing, Respecting, Excelling" by helping participants become well-rounded and responsible student-athletes who can better reach their full potential.

SLS encourages and values the spirit of sportsmanship, participation, teamwork, and solidarity regardless of the final results of the games or tournaments. The elementary sports program seeks to help student develop their skills, learn about playing on a team, and develop good habits of personal responsibility and sportsmanship.

Principal Objectives:

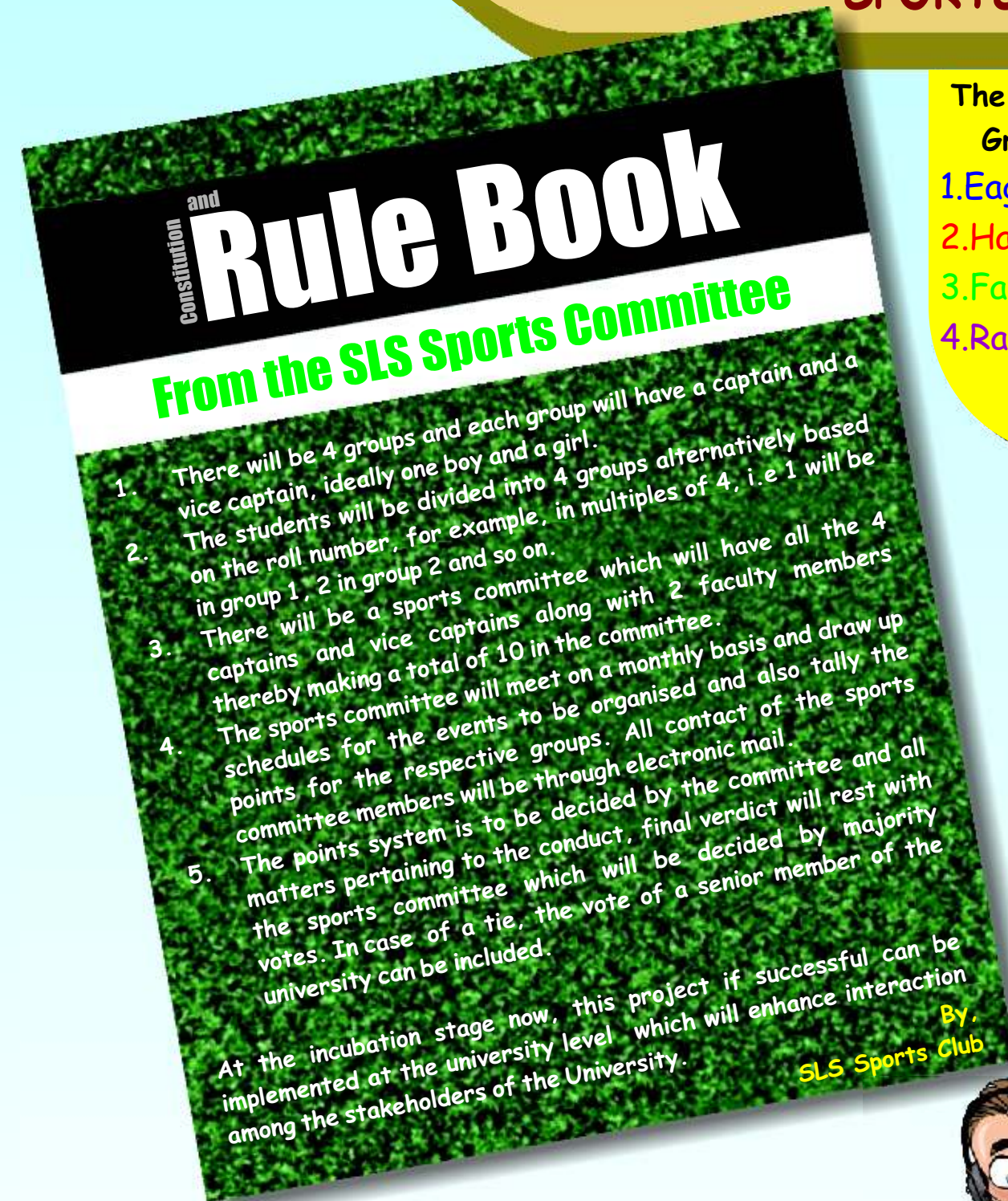
- To provide students with equal opportunity to participate in a variety of activities;
- To teach the concepts of teamwork and values of sportsmanship and fair play; and
- To help students gain technical knowledge and develop skills in sports.

