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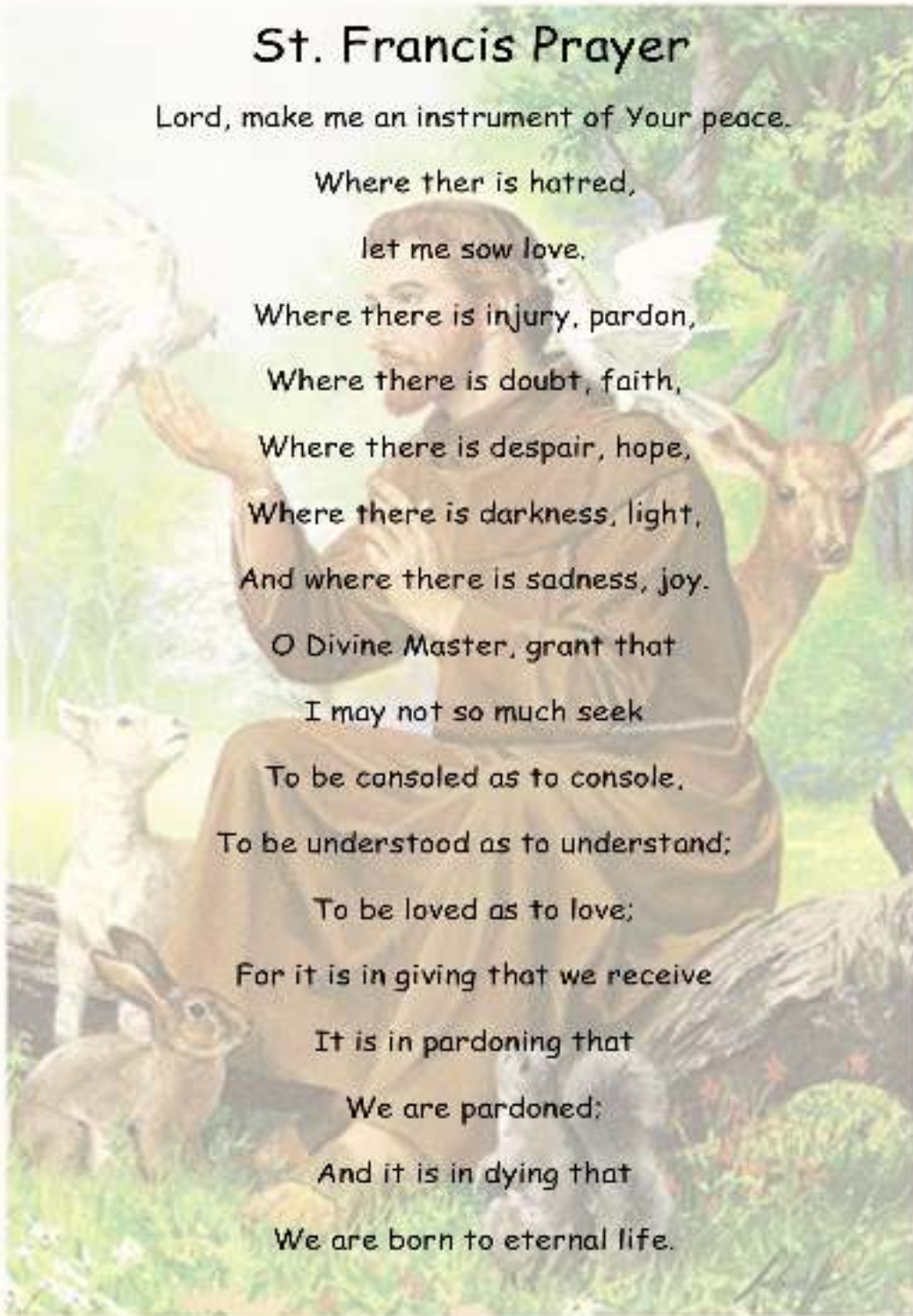


our vision

To be a chrysalis where bright youngsters are transformed into technological entrepreneurs and innovative leaders of tomorrow's world, consistent with the Franciscan vision of integrity, peace and love.

our mission

To churn out highly competent engineering graduates with a commitment to result oriented work, a perennial zeal for learning, a quest for excellence, an open mind and the universal values of honesty, dignity and mutual care



St. Francis Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred,

let me sow love,

Where there is injury, pardon,

Where there is doubt, faith,

Where there is despair, hope,

Where there is darkness, light,

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that

I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive

It is in pardoning that

We are pardoned;

And it is in dying that

We are born to eternal life.

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TO ALL OF YOU !!



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From the beginning of the IRIS magazine to its end,

Everything we did had a queer blend,

Up, eat, run, attend

Work gets priority even when it's done

The making of this magazine took our our hearts and souls. Teamwork equals hard work only when your ambitions are the same. And that was the highlight of our team. With everyone eager to make the IRIS Magazine a more successful version than its previous one, publicity was done extensively via social media and paper medium. The crux of responsibility fell equally on everyone. This year, we brought captivating poems and engrossing articles to the fore. The infallible support of teachers at all times formed the backbone of our decisions. On a personal note, when you go through the magazine, start from the end and move towards the beginning. Because the class photographs begin in the end. And what else can cheer you up more than the pictures !! In a nutshell, everything in this magazine is the earnest effort of those who wanted it to be the best. Now it's your testimony that will reward them. Go on ! And have a great year ahead.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Bro. Melchior Tom

This part of the year is spectacularly filled with great expectations in the air, as students captivate in to the hype of organizing and celebrating the annual college fest, IRIS; they execute their best efforts, to make it a real treat, by one degree above to the previous year. Congratulations, students; I am sure that IRIS 2015 will possess its eminence and not be any different; wish you all the best!

