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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

What to speak of the benevolence and greatness of the Guru as we honor and reminisce every teacher in our lifetime who has bestowed upon us, the key to enlightenment and freedom from all neglect. Come the first week of September, no matter how tri-

fling the things we learned from our teachers might be, for what we are today, every aura of our being bows down to them in reverence and unbound gratitude. Equipped with such weapons of knowledge and wisdom imparted in childhood, an individual embarks upon a quest to





find greater heights and accomplish unimaginable things. While it, India's perennial odyssey to discover, innovate and invent has established the unsung glory of our scientists as the Mars Orbital Mission is deemed highly successful. With such achievements on hand, for us even the sky is no more a limit, literally. As the nation shines across the globe, Mr. Modi banks on it with his political expertise and uncanny oratory prowess making a breakthrough diplomatic visit to the United States. Whether the visit has had fruitful results and a substantial outcome is a debate for political think tanks but

and her people surely felt identified and were filled with a sense of pride when the Prime Minister made his, should we say, historical speech among hundreds of jubilant, frenzied NRIs and foreign nationals at Madison Square.

Basking in this newfound glory, we at *Mirror* have thoroughly enjoyed compiling the September issue stringing together events like the HR Conclave and several works of the creative sorts at SLS. With this, we hope you enjoy the upcoming Festival of Lights to the fullest and wish you a very happy Diwali!





HR CONCLAVE

Revisiting the words that Amit Kalantri said, “If you fulfill the wishes of your employees, the employees will fulfill your vision,” School of Liberal Studies, PDPU organized its second annual HR Conclave on 18th September for its budding students who will soon be a part of the industry.

As per definition, Human Resources are a set of individuals who make up the workforce of an organization, business sector, or economy. However the scenario has changed today. With coinage of words like “Globalization” and “Glocalization”, the organizations from all over the world have been woven into and through each other. This has increased the complication

for HR too, as it needs to accommodate the needs of an increasingly varied workforce. This varied workforce is in relation to the employees from different cultures and geographies, and different generations and value systems having to work together. Employees of the current generation have a very different attitude to what existed around 40 years ago when employment opportunities were few and when employees typically spent their entire careers in one organization. In this current environment, when employees have multiple employment opportunities, it is not rare to see high attrition rates in organizations, as these employees try to maximize their career growth and





their annual incomes.

This Conclave was divided into 3 panel discussions: Organizational Behaviour Dynamics, Strategic HR and Contemporary issues of HR. It intended to bring eminent and senior professionals from the industry having significant achievements to their credit, primarily in the realm of HR. The conclave was an opportunity for individuals associated with the field

of HR, namely faculty members and students, to learn and interact with the esteemed panelists. The panelists shared their experiences and HR related practices which they have come across in the organization.

-Jasmine J. Pereira





TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION AT SLS

On September 5, School of Liberal Studies hosted Teacher's Day – birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan – organized by Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University. Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was a great teacher. As they say – a teacher never stops learning, Shri Radhakrishnan was One of India's best and most influential twentieth-century scholars of comparative religion and philosophy. His academic appointments included the King George 5th Chair of Mental and Moral Science at the University of Calcutta and Spalding Professor of Eastern Religion and Ethics at University of Oxford

On this occasion former Vice Chancellor of North Gujarat University Prof. Dawoodbhai Ghanchi, chief guest of the day, shared his inspiring words with teachers of PDPU. The occasion was graced by Respected Director General-PDPU, the Registrar-PDPU, Education Advisor-PDPU, Dean and Directors of schools of PDPU, and the teacher community of PDPU. The session was very much interactive and encouraging.





GIRLS NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)

On 19th of September 2014, NCC matriculation examination was conducted for the girl-students of Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University. Around 25 girls gave the assessment and filled the enrollment form with the help of mentors. Commanding Officer Col. Sanjay Mohla, NBSUB and Mr. Naveen Kumar, NBSUB elucidated that society generally misinterprets NCC with hefty physical exercise but NCC is about meeting people other than the ones from your state, eating their food and knowing their dialect and ethos.

Mrs. Usha Bhatt, GCI, Grade I, explained the girls what role NCC plays in the life of a cadet, especially a fe-

male cadet. She highlighted how it helps in personality development, makes one tough and enables them to deal with odd conditions. They also highlighted their motive of NCC; they explained that if one out of every 100 cadets joins Indian army then NCC can be called a successful organization. NCC not only helps in bringing discipline in one's life but also provides one with incentives, such as travelling, adventure, sports, recreation, etc. So, Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University will shortly be seeing female NCC cadets marching alongside the male cadets.

