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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

NU NL strives to provide its readers with an interesting issue every month so that you have something new to look forward to. Keeping our word, we have introduced a new section in this issue. **You be the Detective!** This new section by 2nd year student Sanya Mittal promises to bring a new puzzle with every issue. You can be the detective and mail your answers to the undersigned. We will publish the names of the people who answered correctly along with the right answer in the next issue.

Every student faces a dilemma when they are moving from school education to college education. Apparently our student editor Amrit Bagga faced it twice. Read his account in Student Editors Special to understand his situation.

'Expressions' has three features this time. A poem by our contributor Anoop Sharma, an inspiring article on the importance of a Mentor in life and how can you find one by student Raunak Swarnkar and our regular feature Me and Meenu's Diary.

A lot of activity has taken place in the campus in the last month and our student correspondents diligently compiled them all. So if you have missed out on any event, read about it here.

I take your leave now hoping that you all will enjoy this issue of NU Newsletter.

Happy Reading!!

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Special Event

Second TALF Summit



Into the 2nd year now, TALF is an outward looking coalition of committed leaders, opinion makers and informed youth. It aims to prepare the young Asian generations to find their place in this rapidly changing global environment by providing them with a deeper understanding of what it means to be Asian. As a platform, it seeks to generate relevant knowledge and encourage multiple dialogues, engaging stakeholders across generations and nationalities.

This year's TALF conference deliberated on the '**Emergence of India as a Global Soft Power**'. The conference was addressed by esteemed speakers like Pavan Varma, Dr. Ashok Khosla, Leela Samson and Pallavi Aiyar. The conversations were anchored by Dr. Jean-Pierre Lehmann, Professor Emeritus at IMD Lausanne & Visiting Professor at NIIT University (NU).

A unique format of the event made the session truly engaging and intense. It showcased a **new-age classroom set-up**, wherein the key speakers were seated on a rotating stage in the middle of the hall, with concentric circles of seating around it. This created an opportunity for everyone to interact closely with the panelists, thus stimulating a free-flowing exchange of ideas. Students from NIIT University campus in Neemrana, connected real-time to the conference through state-of-the-art technology enabled interface.

To build traction in the digital space, a **Twitter booth with a customized Tweet App** was set up at the venue. Photographs were tweeted with **#AsianLenses** hashtag along with a message, as desired by the guest. The objective of this exercise was to get the audiences to endorse the Asian Lenses platform through Twitter.

The event had a significant online presence with more than 1200 people visiting the @AsianLenses Twitter profile. This exercise helped us generate around 24,000 impressions in the digital space within just two hours of the event. As a bonus, we were also able to engage some high profile personalities as our Twitter followers, including the likes of Pankaj Pachauri, former Communication Advisor to Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan

Singh and Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General of the International Think Tank - Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS).

The TALF initiative has received wide publicity in the media. Do click on the link below for an interesting report on TALF in the recent issue of **Fortune India**.

http://www.niit.com/authoring/Documents/NU_TALF_Reprint%20Docket%20final_Feb2015.pdf

Do watch out for **News@NIIT** mailers for more such interesting developments at NIIT Limited and follow us on www.twitter.com/niittd for real time updates.



Campus News

Prof Jean Pierre' Lehmann

Professor of International Political Economy at IMD and Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Business and Economics at Hong Kong University visited NIIT University on 12 March 2015. He conducted a free elective course on the topic 'Asia & The New Global Disorder – Challenges and Implications for India'. All the students were invited to interact with him during his stay on the campus.

Blood Donation Camp

Blood Donation Camp was organized ON 18 March 2015, in the NIIT University Campus in association with the Indian Red Cross Society, New Delhi. Many students donated blood and made this camp a success, keeping in mind that there is nothing as precious as life!

Avoid myths about blood donation. Remember that:

1. The blood that you lose (300 ml) is made up by the body within 24 hours.
2. You can give blood every 3 months, without any repercussions.

2nd Annual Asian Lenses Forum Conference

The 2nd Annual TALF Conference was held on the 20 March 2015 at Chanakyapuri, Delhi. The same was live-streamed in the Senate Room at NU. The nominated students (from B. Tech, MBA, F&B) and all the members of TALF attended the two way webcast session of the

2nd Annual Asian Lenses Forum Conference from the NU campus and were benefitted by the interaction with the invited guests.

Towards the end of the session there was an interaction with the audience, with special focus on the NU students present there at the venue. All were given a chance to ask questions from the speakers.

Workshop on Web Development

A Workshop on 'Basics of Web Development' was organized by the CSI Student Branch, NIIT University on 22 March 2015. The Workshop was conducted by Prof. S. Swami with more than 130 participants attending the event.

TALF Pecha Kucha Nights @NU!

Pecha Kucha is a form of presentation with 20 slides, where the speaker spends 20 seconds explaining each slide. TALF has planned to make this a continuous activity at NU. First Pecha Kucha night (20X20) was on 16 March 2015 focusing on 'Business and Source of Income in Asia' and 'Identity of Food in India'.