Dear students, as I pen these few lines for "IRIS 15" Magazine, as "Message from Director", I call forth a line from my memory of Steve Jobs: he wrote, "Both my parents knew that the school was at fault for trying to make me memorize stupid stuff rather than stimulating me". Yes, at SFIT we do understand the underlying meaning of his saying; he was disgusted with the teaching and learning methodology, to say the least: which was just teaching him only, may be the art of memorizing, while his was more than that; to put it in his own words, "stupid stuff rather than stimulating me". I guess most of you will shake your heads in approval of Steve's statement: in a way, he voiced the sentiments of, today's student community as a whole. However, it wasn't different during our student-days as well, and I don't entertain any hope for any change in the methods of pedagogy, though there is awareness for a radical change in the system: change is painful!

But instead of blaming the system for all the malaise, can we own the responsibility for our academic, our life, and our change? As Steve Jobs and others did; consequently, they became successful and famous too. If we too, can do so, it will truly change the course of our life as well, into something really beautiful. Every student need to grab opportunities and get involved in activities like IRIS, Mosaic, Synergy, E-Cell, Entrepreneur Cell, Robocon, R&D etc. which are all very much part of your formation programs and are active at SFIT. Besides to these there are various "Student Chapters" too. But what we sadly observe is the reluctance of the students to change; being still comfortable with "exam oriented learning"! This is not to blame anyone, but for the system that we are in! But the point is, can we not change for better! Knowledge obtained from within the four walls of the class room alone is not good enough for one to get groomed into a skilled professional, an Engineer

worth the name, an entrepreneur. The 21st century needs ideas, innovations, creative solutions and fresh perspectives to survive and thrive in the emerging economy. An engineer, an entrepreneur should be able to drive this change; owes a responsibility to the society at large! Today job market is shrinking; supply over rides demand, pay packets gets thinner; so it becomes imperative that in this scenario, only a researching/innovative mind of an entrepreneur can turn these challenges into opportunities that will help to develop a sustainable and equitable economy. To achieve this we need to push ourselves, both the staff and students from out of their present comfort zones of, "our only class room and prescribed lab learning" mode to more of self-learning mode through execution of innovative ideas and finding solutions to ordinary and complex problems of the society. Students need to be mentored to identify such problems and find solutions through their own innovative, creative ideas. Needless to say, this approach will improve the domain knowledge, analytical, cognitive and other required skills one to become an engineer/innovator, entrepreneur; what probably, Steve Jobs was looking for in his school days.

I believe, today, more than ever before, there are various opportunities in SFIT for such formation of every student, provided one looks at them so, IRIS is one of such platforms; but we are yet see the kind of involvement, participation, creative/innovative ideas emerging from it, except it is becoming more and more of a fun-fest. Could it be a good mix of both; is the challenge for the future organizers of these events! I wish IRIS-15 and its organizers all the success!

-Br. Melchior Tom

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Bro. Jose K. S.

The Academic year 2013-2014 witnessed a plethora of challenges and aspirations, achievements and accomplishments. SFIT is powered by the latest educational Technology in quest for accomplishing quality education. The College has initiated many innovative ideas to achieve its vowed objective and be a leader and one of the best in the field of Technology by way of accomplishing and making rapid progress in all the fields of Technological

skill in its employability and entrepreneurship aspects.

On the way to accomplishing and equipping in various technical knowhow and making use of the various opportunities, in the most challenging world of today the theme of this years of IRIS is a well thought out subject called GRAPHICS.

Graphics means pictures, photos, design, diagrams etc. Greek word Graphikos means something written, visual images or designs in some surfaces, such as screen, paper or stone illustrations.

It is also pictorial representation of data as in computer aided design, typesetting and graphics. Photography, drawings, computer graphics are all mediums to express and convey one's own ideas and views to others. In the year 1960s Computer graphics for research purposes was used in the automobile industry. It gradually developed in the years to come. From 1980 onwards, graphical user interface was used for one of the five elements of Multimedia Technology.

Graphics are used very much in the mass media communications, text books, magazines, newspapers etc. to make the readers and viewers to understand the particular characters and information. In business graphics are used very commonly. In advertising and educational purposes graphics have a prominent place. They are used to illustrate theories and concepts.

Majority of schools, colleges and universities all over the world use graphics in their educational program. There are lots of courses conducted on the subject of graphics. In today's world, graphics and art play a prominent role in education. And let us make use of this artistic talent for better communication and exchange of views and ideas. Let us work for a meaningful graphic world of today.

Wish you all the very best and success for the IRIS-2015.