-Urvi Shah





OFF THE TANGENT

What is a Disc Jockey?

A disc jockey is often better known by most people as deejays. These are the professionals that choose and play recorded music either for broadcast media or at live events. For instance, deejays are usually responsible for playing the music you here on your morning commute, and they are responsible for the music played in your favorite dance club as well.

What Does a Disc Jockey Do?

The job requirements of a disc jockey can vary, depending on what industry he's in. For the most part, however, nearly all disc jockeys have a few common responsibilities. They are usually in charge of which music to play at a certain time. Although this

may seem easy to some, it's actually quite harder than it looks, especially when trying to please everyone in a large audience.

In order to choose the right type of music, a disc jockey must know his audience. Country music fans, for instance, will usually be quite unhappy if a deejay chooses to play hip hop music for four hours. A deejay should also keep abreast of the ever-changing music trends as well, but he should also have a fair knowledge of past music trends as well; at times, some deejays are called upon to play oldies in addition to popular trendy music. When playing music, most deejays will also take requests from their audience and introduce each song.





A broadcast, or radio, disc jockey, for instance, usually works in a calm, quiet environment, such as a sound-proof booth. These types of deejays will sometimes be called upon to perform additional duties, such as reading the news or weather reports on the air.

Working as a deejay in front of a live audience, however, is usually very different. These types of deejays should be very charismatic and willing to interact with the members of their audience. They also usually work in very loud and sometimes uncomfortable environments, such as nightclubs and private events. Most event disc jockeys are also responsible for providing and transporting

their own equipment and music selection as well.

Disc jockeys work at all times of the day and night. Some of the most popular times for radio disc jockeys to work are during morning and afternoon commutes and late nights. Club disc jockeys, on the other hand, typically work late nights, and event disc jockeys work around other people's schedules.

Where Do Disc Jockeys Work?

A disc jockey can work in a few different settings, depending on his preferences.

Radio stations, for instance, often hire disc jockeys to speak and play music on the air. Most inexperienced radio





deejays will usually start their careers in entry level positions, and work their way up to more lucrative positions. For instance, some radio deejays might start out as fill-ins for full-time deejays, and others might start out working during less desirable time slots.

Dance clubs and nightclubs also hire disc jockeys on occasion. Some club deejays work as staff members, while others run their own deejaying business. Besides working at clubs, self-employed deejays will also usually play music at private events as well, such as wedding receptions and school dances.

What is the Average income of a Disc Jockey?

Salaries for professional disc jockeys will usually vary greatly, depending on their talents and locations. Typically, deejays living and working in larger metropolitan areas will make more money, for example.

Disc jockeys are also usually paid hourly wages. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average hourly wage of radio announcers was Rs. 760 in 2008. Self-employed deejays, on the other hand, can make anywhere from Rs. 1539 to Rs. 6157 an hour.





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THE WORLD OF MY DREAMS

How boring the world would be,
without friends like you and me

It would be like a tree,
a leaf never to see.

How fun it would be,
to make everyone happy.

Not one, two or three,
but a whole family.

How beautiful the world would be,
if everyone planted a tree.

To feel and see
a nice greenery.

I wish everyone could spread peace ,
And have no enemy.

-Saanya Sinha

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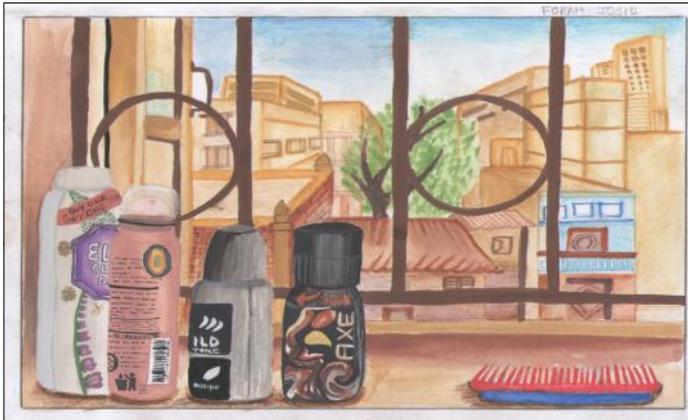