Technology-based Learning @NU

'Technology based' is one of the four core principles of NU. Here at NU, we make an efficient use of open content and digital content instead of board writing. We also emphasize on project-based learning and ways where one can use digital tools to create assignments. Thus, we try to incorporate technological advancement into our practice.

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We Did It



2015 LEADERS AWARD (EDUCATION)

NIT University honored with **"Private University Award for Industry Interface"** conferred by Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya (Honorable Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha & Chairman, Human Resource Development Parliamentary Standing Committee), Shri Kirit Solanki (Honorable Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha) & Shri Shant Prakash Jatav (National Convener at Movement Against Reservation).

24MRC Network in association with Bloomberg TV India (Television Broadcast Partner) organized the award ceremony on 25th February 2015 @ Hyatt Regency, New Delhi.

Student Placement Committee – SPC



Industry
Collaboration
NIT University, Rajasthan cell

Powered by Student Placement

Student Placement Committee - SPC has been formed at NU. The SPC-NU is a 10-member body of elected representatives.

SPC will closely work with Industry Collaboration Cell to look after the Training and Placement activities as well making new collaborations with various industries for both recruitment and non-recruitment related activities. These include actively engaging companies on a regular basis, handling operations during the Placement Week and acting as a conduit for Organizations and Industry Leaders to interact with students through Business Talks and Live Corporate Projects.

The first meeting of SPC was held on 03 February 2015 in the presence of Dr. Rajendra Kumar Pandey, Hon'ble President, NU. The main objectives of meeting are stated below:

- Career development of the students.
- Providing support for all round development of the students.
- Finding suitable opportunities for the students.
- Super7
- IEEE, ACM Chapters

SPC Members

SI No	Name	Designation	Branch	Year
1	Aayushman Gupta	Head	CSE	3 rd
2	Vibhor Gupta	Dy. Head	CSE	2 nd
3	Akshat Agarwala	Member	ECE	3 rd
4	Neelanjana Basu Roy	Member	CSE	3 rd
5	Prachi Singh	Member	BT	3 rd
6	Rishabh Prakash	Member	CSE	3 rd
7	Saarthak Vadera	Member	CSE	3 rd
8	Sourabh Madan	Member	ECE	3 rd
9	Raghav Singh	Member	CSE	2 nd
10	Shantanu Gaurh	Member	CSE	2 nd

Startup Internship Fair @ DTU, New Delhi



DAY/DATE : Sunday, 15 February 2015
TIME : 11:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m.
VENUE : Delhi Technological University, New Delhi

ABOUT

Startup Internship Fair was held @ Delhi Technical University. Start-ups, from all stages of establishment, visited DTU campus. The students interacted with the start-ups to learn and get a feel of the realms of working of those particular start-ups. With the demand-supply laws at play, the student and start-ups will have to strive to create a mutual synergy of sorts.

Hiring is by far the biggest challenges faced by startups and ironically the least addressed. It was an awesome opportunity for startups to hire best talents not just from DTU but also from other top colleges across Delhi NCR.

Startups will get a chance to interact and hire students through Speed Interview, and get the best talent for their startup. Startups will get the opportunity to hire skilled interns from various streams and colleges, technical and non-technical both alike.

OUTCOME

18 NU students participated and brought 10 internship offers by competing against students from DTU/IIT Delhi/NSIT/IIITD/IMT Ghaziabad/IIFT/Delhi University and other colleges in Delhi NCR.

NIIT University Adventure Trip to Rishikesh

Organised by NU-Saahas, The Adventure Club of NU

28 B. Tech students and 2 Faculty Members went on an adventure trip to Rishikesh from 12-15 March 2015. The students travelled by the University Bus to Rishikesh and from there onwards to Byasi, where they camped by the riverside at camp Rapid Runner which was being managed by Pep Turf. The trip comprised 2 days of river rafting, rock climbing and beach games.

Day 1 : 12 March 2015

The first day consisted of travel from Neemrana to Rishikesh. The journey started at around 9:30 p.m. and took approximately 12 hours.

Day 2 : 13 March 2015

The next day we arrived at our camp at Byasi at around 11:00 a.m. and after settling down at the camp, we set out for rafting post breakfast. The first stretch of river rafting was from the camp at Byasi to Shivpuri, which included rapids of up to Grade 3 such as 3 Blind Mice. The rafting was followed by camp games and a bonfire at night.

Day 3 : 14 March 2015

On the third day, rock climbing and rappelling was organised which was followed by 12 k.m. of rafting from Shivpuri to Rishikesh. This section contained more challenging Grade 4 Rapids like the Roller Coaster and the Golf Course. After rafting, we lit a bonfire by the riverside at the camp.

Day 4 : 15 March 2015

The students who missed out on the rafting on the previous day went for their second section of rafting after an early breakfast. The rest of the students joined them later and proceeded back to Neemrana. We started from Rishikesh Bus Stand at 1:00 p.m. and arrived back on campus at 1:30 a.m. and thus, we concluded our trip.

We intend to organise more adventure trips in the future.

This trip was supervised by Lt. Col. Manoj Malhotra(Retd.), the Director of Pep Turf.