MESSAGE FROM ACADEMIC ADVISOR



Dr. Thomas Mathew

It is said that mind is like a parachute. Only an open mind can manifest its creative potential. The mind should be boundless in imagination to facilitate divergent thinking and generation of divergent ideas. Convergent thinking will help to synthesize solutions. Though creativity cannot be created in individuals, research has shown that creative potential can be enhanced and sharpened. In young age it may be possible to get benefited from creative learning. In our academic system we follow traditional methodologies of learning from authority say, a teacher or an expert and accept all the consequences that follow from that. A new approach to cultivate innovative culture is to learn by thinking and creating which is participative in nature while being facilitated by an expert. Creative solutions provide novelty and value. Now it is a known fact in the current global situation that innovation is the key for sustainable development. Outstanding educational institutions concentrate on promoting innovation learning, not only through their academic programs and pedagogies, but also through appropriately designed co-curricular and extra-curricular activities with imaginatively prepared objectives, methodologies and activities. If meticulously implemented, these programs can help in transforming gifted students to more creative students. There are many common characteristics or traits between gifted students and creative students such as broad range of interests, tolerance of ambiguity and preference for independent work etc. But there are some unique observed traits in the creative people such as curiosity, high level of personal energy, open mindedness, persistent efforts & sustained interest in the face of adversities even. However it may be dormant in some gifted students because of environmental constraints. Given appropriate environment and freedom it may bloom. In some it can be enhanced also by providing training, appropriate opportunities and monitoring. There is something common in all creative endeavors whether it is art or technology or literature. Significantly they are novelty and value. Imagination to tread along unexplored terrains to figure out something new and of value, even conceptually, is very great. There are ample avenues for intervention in curricular and extra-curricular activities to expose and foster innovative thought and actions of students in a productive way. It is a matter of pride for the faculty of SFIT that they are encouraging this aspect of technical education constantly and purposefully. The theme for 2015 IRIS is 'GRAFIKOS' pointing to the best media for expressing and communicating imagination through images. If the overall purpose of the event has to be achieved every student has to appreciate the purpose and seriously participate. I wish 2015 IRIS may shine as a memorable event in the dateline of SFIT.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dr. A. K. Sen

Another year has passed which means another issue of IRIS Magazine and a time to report our landmark achievements of the year 2013-2014 in every sphere of our activity.

Similar to the previous years, in this Academic year (2013-14) also our students have excelled in the academic front. In B.E. examination, we have attained 97.89% result in Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering, 96.45% result in Computer Engineering and 97.52% result in

Information Technology. The result of our first year engineering examination was 69.68% that enabled us to place in the top five among 62 engineering colleges under Mumbai University. This has been possible due to our strong team of highly qualified faculty, diligent students and dedicated staff. We are also known for our discipline, academic rigor and excellence, research contributions, and industry interface. With this strength we have been able to achieve our goals and able to set new milestones.

Following the trend of last year's our students have participated in 'ABU ROBOCON' - an International level Asia-Pacific Robot Competition held at M.I.T, Pune. We have a Robotics Lab stabilised under the guidance of IIT Bombay e-Yantra team. Our under-graduate students from SE and TE participate in e-Yantra competitions organized by IIT Bombay. This Robotics activity is supervised by one of our faculty members who instructs and motivates students to hone their skills in the field of robotics.

The placement record of SFIT is highly commendable. Thanks to the Training & Placement Department's career counselling, support and placement co - ordination activities. This has helped us to achieve excellent recruitment and have helped our students to reach their target. In the academic year 2013-14 more than 50 no. of industries have visited our institute for campus recruitments and 320 no. of students were placed out of 351. Fifty students have gone abroad for further studies.

Top level IT companies that recruited our students are M/S TCS, L & T InfoTech, Cap Gemini, IBM, MAQ Software, I Gate, Tech Mahindra, Atos Origin, Hexaware, and Mindcraft.

Our students have not only made us proud by their excellent academic performance but have placed our Institute in a dominant position in sports. The Institute's Basketball, Table Tennis, Chess, Badminton, Football and Cricket teams have participated in various sports events at the University level, State level and National level. Our Football Team were the winners of an inter college event held at Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute(VJTI).Our Institute hosted an inter-college technical festival "MOSAIC 2014" which received an over-whelming response from all. Chapters like Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (IEEE), Computer Society of India (CSI), Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE), and Information Technology Students Association (ITSA) arranged industrial visits for the students to Nainital, Risikesh, Manali, Dharmasala, Amritsar, Chandigarh, New Delhi, Jodhpur and Jaisalmir. Moreover, Information Technology Students Association (ITSA) arranged two days visit to 'Param Super Computer' at Pune. These activities covered technical, social & subject matters of their interest.

To pursue our goal in the direction of innovation & research and to develop thinking skill of staff and students, our R&D Centre is working continuously under the guidance of an experienced Professor. We have completed three R&D projects since the inception of our R&D Centre. In the academic year 2012-13, we have received two minor research grants but in 2013-14, we received six minor research grants from University of Mumbai. We are also working on research projects based on Aakash Tablets developed by IIT Bombay. In this regard, we have received a research grant from IIT Bombay. We have organized more than 8 workshops in association with IIT Bombay and IIT Kharagpur for the technical development of our faculty. Thus our Institute has taken a major role in implementing the objective of the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (ICT) funded by the MHRD, Government of India for empowerment of student and teachers through synchronous and asynchronous instruction by becoming the Remote Centre to conduct workshop organized by IIT, Mumbai and Kharagpur. For developing entrepreneurial traits/culture among our students we have formed an Entrepreneurship Cell (E Cell) in the college. The E Cell works in close conjunction with the National Entrepreneurship Network (NEN) - a nationwide organization for developing and sustaining entrepreneurship culture in the campus. The E Cell has succeeded in encouraging college start-ups and currently we

have 6 start-ups in the campus. Besides this, the E Cell is committed to support SFIT Alumni start-ups. Our in-house Technical Magazine 'Sanshodhan', published once in a year showcases the research capability of our staff and students. Faculty and students of our Institute have published and presented several papers in Journals and Conferences in this Academic year. We have published a Research and Development Information Brochure "Research" which gives information about our faculty and their areas of research interest through which we are focussing on some consultancies and research projects from society and industry. Our Faculty members also participated in the workshop for the development of Robotics Laboratory of our College with the guidance of E- Yantra Robotics team of I.I.T, Mumbai.