The developmental model of sports is being targeted. As the name suggests, the goal is to develop the individual. The most important product (You can replace it with a better word like 'part', 'objective') is not to win, but rather, the quality of the experience for the child. In this sense, sport participation is an educational process whereby students can learn to cope with realities they will face later in life. Although winning is sought after, it is by no means the primary goal. SUCCESS is measured, not in terms of wins, but in terms of the skills and personal characteristics that are acquired. Finally of course sports is all about FUN!!!!!!!

It is important to impress on youngsters that sport is but one part of life for a well-rounded person. (modify this one sentence) It is all too easy for young athletes to harbor fantasies of turning pro and to sacrifice other areas of their development in pursuit of that fabled status and its rewards of fame, money and glory. As valuable as athletics can be for development children, social and academic development, spiritual enrichment, and quality of family life should not suffer. Sport can offer both fun and fulfillment, but there is more to life than sports.



SPORTS EVENTS



The name of the Groups are :

- 1.Eagles-Blue
- 2.Hawks-Red
- 3.Falcons-Green
- 4.Raptors-Purple





Awesome
great and impressive

Beans
Money

Dude
Man

Grub
Food

Cool
excellent, great

Freebie
something that doesnot cost any

Goof off
waste time

Wimp
Weak

Lame
Incompetent

I'm outta here
I am leaving

Cheesy
cheap, lacking in taste

Chicken
Coward

Cranky
in a bad mood

-POOJAN MODI, SLS



THE SEQUENCE OF UNEXPECTED EVENTS

I, Sachin Chauhan would like to share a personal experience about a part of my life. The drama begins at a late night in sector 10. During the Navrati season as we all know things are all under hustle and bustle between the youth. At that point of time I lost my Bike keys. After announcing on stage and taking help from various search parties as we call it ...ultimately we found the keys of my bike. But that wasn't the only absurd thing that had happened to me. The main issue arose when I came to know that there was no petrol in my bike. Somebody stole petrol from my bike. With the help of one of my friends I took the bike to the nearest petrol pump. At 3 am in the darkness, seeing the petrol pump closed I was convinced for sure that somebody is playing tricks with me. Now, me and my friend were so tired that we were in no condition to push the bike back to our college campus. Therefore, we kept the bike near by the petrol pump in sector 7 and decided to take the bike tomorrow in the early morning.

[...you will definitely enjoy the second part after reading the first!!!!!!]

THE NEXT DAY....

At 9:30 am in sector 7, I and my friend found out that my bike was disappeared!!! We were amazed with the kind of crime that was happening in Gandhinagar - first the petrol and then the whole bike!!!! But after inquiring from the near by people in that area we came to know that instead of thieves, they were policemen who came and took away my bike. I was under an utter shame when I came to know that I had parked my bike last night,

right in front of the police commissioner's house. Information too came along that my bike was in one of the various police stations of Gandhinagar. Now comes the part of the 'Hopping Guy' because I was hopping from one sector to another for my bike. When I went in the sector 7 police station, the inspector convinced us that they weren't having any bike. Furthermore, he told us to check in sector 8. Now, moving to sector 8 was probably one of my nightmares because I had to find my bike among 100 other such bikes and the situation was such that it was my uncle's bike so I didn't know the bike's plate number. I couldn't even ask my uncle because I didn't want him to be aware of my situation otherwise he will never again give me the bike. Also, there was no contribution from the police side either and one of them simply said in nice words, "Bike Khojo aur Jaldi Bhago, Aur bhi bahoot Kam hai mujhe." They weren't even ready to tell me which bike they took yesterday. Then, Vidit told me that there is also another small police station. Though I was under complete depression, I thought of making one last attempt, to find a lime light in the darkness. I was speechless when I found my bike out there. My spirits came back to life and I felt like labeling my name on the bike.

(Picture abhi Baki hai mere DOST)

A moment of happiness is a joy forever and it seemed like the happiness for me came only for a moment because just then the police inspector started asking me about the registration papers and my license. Since I didn't have any of the things, I was taken under remand for about 1 and half hours. Then Vidit called up my uncle and then I was given a warning after the commissioner had a talk with my uncle.

However, Vidit was a resident of Gandhinagar. When I showed him where I had parked my bike yesterday, he started laughing and he told me that his house was just across the street. If I had known about this all along, nothing would have happened like this.

-SACHIN CHAUHAN, SLS

SETU -The bridge to your dreams...



If you have a dream you need to nurture it, but what if you have a dream and you can't even nurture it...