We would like to thank the following for their support and co-operation without which this trip would not have been possible:

Maj. Gen. A.K. Singh, Dean Student Affairs, for his constant support and guidance.

Mr. Dhiren Banerjei and Mrs. Usha Banerjei for taking out time from their busy schedule and accompanying us on this trip.

Mr. Mahendra Bahadur Singh for helping us out with the transport.

Mr. Dhirendra Rathore and Dr. Deepak Khanna



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Geographic Information System

GIS (Geographic Information Systems) is becoming a catalyst for several transformational changes in the world; primarily in natural resource management, planning, decision making, governance and citizen engagement. Keeping in mind the importance of geographic information, Government of India has introduced National GIS as an integral part of the Digital India Project which will embed GIS into various e-governance projects. In view of its commitment to the state of Rajasthan, NIIT University organised a workshop entitled “**Evolution of GIS in India**” on 28 February 2015. In this day-long workshop at NIIT University, several Institutional Heads/ Heads of the Departments/Faculty Members participated and shared their knowledge and ideas. It was a wonderful platform where NU showcased the GIS programme structure, infrastructure, technology trends and some live demonstrations.



Lion Tailed Macaque



The lion-tailed macaque (*Macaca silenus*), or the Wanderoo, is an old world monkey endemic to the Western Ghats of South India. The hair of the lion-tailed macaque is black. Its outstanding characteristic is the silver-white mane which surrounds the head from the cheeks down to its chin, which gives this monkey its German name Bartaffe – 'beard ape'. The hairless face is black in colour, with a head-body length of 42 to 61 c.m. and a weight of 2-10 kg.

The lion-tailed macaque is a diurnal rainforest dweller. It is a good climber and spends a majority of its life in the upper canopy of tropical moist evergreen forests. Unlike other macaques, it avoids humans. In group behavior, it is much like other macaques; it lives in hierarchical groups of usually 10 to 20 animals, which consist of few males and many females. It is a territorial animal, defending its area first with loud cries towards the invading troops. If this proves to be fruitless, it brawls aggressively.

A recent assessment for IUCN reports 3000-3500 of these animals live scattered over several areas in Kerala. The lion-tailed macaque ranks among the rarest and most threatened primates. Their range has become increasingly isolated and fragmented by the spread of agriculture, including plantations of tea, coffee, teak and cinchona, construction of water reservoirs for irrigation and power generation, and human settlements to support such activities. They do not live, feed or travel through plantations. Destruction of their

habitat and their avoidance of human proximity have led to the drastic decrease of their population.

However, it is no longer on 'The World's 25 Most Endangered Primates' list, after the international body compiling it determined that the local governments in southern India had acted positively to protect it.

Source: wikipedia.org

Divya Sara Kurian

B. Tech. II

Student Editorial Special

The Obstacles of Life

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Indeed, we all must have faced many challenges and difficulties in our lives where we tend to paralyze our minds and enter the state of dilemma, but the struggle of life is one of our greatest blessings. It makes us patient, sensitive and God-like and teaches us that although the world is full of sufferings and miseries, it leads us towards the path where we can find a way to overcome them.

After all, challenges are the pathway to progress in our lives. Some challenges make us feel alive, engaged, connected, and fulfilled while others simply overwhelm us. Knowing the difference, as we set bigger and bolder challenges for ourselves, is critical to our sanity, success, and satisfaction.

Each day our lives are filled with opportunities and its challenges as a complimentary gift, and our abilities, to make use of all that will come our way, will reflect how each opportunity will unfold in our lives.

In the face of our adversities and apathy, we would need to remain bold and courageous to ensure that the opportunity will never be squandered, but saved.

Today, may our lives continue to be filled with all the energy, strength, desire, and enthusiasm that we can muster so that all of life's opportunities may not just come to be boldly taken, but ultimately be fulfilled. Here comes in the scene- introspection, the leading pathway to overcome all our challenges. After all, a moment's insight is sometimes worth a life's experience.

Just like every other common man, my life has also been full of lows and highs with loads of opportunities knocking my door with certain T&C apply* tag which stated some challenges associated with them. One of the most challenging situations, where my mind got dumb-

struck, was when I had to choose the right college for myself. Generally, after the 12th grade, everyone makes up their mind and chooses a college for themselves but unlike all of them, I had to make up my mind regarding the choice of my college twice, even after joining the college and completing a full-fledged year in that institute.

During the last days of my 12th grade, when most of us were in a state of utmost dilemma of choosing the best possible college for us, I, too, was finding it difficult to decide whether to leave my hometown and shift to Delhi and thus, raise the counter of opportunities for me, or join a local college. But the different factors that could influence me and compel me to change my decision ruled over me for weeks, during which I was completely insomniac and always wondering whether to accept a change or not.

After a long process of thoughts and ideas, I had come to a conclusion of joining a local college at my place. Just before leaving for my new college to deposit my fees, my phone rang and it was from a very renowned university in Delhi NCR where I had applied for B. Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering, but due to my financial problems during that time, I was unable to join the college. But luckily, I had received a 50% scholarship on my tuition and hostel fees. This news made me quite ecstatic but at the same time, I was worried as I had to leave my place and live in a hostel.