Stocks of Learning and Information Resource Centre(Library) as well as Departmental Libraries have also been increased considerably to fuel the growth in the area of teaching, self-learning, research and innovation. In a step towards up gradation of our faculty, ten of our faculty members have been sponsored for Ph.D. program and seven for M.E program in well-known centres of Science & Technology in India. We have sponsored 42 faculty members for higher studies since inception of the Institute. This year three of our faculty have been approved for guiding research (Ph.D.) scholars in the domain of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering, Computer Engineering and Information Technology in the Mumbai University.

Like every year one -week Faculty Induction Program 2014 was successfully conducted in our college for the newly recruited faculty. All these figures recounts for an impressive record of our accomplishment. The strenuous efforts provided by our management especially our Director, Bro. Melchior Tom and our Deputy Director, Bro. Jose and staff members for developing SFIT into an Institute of excellence is really commendable. We will continue our vigorous efforts in the direction of achieving excellence.

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN (PG PROGRAMME)



Dr. D. J. Jayaswal

Our mission at SFIT is to impart high quality education and strive to produce excellent academic development. It is our responsibility to equip our students and faculty members with upgraded knowledge and skills so that they can face global challenges and acquire concerned knowledge. Therefore, we have made an attempt to implement the factors mentioned below.

Infrastructure Facilities

We have excellent infrastructure facilities such as multimedia equipped classrooms, state-of-the-art laboratories, Computer Centre, Learning and Information Resource Centre etc.

PG selection process

At SFIT, we select students based on GATE score, CAP round and B.E. marks for minority and institute level seats.

M.E. Admission

- 18 students were enrolled for academic year 2013-14 and 15 students were enrolled for academic year 2014-15 out of the 18 seats sanctioned for computer engineering.
- 18 students enrolled for academic year 2013-14 and 17 students enrolled for academic year 2014-15 out of 18 seats sanctioned for Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering.

Student Induction Programme

The Student Induction Programme helps new students to settle down quickly by familiarizing themselves with the new environment of the institute.

Milestones:

- Results
 - o SEM-I Computer Engineering 2012-13 batch: 88%
 - o SEM-II Computer Engineering 2012-13 batch: 100%
 - o SEM-I Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering 2012-13 batch: 100%
 - o SEM-II Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering 2012-13 batch: 100%
 - o SEM-I Computer Engineering 2013-14 batch: 100%
 - o SEM-II Computer Engineering 2013-14 batch: 100%
 - o SEM-I Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering 2013-14 batch: 70%
 - o SEM-II Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering 2013-14 batch: 100%

- Mr. Ashish Jagdale of 2012-2014 batch has been placed through the college TPO.
- Mr Rakeshkumar Saroj of 2012 batch presented a student paper in the "IEEE Computational Intelligence Workshop" held at Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad. His paper was awarded as the second best paper with a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-
- 90 % students from 2012-13 batch have published their papers in journal of repute.

Activities

- Two weeks Faculty Induction Programme.
- Staff Orientation.
- Inauguration of M.E. Programme.
- Library Orientation & Instruction for staff and students.
- Industrial visit.
- Counselling of ME faculty & students by Teachers from IIT Bombay.
- M.E. Faculty meet with Director of Institute.

Additional Inputs

- The PG programme offers non-credit courses like pedagogical skills, e-learning, ICT and Research methodology.
- A two day workshop was conducted on NS-2 and RF and Antenna design.
- To motivate faculty, SFIT sponsored Ms. Anjali Chaudhari, Mr. Inderkumar Kochar (Assistant Professor, EXTC Department) and Mr. Chetan Mishra (Student, ME EXTC) for a two week certified course on "High Frequency Structure Simulator (HFSS)", which is a simulator, widely used for research in microwaves / RF / electromagnetics, held at International Centre for Radio Science (ICRS), Jodhpur, Rajasthan, which would help them to design and analyse novel electromagnetic structures.

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



HOD: Prof. Pramod Shanbhag

The academic institutes in our country are facing challenges to develop quality engineers capable of delivering effective solutions. The IT department tries to play an active role to fulfill the needs of the industry. In view of the above developments, the IT Department imparted training to students of final year engineering in elective subjects namely, 'Artificial Intelligence' and 'Mobile and E-Commerce'.

The department is one among very few to have its own students' association. The Information Technology Students' Association (ITSA) was formed three years ago with an objective to provide freedom to the students so that they grow professionally in the technological environment.

ITSA organized/conducted the following events to meet its objectives:

- A three day workshop for staff and students on 'Web App Development using Liberty Profile' in association with IBM. Mr. Saldy Mathew, Mr. Ram Kishore and Ms. Shagufta Almel from IBM were the resource people.
- A two-day seminar for students on 'Software Project Management' by Mr. Khalid Ziya of Deutsche Bank.
- A one day seminar on 'Ethical Hacking' for students by one of the faculty members of IT department.
- A one day seminar on 'Bluemix'(cloud based platform) for students and staff by IBM.
- A one day industrial visit cum workshop for students to Apar Games, Mumbai.
- A two-day industrial visit for students to CDAC, Pune which acquainted them about PARAM supercomputer.

Students also took part in 'Robocon' competition. The students of IT department secured projects from Persistent Systems Limited, Pune.

Besides academics, students are encouraged to participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities. Some of the students were part of the Institute's football team that won the inter-college tournament.

An eight day 'Guitar Workshop' was conducted by one of the faculty members of the institute.

Academic results of the department are among the best in the Mumbai University. The passing percentage of students for the final year engineering examinations in academic years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is 98.56%, 99.25% and 97.52% respectively.