Among group of five six kids Anita is the only one to recognize the alphabet 'A'. She answers when others were scratching their heads. As soon as the finger was pointed on a picture kids started guessing about the picture. Answers were "kanda", "mooli" and lots more but Anita hit the right one "carrot". She had a great gratification on her face after being the only one to answer. This made clear about her interest in studies and this activity again pulled her in it... Cuddling her 1 year brother when she was questioned about her knowledge she gladly replies that she had learnt the thing in her school when she was in her village (Govindpura, Chattisgarh). She came here with her family as her parents had to work as labours for their daily bread. She stays in the labour colony and takes care of her sibling from morning to evening till her parents return from their work. She understands her parent's circumstances and needs of her brother for love and care being so young. In spite of her dream to go to school and study she remains aback and looks after her young one. Still she is contended with her situations. She desires to go to school again if her boundaries permit. She hopes of her dreams come true because there's no other thing she can do for it.

LIFE IS FULL OF BLESSING; SOMETIMES WE DON'T UNDERSTAND IT..!!!

Make the best use of the resources available to us without regretting why others have got better because we are lucky to get things in life without any tribulation...

It is well said "Much is expected from those who get much"

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By Anjali Choudhary, SLS

Aritri Roy-----

SLS-School of liberal studies, just hearing the name turns me on. The concept was something completely out of the blue, a simple idea which changed the face of education in INDIA. Since this was "Just It", I couldn't wait to jump into the wagon.

Till a certain day I was just another lay man jobless and wasted. Then I was asked by the very heart and soul of SLS, Nigam sir to be a part of his small family of power puffed students! An offer seldom said no to. When I had finished going through the induction schedule, it blew my mind. It was just about everything which I had imagined for my induction. I was very jealous. Events like Great Wall of China, treasure hunt, cooking, visit to great institutions and a fresher's party to top it all (a necessity which we 2nd year sptgians were deprived of). This was the most happening package ever designed for induction. So I ended up co-hosting their home coming ceremony, volunteered for designing the treasure hunt and ate the food prepared by SLSites (trust me it was the toughest job). Thus I plunged into this sea of fun and frolic and got more than I had imagined

Treasure hunt was the event where I got to interact with the lucky ones. The first dose of them was a group of frenzied people glowing with sweat and determination, and desire which I had never seen before. Tried to chill them down, asked for quick intro did my bit in the game and let the bees loose for their next target. Well, I found them nothing less than those insects which go about helter skater in a group with a devoted single minded determination and direction and most important power to conquer any obstacle in their way. After collecting their nectar (clue) from the flower (me) they buzzed of to their next target, to gather different nectar to make the perfect honey(award). Visualising all these and feeling it, and knowing that I was kinda responsible for it, was absolutely overwhelming. I was so happy to be one of the flowers. Lucky me!

Next was their cooking experiment..... I better not start with it; I did what I had to. I gulped down all the food and took five helpings of chocolate cake. I will never forget how forty seven students freshly picked from their home sweet home, completely unaware of the do and don'ts of cooking, docked up in 1 super compact kitchen, come up with an awesome traditional feast. Just fabulous! Far beyond my capabilities.

I saw the SLSites for the 1st time during the home warming ceremony. When I faced the crowd with shining faces, overflowing enthusiasm, chirpiness, alert, all geared up for "ready, steady and go" for their first flight same as little cute penguins ready for their first dive into the ocean. It amazed me through and through. What surprised me most were the guest lectures by Pandian sir and three sls students. A



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look quick look into Pandian sir's life brought everybody in the room ultimate inspiration and the vigour to go on and give your best no matter what. And hearing three little penguins diving and letting loose like never before was very satisfying and pleasing. Their spontaneity, impulsiveness, expectations, promises and confidence impressed me. It took me off guard.

I just knew then and there, the future of PDPU is going to change for the better. It was that force, that light which we all were waiting for. It was our glowing star which will throw light at our dreams and aspirations. Our guiding light has arrived.

I have done my bit. I got my inspiration. I got back my lost inner desire to be liberal (an attribute extinct in many), confident to face changes and the power to be "just yourself" and show the world and scream it out and loud "Catch me if u can!".....

Vimlesh Bavadiya - - - - -

I had volunteered myself to be a part of organising the orientation programme of sls batch 09. I had attended the counselling sessions and hence had the information of what sls was. I just couldn't imagine a full week orientation session as i had never heard of it before. But to be frank it was just the kind of interaction which every student should be having at the start of the college, especially when they are the first ones to be enrolled in the course. I really appreciate the ideas and efforts of the authorities to give the students such a start.