As you know, "Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time, what we really want is for things to remain the same but get better." After loads of references and views from different intellectuals, I had decided to join this institution.

It was 1 July 2013, when I landed there with my mother to help me out on the very first day. Luckily, I was able to adjust myself and overcoming many small hurdles, I completed a year in the college. During the course of this year, one day, I came to know about the process of lateral entries and migration to a different university, namely inter-university migration. This made me quite happy since I had always wished to join another college in New Delhi but due to its late counselling, I was unable to take the risk of waiting so long.

Just after I came to know about the inter-university migration in the 2nd year in this government university, I began to consult my friends there and ask for their suggestions and advices. I had also begun to read out reviews and blogs on different forums. My parents were very supportive and had no objection to my decisions. This gave me more confidence and I began to be actively involved in the research. After all, it was my career which was at stake.

After all the research, I applied for the migration. I had to visit the college 4-5 times to complete the entire procedure and hence wait for the migration letter to come so that I could shift to my new aspired college. It was the time of August 2014, when I had applied for the migration and hence had to seek help from my aunt who lived near my college. Since it was affiliated to a government university and was a self-financing institute, I had to rush down to the Main Office of the University 3-4 times in order to get my migration letter. Finally, on 15 September, I had received my confirmation letter which made me ecstatic. The news of me, leaving the college spread like fire amongst all my friends and batch mates.

All my friends had bid adieu to me and had thrown a farewell party for me as well and soon after that I had left my college and shifted to Delhi. Initially, for a few days, I had to stay with my aunt until I could find a Paying Guest House for me.

It was 22 September and yes, my very first day in the new college. I didn't know anyone and was searching for good friends to hang out with. Luckily, I had one of my friends in the same batch who helped me get comfortable with all the other batch mates. The same day, I had to rush back to the University Campus to submit my fees and get myself enrolled. After my classes, I went to the Registrar Office in the University to complete my registration. My heart was pounding and I was biting my lips in nervousness.

When it was my turn to deposit the amount, I was informed that I had to pay an additional fees of Rs. 45000 annually as a migration amount to the University. This shocked me since the extra fees made my parents' budget go haywire. It was impossible for them to pay such a huge amount as donation since my father was a cancer patient. I was broken into pieces and I didn't know what to do, where to go and what to say. I rushed back to my hostel that I had found and shifted in. My mind was numb and I felt helpless. What would I tell my parents who trusted me so much and who were always beside me in every decision I had taken?

What would I do now? Should I return back to my old college? What would I tell my friends there? How will they react to this? I was traumatized. How would I ask my landlord for a refund, to whom I had already paid Rs. 14000 as a month's advance and a security deposit? I spent three days in Delhi where, at every moment of time, I used to scratch my head and think about a way to overcome this challenge that was way too bigger than the opportunity. With all the notions of sorrow and dismay that I had faced during those days, I self-introspected myself for one whole day and I came to the conclusion of returning back to my old college, where I could find a space for me, where I would have people who could understand me, where I have no stress of life and where I could live my life freely and with affordable fees.

Self-introspection, indeed, is the best way to overcome a challenge or an obstacle that comes across in your life, since, what lies behind us and what lies before us are very small matters as compared to what lies within us.

I had asked for the refund from the hostel and fortunately, I got back the amount. On 28 September, I returned back to my college where all my friends welcomed me very warmly and had understood my situation. They were happy that I had introspected and listened to what my mind had said and what my heart had felt.

This incident has taught me many things in life. Challenges are what makes life interesting but overcoming them makes it worth living. Life will keep bringing the same test again and again until we try and we succeed. So, just believe in your soul and do whatever you can in order to make things worthy and right.

Amrit Bagga

Student Editorial Member



Expressions



Brothers for life

Brothers for life I met here,
Caring , loving and with heart so clear...

Fun trips and the awesome nights,
Shouting and dancing with no lights...

Studying together and learning with nature,
Sharing resources with generous stature...

When someone is happy we all cheer,
When someone is sad we all adhere...

I will miss this place and heavenly abode,
The serenity , my bros and this hostel code....

Anoop Sharma
MBA, BLP Batch 8

We Need Krishna: Not as God, but as a Mentor

To seek alliance with the King of the mighty Yadava army to win the war, Arjun and Duryodhana both arrive at the doors of Krishna. Krishna offered Arjun to choose either the entire Yadava army in his camps or his own services, that too without bearing any weapons. Arjun, unhesitatingly, chose Krishna over the Yadava army and the legend of Mahabharata is sagacious to Arjun's choice of mind over might. Arjun knew that it was valueless not to choose Krishna's strategic vision and tactical acumen over a mighty army. Although Krishna called Arjun his 'Sakha', the relationship between them throws light on the need and usefulness of a mentor in our lives. Without Krishna, it was impossible for the Pandavas to even sustain for one single day. But it was Krishna, the 'Parthasarthi' of Arjuna, the leader, the manager, the negotiator, the manipulator, the motivator, the influencer, all rolled into one, the ultimate weapon that created victory for the visionless Pandavas and for everyone else, a history !