Internationally well-known and highly reputed software companies like Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Capgemini, IGATE, L&T Infotech etc. visit our campus. 97 students were placed in 2013-14 whereas 57 are already placed in 2014-15. The campus interviews for the rest of the batch of 2014-15 are yet to take place.

Four of the faculty members obtained a post-graduation degree in engineering. At present, six faculty members are pursuing the doctoral program, eighteen teachers have obtained the post graduate qualification in engineering and nine teachers are pursuing the Masters program in engineering.

Our institute conducted an international conference on Circuits, Systems, Communication and Information Technology Applications (CSCITA-2014) where our teachers presented/published research papers. Besides, many of the faculty members presented/published research papers in other conferences/journals, attended short term training programs and workshops to enhance their knowledge and skills.

Besides ITSA, student chapters exist for professional bodies like Computer Society of India (CSI), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and Institute of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE) under which various technical activities like seminars, workshops, industrial visits etc. are organized and conducted for the benefit of students.

The department has applied for continuation of 'Accreditation' to National Board of Accreditation (NBA) and conforms to ISO 9001:2008 standards.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER ENGINEERING



HOD: Ms. Bidisha Roy

As a Head of Department of Computer Engineering, it gives me immense pleasure to once again present the Annual Report on behalf of the Department. It has been another exciting year with many highlights in the department. The Computer Engineering Department has a vision to continuously improve its educational environment to nurture future technological entrepreneurs and researchers, with strong emphasis on ethics and professional code of conduct. To achieve this vision, our staff with

perennial encouragement from the management tries to assert themselves in all the areas: teaching, research, skill development amongst the students as well as knowledge exchange. We try to be the chrysalis that can provide a growth environment conducive to transform raw but energetic and enthusiastic young adults into innovative and adaptive technology leaders of tomorrow with a strong mind and honest heart.

Perfection may not be attainable, but in pursuit of perfection, we can surely catch excellence. This year too our undergraduate as well as post graduate have been quite excellent. I am glad to mention that this year too our M.E First year results were 100%. Also, though this was our first batch of double intake in undergraduate level, in no way did our results fall short of expectations. Our B.E results this year were 96.45%. Both these results reflect the potential of our students as well as the diligent hard work of the staff to bring out the best out of the students.

This year too, the placement records for the department have been impressive to say the least. Majority of our students were recruited by major software industries like Cap Gemini, Infosys Ltd, L & T Infotech and iGATE to name a few. The department works in tandem with the Training and Placement Department to make our students industry ready. To address various gaps in curriculum, students are provided additional training and workshops under the aegis of professional bodies like CSI. Workshops on programming languages, multimedia system design, etc were conducted under the same.

Apart from academics and placements, the staff and students participate in many innovation and research based activities. SFIT had hosted IEEE approved CSCITA in April 2014. I am glad to mention that there were 4 papers selected from CMPN Department for the conference which dealt with various issues in the field of Computer Engineering. Also, two of our students were part of a team that made it to the top 12 teams worldwide in the 2014 Maker Faire Mars Rover Competition in Paris, France.

This year, Ms. Safa Hamdare received a research grant from Mumbai University for the Project Title "An Adaptive Evaluation System to Test Students' Calibre using Item Response Theory".

The staff in the department is also encouraged to enhance their skills and knowledge. In pursuit of the same, Ms. Priya Karunakaran, Ms. Nidhi Gaur, Mr. Rupesh Mishra and Ms. Ankita Karia have successfully completed their Masters in Computer Engineering from Mumbai University.

In the coming years, the department with able support from the management, will be involved in more research and innovation activities, enhanced industry-academia interaction as well as it aims to start with PhD program in Computer Science. This objective will definitely be successful because we believe in the Institute's core values of integrity, trust and involvement. The staff is committed towards conspicuous value additions, a quest for knowledge, the desire for innovation, the approach for total personality development and the pride in being a member of SFIT family. I take this opportunity to thank the management as well as my staff members for supporting me to bring the department to this level. I hope that the success story will continue in future as well.

ELECTRONICS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT



HOD: Dr. Gautam Shah

In the first half of the year 2014, the term started on January 13, 2014. Our college campus got Wi-Fi enabled with effect from February 1, 2014. There was the initial fervor & festive mood involving preparations for the Annual Day & IRIS festival scheduled in February. These are the most coveted events, and are eagerly awaited by the students and staff. These events, this year were different on the whole, they saw a greater participation and were a grand success.

The work for syllabus revision for the third & final year courses was continued by Dr. Udhav V. Bhosale, Chairman, Board of Studies in Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering, University of Mumbai, in the months of January & February 2014. Some of our department faculty members were actively involved in the setting and revision of the syllabus. Our institute organized a meeting for syllabus revision in the subject of Discrete Time Signal Processing under the convenership of Dr. Deepak J. Jayaswal.

The robotics team working under the guidance of Mr. Vaqar Ansari, faculty and students from various departments participated in the ABU-ROBOCON 2014, a national level robotics competition held at Pune from March 06 to 08, 2014. They won in quite a number of events. The Robotics and Automation Wing under the e-Yantra initiative of IIT-Bombay is functioning smoothly under the supervision of Mr. Vaqar Ansari, Ms. Joanne Gomes, Mr. Shamsuddin Khan and Mr. M. K. Bysani.

The institute entered into a MOU with Eduvance in March 2015 and the department has received kits of Cypress programmable system-on-chip solution. They have been housed in the Microprocessor & Microcontroller Laboratory handled by Ms. Kavita Sakhardande.