There were many different kinds of activities planned for the students but i would only talk about the ones i was associated with. The first one was making the longest chain using anything. Well the team with most girls won with their long duppattas at teams disposal. Another interesting activity was sketching your partner. One had to sketch his partners face without looking at the paper, and then you have to introduce yourself to your partner. Well nobody followed the rule except one or two students but the introduction session was such a delight that some students had already found their best friends while some had memorised names of all the students. Another activity was making a quality chain. All students were provided with 5 different colour sheets and were asked to write their good qualities on them. All papers were then joined with each other and then stuck to the wall. The main aim of the activity was self reflection and to be confident of who you are. Another activity was theme party in which students performed acts, dance, songs on the stage. Well i will say that really was very liberal and as expected from the students of liberal studies. An out of the blue activity was of cooking. Students were handed over the kitchen and were provided with whatever item they needed. Well the food was absolutely marvelous with daal and brownie the most delicious of all.

After participating in above activities and having continuous interaction with the students of their academics i felt sls branch is of my type. Students of sls are given time to do the things for which i have to take out time from my regular schedule, neglecting my studies. I wish i could have been a part of sls.

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Abhimanyu Manna - - - - -

Every man who rises above the common level has received two educations: the first from his teachers, the second, more personal, and important, from himself.

Edward Gibbon (1737-1794), English historian

The basic idea behind setting up an institute dedicated to Liberal Studies was to enrich and help students inculcate qualities within themselves, which would turn them into better human beings altogether. With this objective in mind, work was being done for setting up the school since the last one year. The prospect of this school was particularly so unputdownable that whenever approached, I tried my best to contribute towards its making. Not that I could do much, but I tried. Seeing all the bright faces at the Orientation Ceremony of the School Of Liberal Studies, my heart leapt with joy.

The ultimate goal should be doing your best and enjoying it. When work is a duty, life is lot like slavery. However, when work is a pleasure, life becomes delightful. SLS is where there are limitless possibilities of expansion and evolution for each and every individual. In addition to that, the attitude with which the students are made to see towards studies, in particular, and their lives, in general, is definitely going to shape their future in a very sophisticated manner.

There are two ways of meeting difficulties. You alter the difficulties, or you alter yourself to meet them. Understanding all the metabolisms and processes (physical or psychological) in and around us helps us get a clearer view of what actions should be to handle them best. At SLS, minds are instigated to think about their environment. The curriculum gives its students immense opportunities to develop an introspect and come out with their best. One can but look up to the students of SLS as the makers of the future. High expectations and a lot of responsibility rest on their shoulders.

Good Luck All!



ACHIEVEMENTS



Diwakar Jhurani, A third year b-tech student. He organized the first major sports tournament "the football league". He came first in management competitions like "Biz Titans" and "Corporate Czar" organized by Nirma University. Has met Sam Pitroda (Former head of National Knowledge Commission) and received two appreciation and cash certificates from him. He received the first prize in the mock interview organized by IIT Gandhinagar. In his third semester, he started a group called "ESTRADE"- A forum where students can express their views and ideas to the authority.

Puneet Zaidu, first year SPM student. Active participant in CDI (Community Development Initiative). He has organized many events in PDPU namely- card making, teacher's day and rural development program . He is an active participant in KAMANI GROUP OF THEATRES. He has participated in 6 national level plays and has shared stage with renowned actors Om Puri and Shekhar Suman. Winner for 2 consecutive years in Rotarary Club(Pune) in debates and has won many other debating and extempore competitions. Active participant in T.T and Cricket. He is an all rounder , was university rank holder - 8th in his final year.

Ashish Singh is a national level basket ball player. He started playing basket ball in 4th standard and played CBSE cluster in class 6th. He participated in the state level in UP and was selected for the Nationals. He also participated in the mini-basketball national level. He is a star in sketching. He can sketch live figures beautifully.

Himanshu Maheshwari was born and brought up in Delhi. He is a basketball, volleyball and a football player. He was the part of the college volleyball team in Petro cup in feb 2009. He had an active participation in the dancing competition in synapse 2008. He was also the captain of both intra college Basketball and Volleyball team. He loves sports and academically also he is a eight pointer making him a complete all rounder.

Shaoli Chatterjee born in West Bengal is one of the budding artist of our college. She won the mask making competition with her colleague Kuldeep in the YOUNG INDIANS. In her 2nd semester she won the poster making competition organized by SPE and even created Armada Football poster. Adding to the list is the advertisement campaign competition organized by Nirma where she won the 1st prize.