In our everyday dilemma and confused lives, there are times when we need more than a teacher, a parent or a friend. There are times when the work-life balance is just overthrown, when we simply cannot decide whether to go this way or that way, or when life hits our head and we fall down terribly and have no idea how to begin again. When there is no direction in view, it is in these hard times when we need light from a wise, humbled human being to show us the right path.

“A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could.”

When it comes to selecting the right mentor for our lives, no one size fits all. One who has a positive outlook on life, who advises, but doesn't dictate, gives constructive criticism, recognizes your weaknesses and helps you build upon them and who you think is reliable, let me add, your go-to man in times of your crisis can be the right person you need as a mentor.

Now it can be anyone! Just look around you! It can be your best friend, your high school teacher, your sports coach, your dad's friend, your grandpa, even your grand mom, or it can be an inanimate book! (Beware of those uncles who discuss politics whenever they get a chance!) Believe me, books are the best mentors you can have access to.



Personally speaking, in my times of crisis and disorder, I prefer closing my eyes and introspecting and seeking the solution from within me, i.e, the inner mentor. It has worked perfectly till now. Why I prefer it to everything else is because it is instantaneous and helps me get a deeper perspective to life, anytime and anywhere. Instead of running from your problems, the best way is to embrace them and the solution comes on its own.

In the end, hope everyone finds the 'Krishna' of their lives, not as God, but as a mentor!
Keep looking!

P.S. – Recommended Reading: 'The Way of the Peaceful Warrior'-Dan Millman

Raunak Swarnkar

B.Tech II year

Me and Meenu's Diary



Chapter -19:

I was filled with joy after listening to him and asked him with all the hope I had.

“Is Meenu residing with you?” I asked, curious. “Yeah. She is with us these days” he said with the same tone.

“Really? Thanks a lot, man! We were

searching for her everywhere. Where is she? And how is she?” I said with all the happiness left within me. He just smiled at me.

“She is in Delhi along with Pragna and yeah, she has completely recovered now,” he said smiling.

“Recovered? What happened to her?” I asked him, surprised and prayed silently for her.

“Nothing, but she pretends to agree to that. And that was her problem. She went into depression and never accepted that she was normal. She assumed that she was abnormal,” he said wistfully.

“Assumed? No, Shriram! She just acted in that way to avoid her marriage” I said and explained what had happened between us at the hospital.

“Yes. I know everything, Preetham. In fact, it was me who suggested her to act like that but things changed after that,” he said slowly.

“You asked her to act mad? Shriram! Can you tell me what had happened to her from the beginning, I mean after her marriage got finalised?” I pleaded to him as I was losing my mind.

“Yes, I will, Preetham, that’s why I’m here now. She wanted you to know everything. She wanted to meet Vikki first because she is eagerly waiting for him,” he said.

“Oh! He is in Kerala now. I will call him up and let him know about her, he will be back by tonight,” I said happily and tried his number, but he was not reachable.

“Preetham, let him come, she wants to see him. She is also undergoing few tests in Delhi,” he said cautiously.

“Tests? Isn’t she normal now? What had happened to her?” I sounded worried and couldn’t control my anxiety. He observed my eagerness and started slowly.

“She is fine; let me tell you from the beginning. I know Ganesh Uncle’s family since my childhood because my dad and he were family friends and also business partners in London. When they fixed my marriage with Meenakshi, I couldn’t say no as I knew her and her family well,” he started but I stopped him abruptly.

“They fixed her marriage with you? Then how did you get married to Pragna?” I was baffled.

“I will let you know, Preeth. Both our families are well-educated and they had decided about this marriage very long back. I hadn’t talked much to her as I was in London for my Masters. Infact, they informed me on a short notice, but as my parents insisted, I agreed. As I knew Meenakshi, I was happy to be her partner. But even after reaching India, I didn’t get any chance to meet her. I just talked to her once over the phone and she sounded very formal. She didn’t even attend the events which were held prior to the marriage.

It surprised me. I felt something was up and finally, the night before the marriage, I went to her house to speak to her. Uncle was not at home, so I asked almost everyone in the house but nobody gave me a proper answer about where she was. I was puzzled again. Suddenly I heard her voice from the first floor. Pragna was not allowing her when she was trying to come out; she closed the room suddenly after noticing me. I went upstairs immediately and glared at Pragna.

“Meenu is not feeling well Shriram,” she said, looking down.

“I want to see her now!” I commanded and didn’t listen to her and went ahead even though she tried to stop me.

Soon after I went in, I locked the door and turned to Meenakshi. She saw me and came near me and said “Shriram, I don’t want this marriage! I love Vikki. Please stop it!” she was crying.

I was shocked to hear that they had fixed our marriage without even considering her opinion. Even though I was upset, I felt it was insane.

“Then why did you agree to the marriage? Didn’t they ask for your opinion?” I asked her.