The Institute hosted its first international conference on Circuits, Systems, Communication & Information Technology Applications, (CSCITA-2014) on April 4 and 5, 2015. Many faculty members of the department were actively involved in the conference. It was a grand success.

Mr. Santosh Chapaneri attended the workshop on Computer Vision & Pattern Recognition at NIT Durgapur and Mr. Vaqar Ansari participated in the 'INSPIRE Infosys Campus Connect' faculty program in June 2014.

The IEEE Bombay Section organized a lecture on Image and Video Quality Assessment, under SKEP series which was arranged by Ms. Joanne Gomes and delivered by Mr. Santosh Chapaneri on September 20, 2014.

A special initiative by our Director for the non-teaching staff was a development program in the month of September 2014. The concerned laboratory assistants were groomed into their added roles and responsibilities. The program saw active participation and was beneficial to the non-teaching staff. The department also bid farewell to Prof. Dr. T. S. Rathore who retired in September 2014. He was with us for 8 years.

.Department faculty members continue the use of online forums for both the undergraduate and post graduate students. The use of digital library resources in project and seminar work continues to be encouraged. This year five teachers from the department received grants from University of Mumbai for minor research project in October 2014 for the Academic Year 2014-15.

A Two-week ISTE workshop on "Control Systems" was conducted by IIT Kharagpur under the National Mission on Education through ICT an initiative of MHRD, Government of India, at SFIT from December 02 to December 12, 2014, in which Mr. Vaqar Ansari was the workshop coordinator and Dr.Uday Pandit Khot was the remote centre coordinator. Mr. Vaqar Ansari had been to IIT Kharagpur for the training and conducted the workshop smoothly at our institute.

Ms. Anjali Chaudhari, Mr. Inderkumar Kachar & Mr. Chetan Mishra attended a two week workshop on HFSS at International Centre for Radio Science, Jodhpur in December 2014.

The department introduced the master's degree course in September 2012 under the guidance of Director-P. G. Program, Dr. Thomas Matthew and Dean-P. G. Program, Dr. Deepak J. Jayaswal. The Coordinator for the P. G. program in the department is Ms. K. Jayasudha who is putting in all efforts to see that the program runs smoothly. Some of the first batch students have submitted their dissertation and eagerly awaiting their defense. Many faculty members in the department are currently pursuing higher studies. Mr. Jay Mehta and Ms. Jovita Serrao have successfully completed their Master's program. Ms. Afreen Zehra Sayed, Ms.Namrata Mankad and Ms. Monica Cheema are all pursuing their Master's program. Mr. Kevin Noronha and Mr. Ravindra Chaudhari are currently pursuing their Ph.D program.

The trend of senior faculty members of the department being invited to conduct interviews for selection of staff to engineering institutes continues. Senior as well as middle level staff is being invited to give invited talks or conduct sessions in conferences, seminars, workshops and short term training programs outside the institute. Many faculty members are also serving as reviewers for papers submitted to conferences and journals. This definitely makes us feel very proud. Publications by the department indicate that along with the faculty members, students too are now contributing to papers being presented and published in various International / National Journals and Conferences. Over the entire year the student organizations like IETE, IEEE, etc. organized a number of workshops, industrial visits and seminars which saw a lot of participation from the department.

The placement record of the department is good. As of date till January 2015, 63.85% of the eligible students are already placed for the academic year 2014-2015. It goes without say that one cannot forget our students, be it academics, extracurricular activities or technical activities, they have played their role, and brought laurels to the department. We, as a department, the faculty members and the students shall continue to work together as a team to the best of our ability to keep the flag of SFIT flying high.

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCES & HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES



FE COORDINATOR
Ms. Poonam Hemnani

It gives great pleasure in presenting the Department report for the year 2014.

Our college is one of the premier institutions, unique like a prism reflecting the manifold shades of learning and co-curricular activities. The very motto of our department is to provide quality education. The process of learning is extremely important in life. The excellent infrastructure, teaching faculty of the best kind ensuring quality education such as interaction among students, parents and staff, along with a Training and Placement Cell ensures a bright future to its students.

Learning is a continuous process and does not end with the acquisition of a degree; we encourage staff members to attend fruitful sessions. Ms. Micheal Ammal & Ms. Astrid D'souza attended Orientation Programme on Applied Mathematics -IV (EXTC) (R 2012-13) conducted on 30 December 2014 at K J Somaiya College of Engineering, Vidyavihar. I, Ms. Poonam Hemnani presented paper in National Seminar, NSPACS- 2014 at Jodhpur on 10th and 11th January, 2014.

Ms. Belinda Misquitta, Ms. Grishalda D'souza, Ms. Ambika Sharma and Mr. Shilalk Singh attended Orientation Programme on Applied Mathematics IV (CMPN and INFT) (Revised 2012) (CBGS) conducted on 30 January 2014 at A. C. Patil College Of Engineering, Karghar

Ms Bhavi Joshi conducted a Workshop on Soft Skills for FE Teachers highlighting the importance of Assertiveness and Non Verbal Communication. The workshop was conducted on 6th February 2014.

As a Resource person, I along with Ms Preethi Colaco conducted sessions of Microteaching in the Faculty Induction Programme 2014 on 4th and 6th July 2014.

Mr C Hariprasad attended QIP on "Hydro-climatic Modeling and Climate Change Impacts Assessment" from June 30-July 04, 2014, CIVIL Dept. IIT Bombay and 2-week QIP STTP on "Satellite Image Processing Basic to Advance" from 24 Nov-05 Dec 2014, held at CSRE, IIT Bombay.