Riddhi Tody is the Academic topper for two consecutive years. She has started a club called "La creative" for art lovers, and has also supported design-related activities of SPE and other committes and clubs functioning in the university. She is an active participant in the debates, anchoring and the discussions. She also took part in the poster making competition by Nirma Univeristy. She is a member

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of the Disciplinary Committee of SPT and has recently been incorporated as an organiser for PDPU's Community Development Initiatives.

Vimlesh Bavadiya, a third year b-tech student belonging from Ankleshwar.Lover of football and badminton and an avid reader.He was sponsored by GNFC for under 10 state level championship in badminton.He played state level football championship in class 10th. He stood first twice in drawing competition organised by GPCB, also was selected for NCC-pre RDC Camp.He is the founder of the 'E-Books Club' the first activity club of PDPU. He is the secretary of the Badminton sports committee.Recently, he was the captain of the badminton team that represented SPTG in DA-IICT,He also won 1st prize in 'Town Planning Event' organised by an eco-club Bharuch and came third in internet gaming called "POWER ZONE"organised by GPEC. In the event organised by NIFT he and his team won second prize in best out of waste competition.Academically also he scores well and in short knows how to maintain a balance.

Maharshi Dave, a 2nd year b-tech student, was part of two football teams- The Black Panther & The Mavericks United.He is a member of four communities-The rural Internship,The Soft Skill,The Community Development Initiative & The Sports Committee.He has started a group named "PARIVARTAN"...a community development initiative. At present it comprises of four people.At present they have covered village Sarghasan. There they went and informed them about the benefits of renewable sources of energy and rain water harvesting.

Anuranjan Sharma, a third year b-tech student of school of petroleum technology. He is actively involved in making and maintaining the blog and forum of PDPU. He is the president of E-sports club SPTG .He was the head and coordinator of LIVE@EDU program of Microsoft held in our college. He Is also an active member of the IT team of PDPU. He has been an active volunteer for Young India programs held in PDPU. He is also the head of the LAN gaming event to be held in Flare 2010-the university first inter college fest. Those who believe they are good at writing blogs and forums or blog designing please contact anuranjan.sharmabtech07@ipmg@.ac.in

UP COMING EVENT : FLARE 2010 !!!

Artists are known, not by the tenure of their physical existence, but by their creations in their respective fields. That is why it is said that an artist never dies. He always lives in the world in form of his wondrous creations. An artist has indefinite existence. Nobody thought that age of some musicians might bring up a new club in history. Forever 27 club is a popular culture comprising of some musicians who died at the age of 27. Writer Charles R Cross writes "the number of musicians who passed away at 27 is truly remarkable by any standard. Humans die regularly at all ages, there is a statistical spike for musicians who have died at 27. Now this can just be a mere coincidence or maybe a curse, nobody knows, but we remember these musicians by the forever 27 club.

This club includes 37 artists who have died at the age of 27 but it is famous as it brings together 5 musicians who are termed by many as the "gods of music industry". These five people are very famous Jim Morrison, Kurt Cobain, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix and Brian Jones. The club has a diverse collection of iconic rock and roll stars, who were at the height of their creativity and fame, but their talented lives were cut short by their early death. All of the 5 stars died in mysterious circumstances and controversies surround their death. We give them respect through the club. They will always be alive, always be 27, forever 27.

JIMI HENDRIX

American guitarist, singer and songwriter, James Marshall Hendrix is considered by many as the greatest guitarist in the history of rock music. Jimi has won many awards in his lifetime and even after his death. He is inducted in US "rock and roll hall of fame", "UK music hall of fame". Rolling Stones ranked him on top in the list of "100 greatest guitarists of all time".

On the previous evening before his death, he spent most of the time in a party. He was picked up by his girlfriend Monika Dannemann and they drove to her flat. According to her, he took 9 sleeping pills. He was found dead on September 8, 1970. The autopsy reports show that he died just few hours after midnight. The doctor who attended him said that he had choked in his own vomit which mostly consisted of red wine. The death of Hendrix is surrounded by many controversies as many statements given by his girlfriend were contradicted. This day the greatest guitarist of the world died at 27.

JANIS JOPLIN

Janis Joplin is ranked 46 by Rolling stones in the list of "100 greatest artists of all time" and ranked 28 on 2008. She was an American singer songwriter and music arranger. This talented artist was born on January 19, 1943. She was the lead singer of Big Brother and the Holding Company.