“They didn’t ask me anything, Shriram! Four days back when I was in Hyderabad, Pragna’s Dad came and told me that Dad was not feeling well and he was in a serious condition and asked us to vacate the hostel. I believed him and started towards home with Pragna. I didn’t even tell Vikki as my mobile was switched off and soon after I reached home, Dad took my mobile and didn’t allow me to go out or talk to anyone. He threatened me to agree to marry you,” she said gasping and looked helpless.

I felt it was pathetic. I never guessed Uncle would be that cruel, but I know when it comes to prestige, every parent will be the same. I understood that even if I talk to my parents for her, they won’t listen to me. They had already arranged everything.

“Please Sri, I don’t want this marriage. Please understand,” she was pleading with me. I couldn’t see her in that vulnerable state and decided to stop our marriage despite whatever happens. I thought of saying that I didn’t like her, but I knew they wouldn’t buy it as I had already agreed. Suddenly, a thought flashed in my mind. I was not sure whether it was right, but all I thought about, was saving her future.

“Meenakshi, don’t cry! Listen to me. I don’t know whether it will work or not but I could not get a better idea. Our family will come to your house tomorrow in the early morning. Try to act mad or behave weird to make them feel odd in front of the guests. Then I will tell my parents that I didn’t like the way you behaved and will stop the marriage. At least, it may postpone the marriage, later we can think of other options,” I told her.

She looked surprised, but after some time she said firmly, “Okay Sri, if this is the only way to avoid this marriage, then I will do it.” I felt bad for her.

I gave her few more instructions and came out side. Pragna looked tensed with my appearance.

“Did you know that she is not willing to get married?” I raised my voice.

“I know,” she said and got scared. “Then why you are not helping her? You know her better than me and you are her cousin! What are you doing then?” I asked.

“Because, whatever I do, our parents will know that it’s me who helped her and her act will spoil our family reputation. Her father warned me before she came to Hyderabad to not to encourage her love in any way. He told me that she has a boyfriend and asked me to take care of her properly. So I was cautious when she was in Hyderabad. Once I saw her with

him on the bike near my hostel. I felt that it was not correct and told her father and added that I was not sure whether he was her boyfriend or not. Then, when I came home he showed me few of their photos and asked me whether it was him. I told him that he was the same person whom I saw her with. He got furious and told me that he was going to fix her marriage with you and asked me to not to tell her anything. He even sent an invitation of your marriage to me, but I didn't show her, because I know what she is feeling is an infatuation. Now she may feel bad, but I know you are a good match for her and that's why I'm not helping her," she said slowly.

"Are you mad? Even after knowing everything, you are not helping her? You think you are a mature girl? Have you ever known what love is like? Do you have any idea how much she was suffering? Waste of time talking to someone so heartless!" I shouted at her. I didn't want to fight with her as all our relatives were in the house so I simply left the place.

The next morning when I reached her house with my family, she acted weird and mad, as planned. She refused to get ready and she threw every object towards my family members. My family was annoyed and shocked. They were upset with her behavior and went back to the Marriage Hall and there, I firmly said that I didn't want to marry someone behaving like that. Her father came forward to convince us, but I was dead set. I thought they would cancel the marriage or postpone it but they discussed for some time and came up with another proposal of my marriage with Pragna.

I was shocked and irritated with their decision and disagreed as I didn't like her attitude. But as my parents were so conscious about their status and business dealings, they didn't allow me to think. I couldn't say no at that time, as I didn't have any reason to disagree. The marriage took place, prior to the actual time, so that they could handle their guests.

After my marriage, they admitted Meenakshi in the hospital. They did all the tests, but they couldn't decipher what had happened to her. I asked Uncle to send her with us, saying we could provide good hospital facilities and then, send her back home after the treatment. He disagreed and said he will take care of her, leaving no option for us and he never gave a chance to be in contact with her even through the phone.

After we left for London, Pragna and me patched up with each other and being with me, Pragna changed a lot. She understood Meenakshi's situation and we decided to help her. We tried to know about Vikki but Pragna doesn't know any details about him except his

name. We asked Meenu's friends in the institute where they did their project, but no one knows about him. We finally decided to get her to stay with us and asked Uncle firmly. At that time, he said that her condition was not good and agreed to send her with us.

We both felt happy and went to see Meenakshi, but to our surprise she had become so different. She didn't even recognize us and didn't talk to us. We got confused and tried to know about her from the doctors. As they couldn't find the reason for her behavior, they considered it to be the severe trauma she underwent and treated accordingly. But as she was normal, her senses were too reluctant to take the treatments and medicines. Even though she said she was normal, no one believed her. And after continued treatments, she lost her senses.

To be continued...



Challenge Yourself



YOU BE THE DETECTIVE

A wealthy man lives alone in a small cottage. Being partially handicapped, he had everything delivered to his cottage. The mailman was delivering a letter one Thursday when he noticed that the front door was ajar. Through the opening, he could see the man's body lying in a pool of dried blood.

The police arrived they surveyed the scene. On the porch were two bottles of milk, Monday's newspaper, a catalogue, flyers, and unopened mail.