Ms Grishalda Dsouza, Ms Belinda and Ms Ambika attended two week ISTE Workshop on Control Systems conducted by IIT Kharagpur from 2nd December to 12th December, 2014.

We started with College ISTE chapter by registering FE students as members. Educational tours and industrial visits are regularly organized to enhance the practical knowledge of the students and to interact with the recent technologies used in the industries.

We organized Poster competition for students of FE department on 4th and 5th March 2014 with a view to inspire research oriented approach. Students prepared the posters on the proposed themes such as Nanotechnology, Optical Fibers, Fuel Cells, Green Technology, Lasers, Shape Memory Alloy and Influence of Mathematics in my life.

Mr Hariprasad (Dean,SA) completed his research work and sub mitted his thesis. Mr Sunil Pansare joined the PhD programme this year, we congratulate both of them.

Mr Ravindra C and Mr Bysani are members of College R & D committee as well as coordinator and cocordinator of ISTE Chapter. Mr Ravindra is doing excellent job as NBA Coordinator. The efforts put in by staff and students are evident in result 2014 as result is more as compared to year. We congratulate Kamat Divya Nitin Nilima from FE 4 with 9.67CGPI for being the FE topper! Our college secured 5th rank in Mumbai University.

Besides all the academic activities, students were also motivated to participate in other curricular activities. This semester 277 first year students participated in various technical events of "MOSAIC".Ms Rekha Ajikumar, Ms Preethi,Ms Ambika ,Ms Karishma ,Mr Utkal ,Mr Bysani did excellent job as MOSAIC organizing team. Ms Beatrice Lobo (Counselor) convener of Social Responsibilities committee with Angel's club .She and her team are doing helpful activities for society.Mr Ajay and Mr Utkal have worked hard for upcoming event "PRAYAS". To ensure, the development of professional codes of ethics, a seminar on "Role & Value of Engineer "was scheduled in the Department Academic calendar which was conducted by TPO.

A daylong event, "The Entrepreneurship Day"was organised for FE students which comprised of several eminent speakers delivering excellent orations, as well as a fun-filled workshop with several illuminating activities. This event had an attendance of over 350 students. The purpose of this event was to orient all the newly admitted First Year students with the E-Cell and its activities, as well as to familiarize them with the concept of Entrepreneurship.

A motivational and awareness lecture was arranged: class wise for all first year students, which was conducted by the Director, Bro Melchior Tom . Students received an overview about placement scenario in the session. Our department has a team of qualified and experienced faculty and staff members and we are striving hard continuously to improve upon the quality of education and to maintain its position of leadership in engineering and technology. We always work with the motto "Nothing can be achieved without genuine effort." I congratulate the team of faculty members and the students for their brilliant and original efforts. I wish all the Students and Faculty a great academic career.



Dean Of Student Affairs
Mr. Hariprasad

CONGRATULATIONS FOR COMPLETING
YOUR PhD

MESSAGE FROM HEAD - TRAINING & PLACEMENT



TPO : Mr. Chaudhary

Our objective :

Every student of SFIT is trained to develop professional as well as technical skills to become a highly competent engineer & deliver best results in industry & corporate houses.

We try to mould every student in such a way that, the student can meet challenges anywhere in the world & become globally competent.

Our-Activities

>> Training:

The institute Training & Placement Cell is an active dept. comprised of competent professionals who organize:

- Trainings, seminars, workshops etc. lectures from industrial experts, soft skill programs, basic technical practices, aptitude tests, competency tests etc. on regular basis & continued practical sessions by institute faculties to our students.
- We invite top officials from reputed industries, professionals and business entrepreneurs to direct students towards current industrial exposure and career guidance.
- We are availing continuous support from reputed industries and companies to mould & train students towards core engineering & advanced technology, internship training to boost the career of young engineers so that they become successful in their fields.
- The Training and Placement department motivates the students by providing the necessary help like counselling and guidance for their personality development and career path selection. Students are briefed up about corporate sector's practices.

>> Placement:

Our student placement records & achievements during last 5 years are:

- 85-90% of students are recruited by many reputed industries including companies like TCS, INFOSYS, Cap Gemini, L&T INFOTECH, TECH-MAHINDRA, ACCENTURE, PERSISTANT, GODREJ-INFOTECH, Hexaware, Atos Origin, MAQ, Mindcraft & many more.
- Since last two years more than 50 industries have visited our institute, campus recruitments for 2013-14 have been excellent & 320 of our students out of 351 eligible students have been placed in various firms in the academic year 2013-14.

>> Higher studies:

We encourage our students to take up higher studies in India and overseas in reputed universities. We groom them with support/training/coaching by experts enabling them to motivate themselves & compete in exams successfully.

LEARNING AND INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRE



LIBRARIAN
Chinmayee Bhangre

The Learning and Information Resource Centre (Central Library) is a treasure trove of all modern facilities and resources in the form of CDs and NPTEL DVDs, online databases and printed material catering to Engineering, General Science, Mathematics, Humanities and general reading material.