Janis was to appear for a recording in the Sunset Sound Studios on October 4, 1970. When she did not turn up, the producer Paul Rothchild became concerned and drove to her hotel. According to him, Janis was dead on the floor. The official cause of her death has been listed as heroin overdose combined with the effects of alcohol. The world lost another talented artist at just the age of 27

JIM MORRISON

The lead singer and lyricist of the famous band "The Doors" James Douglas Morrison was an American singer, songwriter, poet, writer and filmmaker. This talented person is considered to be one of the most charismatic frontmen in rock music history. He was famous for his self-destructive lifestyle. He is ranked 47 by

Rolling Stones in the list of "100 greatest singers of all time".

Morrison spent last months of his life in Paris. There he grew a beard, became depressed and was planning to return back to US. Morrison was found dead in his bathtub of his apartment. No autopsy was performed as any evidence of foul play was ruled out. This point forms a major controversy in his death case. After his death many theories of his death including murder and drug overdose came up, but his death case has many unanswered questions. On July 3, 1971 we lost another young talented artist.

BRIAN JONES

On 28 February 1942, a founding member of the world famous Rolling Stones was born. Lewis Brian Hopkin Jones was an English musician known for his use of multiple instruments, flamboyant attire and excessive drug use. On the midnight of July 2-3, 1969, Jones was found dead at the bottom of his swimming pool. His girlfriend Anna Wohlin is convinced that he was alive when he was taken out of the pool and he still had a pulse. There are controversies over the mental and physical state Jones in his last times. Wohlin even given a murder theory, many things are said to have been stolen from his house after his death and even his future projects, but there is no proof. According to latest reports, this "death by misadventure case might be reopened by the police. But the founding member of Rolling Stones died at 27 on this date.

KURT COBAIN

The lead singer, guitarist and songwriter of Nirvana, Kurt Donald Cobain, was born on February 20, 1967. He was the man behind success of the alternative rock subgenre Grunge. Nirvana was the flagship band of generation X. Due to this Kurt was the centre of media attention, disliked by Kurt. He was called the generation's spokesman. Nirvana have sold fifty million copies worldwide.

Kurt's sister has mentioned that as a child, he always wanted to join the forever 27 club. Kurt was a huge drug addict. In his final months before death, Kurt acted strangely, sometimes even acting suicidal. Cobain and his wife Courtney Love were huge drug addicts and at first the custody of their two week old daughter was given to Love's sister. Later they could keep their daughter but had to give regular urine tests. Cobain was found dead on April 8, 1994 at his home by an electrician who had come to install a security system. Cobain had committed suicide with a shotgun. Cobain committed suicide on 5th April and his body lay there for days. Cobain was one of the most talented in forever 27, but due to his lifestyle, he died at 27.

The forever 27 club has some of the most talented people who have set foot on the Earth. This can just really be a coincidence or a curse as believed by many, but every death involves some mystery. Do you want to become a famous musician? Then beware of the 27th year of your life, or we may see a new induction in the club.

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Aries March 21 - April 20 Aries, usually called the ram is a child of the zodiac. Aries is the first sun sign in the family of zodiac signs. Aries people are considered to be childlike. They are innocent, courageous, enthusiastic, energetic, dynamic, idealist, strong-headed, a great dreamer and love to be pampered. Aries people are great rebels. They have an ever dreaming mind to ponder on things that do not exist in realities. They are ruled by the red planet "mars". They are in the category of "fire signs". Like a baby, they are selfish, impulsive, and impatient and dare devils. The characteristic of a baby is evident in this particular sun-sign. It is said that an "Arien" protects an "Aquarian". While a "Gemini" sun-sign protects an "Arien" person.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 Taurus, "the bull", is an earth element. They are patient, reliable, warm-hearted, loving, persistent, placid, and determined and love security. They are feisty in nature. The Taurus people are supposed to be jealous and possessive. They are fixed signs and resent every altercation. They are self-indulgent and greedy people. These people are strong-willed people who are strongly grounded in the soils of practicality. They are stable, balanced, conservative and

law-abiding citizens.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 Gemini" is usually dubbed as the "twins". The "Gemini" people are ruled by the planet "mercury". They are people with adaptable and versatile character. These people possess dual personalities. They can change moods from one moment to another. They are people of communication and wit. They make lively, entertaining and romantic partners. They have bright characters. On the darker side, "gemini-s" people are nervous, tense, superficial, inconsistent, cunning and inquisitive. They are ruled by "mercury", the planet which is believed to be ever youthful and childish.

Cancer June 22-July 23 They are ruled by "moon". They are usually termed as "crab". The traditional traits of a "cancerian" are emotional, loving, intuitive, shrewd, cautious, imaginative and sympathetic. "Cancer" people are very moody, changeable, over-emotional, clinging and are people who never let go things. They are naturally defensive. These "cancerian" people put their heart and soul into the relationship they are involved in. They are faithful in nature. The "cancer" peoples suffer from inferiority complex. They are very possessive and inherently conservative in nature.