The murderer was arrested on the same day. Who was he and how did the police know?

Note: Answer to be published in the next issue.

Sanya Mittal

B. Tech. II



Sports Events



Volleyball Inter Batch Competition

23/02/2015

Match (1):- B.Tech II year vs. MBA (F&B) 8th (A)

Winner :- MBA (F&B) 8th (A) (2-0)

Score :- 26-24, 25-20

Match (2):- B.Tech III year (A) vs. B.Tech I year (A)

Winner :- B.Tech III year (A) (2-1)

Score :- 22-25, 25-13, 25-17

Match (3):- B.Tech III year (B) vs. B.Tech I year (B)

Winner :- B.Tech I year (B) (2-0)

Score :- 25-22, 25-22

24/02/2015

Match (4):- Faculty/Staff vs. MBA (F&B) 8th (A)

Winner :- Faculty/Staff (2-0)

Score :- 26-24, 25-11

Match (5):- MBA (F&B) 8th (B) vs. MBA (F&B) Batch 6th

Winner :- MBA (F&B) Batch 6th (2-0)

Score :- 25-11, 25-19

Match (6):- B.Tech II year vs. B.Tech III year (B)

Winner :- B.Tech II year (2-1)

Score :- 27-25, 15-25, 25-20

25/02/2015

Match (7):- B.Tech III year (B) vs. MBA (F&B) 8th (A)

Winner :- MBA (F&B) 8th (A)

Score :- 25-14, 25-23

Match (8):- B.Tech III year (A) vs. MBA (F&B) 8th (B)

Winner :- B.Tech III year (A)

Score :- 25-16, 25-16

Match (9):- B.Tech II year vs. B.Tech I year (B)

Winner :- B.Tech II

Score :- 25-19, 25-19

26/02/2015

Match (10):- B.Tech II year vs. Faculty/Staff

Winner :- Faculty/Staff

Score :- 25-11, 27-25

Match (11):- MBA (F&B) Batch 6th vs. B.Tech I year (A)

Winner :- MBA (F&B) Batch 6th

Score :- 15-25, 25-17, 26-24

Match (12):- B.Tech I year (B) vs. MBA (F&B) 8th (A)

Winner :- MBA (F&B) 8th (A)

Score :- 25-23, 25-05

Match (13):- MBA (F&B) Batch 6th vs. B.Tech III year (A)

Winner :- B.Tech III year (A)

Score :- 18-25, 25-21, 25-16

27/02/2015

Match (14):- B .Tech III year (B) vs. Faculty/Staff

Winner: - Faculty/Staff

Score: - 25-10, 27-17

Match (15):- MBA (F&B) 8th (B) vs. B.Tech I year (A)

Winner :- B.Tech I year (A)

Score :- walk over

Match (16):- B.Tech I year (B) vs. Faculty/Staff

Winner :- Faculty/Staff

Score :- 25-11, 25-19

16/03/2015

Match (17):- B .Tech III year (A) vs. Faculty/Staff

Winner :- Faculty/Staff

Score :- 25-19, 25-16

Match (18):- MBA (F&B) Batch 8th (A) vs. MBA (F&B) Batch 6th

Winner :- MBA (F&B) Batch 6th

Score :- 25-20, 19-25, 26-24

17/03/2015

Match (19):- MBA (F&B) Batch 8th (A) vs. Faculty/Staff

Winner :- Faculty/Staff

Score :- 25-17, 25-23

Match (20):- B .Tech III year (A) vs. MBA (F&B) Batch 6th

Winner :- B .Tech III year (A)

Score :- 26-28, 27-25, 25-20

18/03/2015

Match (21):- Faculty/Staff vs. MBA (F&B) Batch 6th

Winner :- Faculty/Staff

Score :- 25-20, 25-23

Match (22):- MBA (F&B) 8th (A) vs. B.Tech III year (A)

Winner :- MBA (F&B) 8th (A)

Score :- 25-23, 26-24

19/03/2015 (Semi-Final)

Match (23):- MBA F&B 8th batch (A) vs. MBA F&B 6th batch

Winner :- MBA F&B 8th batch (A)

Score :- 25-16, 25-21, 15-25, 25-23

19/03/2015 (Final)

Match (24):- MBA F&B 8th Batch A vs. Faculty/Staff
Winner :- Faculty/Staff

Cricket Inter Batch Competition

01/03/2015 (Sunday)

Match (1):- Staff vs. B.Tech 1st Year (B)
Winner :- Staff

14/03/2015 (Saturday)

Match (2):- MBA F&B 8th Batch (B) vs. B.Tech 1st Year (C)
Winner :- MBA F&B 8th Batch (B)

15/03/2015 (Sunday)

Match (3):- B.Tech 2nd Year (A) vs. M.Tech GIS/ NU MBA
Winner :- M.Tech GIS/ NU MBA

Match (4):- B.Tech 2nd Year vs. B.Tech 3rd Year (B)
Winner :- B.Tech 2nd Year

21/03/2015 (Saturday)