SLS REACHES OUT TO ACADEMIA

- Ms. Neeta Khurana successfully presented a paper 'Engendering Law : A Feminist Perspective' during a two Day National Seminar on 'Questioning Legal Reality' organized by Institute of Law at NIRMA University on September 26-27, 2014.
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- Ms. Neeta Khurana presented a paper titled, "A Gynocritical Reading of Nalini Jameela's The Autobiography of a Sex Worker and Amen : The Autobiography of a Nun by Sister Jesme" at UGC Sponsored One-day National Seminar on "Feminism in Contemporary Literature" on 12 September 2014 .The seminar was Organized by Department of English (Shri Ramkrishna Seva Mandal's)Anand Arts College, Anand
 - Dr Sanjay Kumar Pradhan delivered Talk on 'India's Energy Security', at National Defence College (NDC), New Delhi, on 11th September 2014. The Talk was before 100 members including officers from 26 foreign countries such as US, UK, Germany, Nigeria, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Australia, Myanmar and Japan. Like overseas officers, Indian officers included from the rank of Brigadier or equivalent, the Civil and Diplomatic service officers at the level of Director/Joint Secretary to the government of India.
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LIVING IN A PARADOX

India is a country with a heightened will and desire to be counted and viewed among the world's developed nations. Prophecies of becoming a superpower have been given by the Prime Minister, serious economic analysts from serious credit rating firms looking for TV airtime, a highly disruptive TV news anchor, the local tea stall owner and also, your very own uncle Shyam. What could seemingly go wrong in this quest? The economy is positive with a steady growth rate with a reined in inflation, the literacy level has increased, Digvijay Singh's comments have reduced, there are plans for a bullet train and even the Trump tower has now come to India!

While we have all this, we also have a parallel train of thought where terms like Love Jihad free flow into electoral vote banks. While we may have a stable economy, the mindsets of the people of our nation seem to be not so stable. In order to become a developed country, let alone a superpower, our social consciousness must become developed sufficiently enough in order to respect the right to life of our fellow citizens. We seem to be living in a live paradoxical society experiment. We fail to respect the right to life and freedom of a person. We are a society that shuns a homosexual person's right to marry and idolises the philandering ways of a movie star. We are a society that cannot respect the consent and self respect of a woman and end up stig-





matizing them with instances like releasing names of minor sexual abuse survivors out in the media for public display. We are a society that peeks through the camera lens into the cleavage of an actress and judge her 'character' and also the ones to appreciate the gyrating moves in highly sexualised item numbers. We are the ones who force a painter to live outside his own country for expressing through his art, while we ourselves spoil the walls of our monuments through obscene 'artwork'. We are the ones who shout for privacy while also being the ones to look at dirty MMSes. We need an Amir Khan and a peeing kid to remind us to not dirty our country's roads and violate its right as a symbol of our nation's growth. The right to life and the right to freedom of expression are fundamentally based on the principle of not violating the personal sphere of any individual. We are wilful and exceptional defaulters to this concept. However, in order to evolve our social consciousness about such issues, we must make a conscious effort. This could start from steps as small as trying to avoid looking into your co-passenger's mobile phone while travelling. We can be a superpower and stand shoulder to shoulder to the developed countries but it can only happen when we respect the other person's space and point of view, unlike the twisted neck news anchor.

- Saksham Singh
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SLS MIRROR RECOMMENDS

Sites:

Stoicism Today — "This site aims at popularizing and adapting Stoicism for the modern-day. Live like a Stoic Week is for me another example how philosophy can get out of 'Ivory Tower' and into the streets!"

Philosophy Experiments — "Very interesting site that analyzes one's philosophical and moral beliefs through a series of quizzes. Has made me rethink some of my stances on morality."

Apps:

Philosophy — Compilation of different philosophical trends the history of mankind. The information on this application will increase as we are getting new sources.

Stoicism — A great application for the aspirants of the stoic philosophy learning. A must download.

Blogs:

Virtual Philosopher — Nigel Warburton is a modern day philosophical writer who has embraced online philosophizing by integrating videos and podcasts into his blog. His discussions with other published philosophers are thought provoking and illuminating, and for daily snippets of Warburton wisdom, you might like to subscribe to his "Philosophy Bites Daaily".

Philosophical Chasm — By contrast, The Philosophical Chasm is a dark look into the thoughts of a Canadian philosophy teacher lecturing at Southern Illinois University, while finalizing his PhD. A great blog if you identify with the philosophers from whom Carbondale Chasmite (our author) draws his inspirations.





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