Leo July 23- August 22 "Leo" the lions are ruled by the "sun". "Leos" are yet another member in the element of fire. As they are ruled by sun they have all the general characteristics of "sun". Leo people are dominating, great leaders, passionate, protective, affectionate and faithful. Leo is a fixed sign. Leo people do not budge. They are idealists, which often hinders their growth. A "leo" person is a great suitor. They love to spend for their beloved. They always make an extra effort to provide the most lavish dinners in plush restaurants. But once you are in the lion's den he turns out to be extreme possessive. A "leo" can suffocate a person by not providing any leg-room.

Virgo August 23-September 23 Ruled by planet "mercury", "virgos" are dubbed as virgins.. There are some traditional "virgo" traits like modesty, shyness, meticulous, reliable, practical, diligent, analytical and intelligent. These "virgos" are also elements of earth. They are overcritical, harsh, self-conscious, introvert, fussy, worried, great perfectionist and conservative. "Virgo" is the only zodiac sign representing a female. "Virgos" often find hard to express

love. They are mainly thoughtful people. These people are methodical and precise. They are subtle people with a sack of rationale.

Libra September 24- October 23 Librans" are also ruled by "Venus". They are mutable air signs. "Librans" are diplomatic, urbane, romantic, charming, easy-going, social butterflies, idealist and love peace. They are also gullible, indecisive, changeable, easily influenced, flirtatious and self-indulgent. They are charming and pleasant. All relationships are significant to them. They are fair-minded people. The "Librans" protect the "leos". The people who are in the category of this sun sign are peace loving people. They try to value peace at all costs. Librans always face the hardships of a tight rope walk.

Scorpions October 24- November 22 "Scorpion" is the sign of the investigator. This is a fixed water element sun-sign. Their ruling planet is "Pluto". Their passion and intensity is worth remembering. They possess passion for every work they do and every person they love. They take their love affairs very seriously which often turn into jealousies. "Scorpions" are determined, forceful, intuitive, emotional, passionate, powerful, magnetic and exciting. Their darker sides constitutes of jealousy, resentful, compulsive, obsessive, secretive and sometimes obstinate. This secretive nature often forces them to sit over the fences in case of a serious relationship.

Sagittarius November 23-December 21 Sagittarius is a mutable masculine fire sign. They are usually flighty and light hearted persons. Ruled by Jupiter, they are great dreamers and scarcely make any attempt to get down from their elated status. Sagittarians are footloose, fancy free, optimists, gregarious, outgoing and most adaptable of all the fire elements. The Sagittarians love freedom as well as eager to provide others freedom. While on the other side they are boastful, tactless, innocent promiscuity and big-mouths. They actually think with their mouths. They are often dubbed as an untied knot.

Capricorn December 22- January 21 Capricorn people are in the category of earth elements. They are people of reason and rationality. "Capricorns" are ruled by "Saturn". The "Capricorn" people are shy and timid. They are usually reserved in nature. They are highly ambitious and determined. They are most stable and serious of all zodiac signs. They are hard-working, shrewd, unemotional, strong willed and calm personalities. They are ever thirsty for discipline from hierarchy and demand the same from below. The "Capricorns" in their slow, tough, stubborn, unyielding mode persists on boredom, frustration, and hardship to reach their objectives. They have an over arching tolerance and tenacity.

Aquarius January 22-February 18 Aquarius, the "water-bearer", is a fixed air sign. The "water-bearer" is supposed to be the sign of a thinker. They have a strong and attractive personality. "Aquarians" are most independent people. The "Aquarians" are ruled by "Uranus". They live in the world of their own. They cannot be tied down for long. Their views and opinions can change into stubbornness if they are pushed to the extreme. There are two kinds of "Aquarians", one breed of them are shy, sensitive, gentle and patient: while the others are exuberant, flashy, full of live and exhibitionists. These people are very original. Their perception revolves round changes. They are eager to change the way of the world. There is a belief that as the "Aquarians" thinks today, the world will think tomorrow. These persons are friendly, humanitarian, honest, loyal, original, inventive, independent and intellectual. They are detached, unemotional, perverse, unpredictable and contrary.

Pisces February 20- March 20 "Pisces" is the mutable water element sign. "pisces" is termed as the dreaming sun sign. Pisces is usually dubbed as "fish". They are called as the most matured of all sun signs. They are not only great dreamers but also idealists. This is a romantic and poetic sun-sign. These "Pisceans" are imaginative, sensitive, compassionate, kind, selfless, unworldly, intuitive and sympathetic. The "pisces" persons are escapists and idealists. They consist of innumerable sub-personalities. They are impractical, vague, manipulative, secretive, confused, weak-willed, immoral and greedy.