Match (5):- B.Tech 1st Year (A) vs. Winner Match (1)
Winner :- B.Tech 1st Year (A)

22/03/2015 (Sunday)

Match (6):- B.Tech 3rd Year (A) vs. Winner Match (2)
Winner :- B.Tech 3rd Year (A)

Match (7):- MBA F&B 6th Batch vs. Winner Match (3)
Winner :- MBA F&B 6th Batch

Match (8):- MBA F&B 8th Batch (A) vs. Winner Match (4)
Winner :- B.Tech 2nd Year

28/03/2015 (Saturday)

Match (9):- Winner Match (8) vs. Winner Match (5)
Winner :- B.Tech 2nd Year

Match (10):- Winner Match (6) vs. Winner Match (7)
Winner :- MBA F&B 6th Batch

12/04/2015 (Final Match) (20 over's Match) Upcoming Match

Match (11):- Winner Match (9) vs. Winner Match (10)

Basketball Inter Batch Competition

25/03/2015

Match (1):- B.Tech 3rd year (A) vs. MBA (F&B) 6th Batch
Winner :- B.Tech 3rd year (A)
Score :- 58-4

Match (2):- B.Tech 1st year (A) vs. B.Tech 2nd year
Winner :- B.Tech 2nd year
Score :- 32-21

27/03/2015

Match (3):- B.Tech 1st year (B) vs. Faculty/Staff
Winner :- Faculty/Staff
Score :- 26-15

Match (4):- B.Tech 1st year (A) vs. B.Tech 3rd year (B)
Winner :- B.Tech 3rd year (B)
Score :- 34-30

Upcoming Matches... (Basketball)

09/03/2015

Match (5):- MBA (F&B) 6th Batch vs. B.Tech 1st year (B)

Reporting time: 7:15 pm

Match Officials: Shitanshu Desai, Abhishek Ajith, Deepankar Dimri

Scorer: Aman Mehta, Arpit Dadu

Match (6):- B.Tech 3rd year (B) vs. B.Tech 2nd year

Reporting time: 8:15 pm

Match Officials: Abhishek Ajith, Deepankar Dimri, Priyank Jain

Scorer: Sourabh Kaushal, Nishchay Sinha

10/04/2015

Match (7):- B.Tech 3rd year (A) vs. Faculty/Staff

Reporting time: 7:15 pm

Match Officials: Shitanshu Desai, Yash Verma, Sourabh Kaushal

Scorer: Aman Mehta, Arpit Dadu

13/04/2015

Match (8):- MBA (F&B) 6th Batch vs. Faculty/Staff

Reporting time: 7:15 pm

Match Officials: Shitanshu Desai, Abhishek Ajith, Deepankar Dimri

Scorer: Aman Mehta, Arpit Dadu

Match (9):- B.Tech 1st year (B) vs. B.Tech 3rd year (A)

Reporting time: 8:15 pm

Match Officials: Shitanshu Desai, Yash Verma, Sourabh Kaushal

Scorer: Aman Mehta, Arpit Dadu



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Panel Speaker at Conference on Youth 2025

Dr. Anuradha Parasar was invited as the Panel Speaker at Jaipuria Jaipur Second National Conference on **Youth 2025: Marketing and Communication for Young India**, held on 13-14 March 2015. During the conference she shared her perspective about experiential marketing and co-creating experiences across varied platforms.



अनादि अनन्त

'Proudly Small'

We take immense pleasure in congratulating one of our brightest students Savio De Rago who, under the guidance of Dr. Anuradha Parasar was among the top 100 applicants, which were shortlisted by the International Students Committee. Savio de Rago would be going to present his speech on the topic 'Proudly Small' from 6-9 May 2015 in Singapore with an all-expense paid trip. He would be acknowledged in front of the top delegates of the world who would be attending this conference and would also be participating in many debates with them. We once gain congratulate him for his huge success and wish him luck for the conference.

Obituary



Prof. A. Gopalkrishna

Prof. Ananatraja Gopalakrishna died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 71. He worked right till the last day, having completed the correction of the mid-semester exam copies of the course he was currently teaching in NU.

Prof. Gopalakrishna worked for a total of 45 years, out of which 33 years were with Indian Overseas Bank, which he joined in 1967 and left on January 31, 2001 under their voluntary retirement scheme.

In course of his banking career, he worked in many places and he could speak English, Hindi, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Punjabi & Bengali besides his mother tongue Tamil. Later, instead of spending a leisurely life at home, he took up a second innings, as a Visiting Faculty in Banking Subjects. He taught at IMT Ghaziabad, FMS Delhi, IBS Noida and Gurgaon and of course NU.

The courses he could handle covered the entire banking spectrum, namely Commercial Banking,

- Treasury Management,
- Credit Management ,
- Retail Banking,
- Banking service operations,
- Management of Financial Institutions,
- International finance and Trade,
- Project appraisal and financing,
- Financial risk Management,
- And Wealth Management

Prof. Gopalakrishna leaves behind him his wife, one son and one daughter. Both his children are happily married for the last two decades.

We pray to God to give strength to his family to bear the loss.