RECREATION

We have compiled a list of movies that feed you with positive energy and can help you get out of your routine.

1. Forrester Gump
2. Goal - Dream Begins
3. A Beautiful Mind
4. October Sky
5. Rudy
6. Gladiator
7. The Secret
8. The Pursuit Of Happiness
9. Shawshank Redemption



SUHAS GOPINATH, THE WORLDS YOUNGEST CEO

When I was 12 all that I wanted to do was to play and do mischief and my toughest hurdle was getting good grades in math but here is a guy who thought out of the box and he launched a web site called CoolHindustan.com but when a black hat hacked the logo to "CoolPakistan," Mr. Gopinath reportedly abandoned it.

Suhas Gopinath was born in Bangalore. He has always been far ahead of his age to the extent that he started a web solution and networking company when he was just 14! In 2003 he lost a business deal just because he was too young to sign a contract.



Founder at 14, CEO at 17, what next

He declined an American company's job offer on the ground because he was not interested in serving a non-Indian company, now that is what I called a true Indian.

Now I have a question to everybody, does a degree make a difference in securing a good career??.....

"Winners don't do different things, they do things differently"

-Shiv Khera

Mr. Gopinath's achievements(he is just 22years old now!)-

He is recognized as the "World's Youngest Professional Web developer" in 2000 at New York, USA. He titled "World's Youngest Entrepreneur" by CNBC and eBusiness in the year 2002. When he was 17 in 2003, recognized as the world's youngest CEO by global media including BBC, Washington Times, Straits-Singapore, Silicon Times, Indian Express, Times of India. He is recognized at the International Business Awards 2005, New York, USA as one of the finalists of Best International Business Executives. He was honored by Pakistan Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz at Islamabad in August 2005. He was honored by Rotary Club, Bangalore as one of the World's Youngest and most Innovative Entrepreneur in September 2005

By SAHIL NAIR, SLS

MOTIVATIONAL MOVIES

MOTIVATIONAL SONGS

Classic Popular Hits

1. Eye of the Tiger - Survivor
2. Chariots of Fire - Vangelis
3. The Final Countdown - Europe
4. We Are the Champions - Queen
5. We Will Rock You - Queen
6. I've Got the Power - Snap
7. It's My Life - Bon Jovi
8. Affirmation - Savage Garden
9. Beautiful Day - U2
10. What a Wonderful World - Louis Armstrong
11. I Feel Good - James Brown
12. I Can See Clearly Now - Johnny Nash
13. Lovely Day - Bill Withers
14. Walking On Sunshine - Katrina and the Waves
15. Live Like You Were Dying - Tim McGraw
16. I Believe I Can Fly - R. Kelly
17. You Gotta Be - Des'ree
18. When You Believe - Mariah Carey/ Whitney Houston
19. Hero - Mariah Carey
20. I Will Survive - Gloria Gaynor
21. Bad Day - Daniel Powter
22. Man In The Mirror - Michael Jackson
23. I'm Alive - Celine Dione
24. Tub Thumping - Chumba Wumba
25. Loose Yourself - Eminem
26. Remember The Name - Fort Minor
27. Till I Collapse - Eminem
28. Return to Innocence - Enigma
29. O Fortuna - Carmina Burana

RECREATION

EXAMINATION VS VACATION

Oh, what a botheration,
Condensation and evaporation,
Reflection and refraction,
All driving me to distraction
Together with those equations,
Addition and subtraction,
Division and multiplication,
Geography ma'am wants the exact location
Hindi teachers want recitation,
With so much to do..such little time
Who will prepare for examination???
Everybody dreams of those wonderful vacations!!!!

ANUPRIYA RAOL, SLS

1. Recently, the CM of a state of the Indian Union passed away in a helicopter crash. Name the state and the person.
2. Name the recently launched indigenously built submarine of the Indian Navy.
3. What are the two fashion weeks held in India?
4. Who is the author of "The Sea Of Poppies"?
5. _____ was a doyenne of Indian theatre who passed away in Bhopal recently.
6. A.R in A.R.Rahman stands for _____
7. HRD Minister in the Union Cabinet is _____
8. He was in the news for breaking the 100m and 200m track record .He is _____
9. The Secretary General of the United Nations is _____ from South Korea
10. Who invented the electric bulb?

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By Himmat