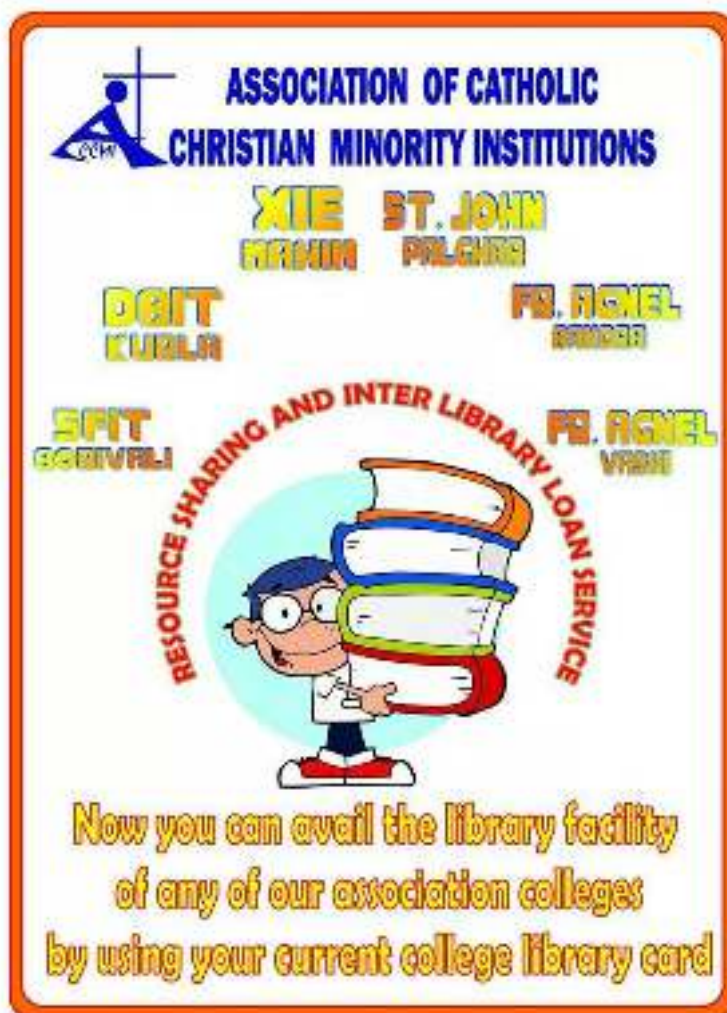
At a Glance....

	2013-14	2014-15
RESOURCES		
Books – U.G.	20718	21903
Books – M.E.	948	1051
Book Bank Books	834	909
Project Reports – B.E.	895	1024
Ph.D. Theses	3	0
CD-ROMs	2636	2778
SERVICES - CIRCULATION		
No. of Book Transactions	23429	19350
No. of Book Bank books issued	221	275
No. of print journals issued	77	73
e-SERVICES – CIRCULATION (No. of articles downloaded)		
From IEEE-ASPP	14658	9320
From IEEE-POP	--	4606
From Elsevier Science Direct	2256	2245
From Springer	1193	470

Major Activities / Initiatives:

1. The Library organized Exhibition of books from 22-23 January, 2014. The students and teachers availed reasonable discount on the books.
2. The Library offers Internship and Training Programme for Library Science student/s and professionals. Recently, one M.L.I.Sc. student of SHPT School of Library Science, SNDT University underwent training for a period of two months in our library.
3. It also organized one-day Training and Mutual Learning Programme for S.P. Engineering College Library staff on 31st May, 2014 & there was a mutual exchange of ideas.
4. It organized a session on "Online Tools and Techniques for Research" by Mr. Santosh Hulagabali as part of the Faculty Induction Program on July 5, 2014.

5. A Book Exhibition for the subject "Microprocessors" as part of the Orientation on the same subject with the help of Prof. Pramod Shanbhag (HOD - INFT) on July 18, 2014.
6. Conducted video orientation of the library for First Year engineering students on 4th August, 2014.
7. It actively participated in ISO 9001:2008 activities and adhered to a quality-based library system comprising of services and procedures.
8. Libraries of ACCMI institutes viz. SFIT, XIE, FRCE, Fr. Agnel and DBIT have formed a group for mutual Resource Sharing and Inter-Library Loan. Students from any institute of ACCMI can utilize the resources of any other library for reference purposes.
9. We have initiated DSpace@SFIT - the Institutional Repository of our Institute.
10. All Alumni of SFIT can become a member of the Central Library. To avail the membership, contact the library for details.



E-CELL



Dr. Vikram Shete

It has been a fascinating year 2014 at the SFIT E-Cell. The entrepreneurship cell was launched in the January of 2013 with a handful of extremely motivated students and a equally fascinating faculty team. We have been successful in setting a scorching pace of transformation in the college. E-Cell has garnered a lot of attention from the student body many of whom are now showing interest in setting up their own businesses. We now boast of supporting around 6 start-ups on-campus and a couple of alumni businesses as well. Although these numbers sound paltry, this is a great start and we see only Growth ahead. We would like to share with you all a glimpse of all the activity that E-Cell had in the year 2014. Thank you for your support and let us, together, look forward to an even more enriching 2015.

1) Interactive session titled "Entrepreneurship - The School of Life" by Mr. Pratik Upadhyay on 26/02/14:

"Entrepreneurship - The School of Life" session saw an attendance of over 60 students. The seminar provided an insight into the various aspects of Entrepreneurship. The speaker Mr. Pratik Upadhyay is the founder of Programmatix Institute.

2) Entrepreneurship Day - The flagship event of the SFIT E-Cell, held on 15/03/14:

The Entrepreneurship Day is the flagship event of the SFIT E-Cell, and is a daylong event which comprised of several eminent speakers delivering excellent orations, as well as a fun-filled workshop with several illuminating activities. This event had an attendance of over 350 students.

The speakers were Mr. Tumul Buch, Mr. Apurva Mankad and Mr. Chetan Maheshwari. The Workshop was conducted jointly by Mr. Gaurav Karkhanis and Dr. Vikram Shete.

3) E-Cell Orientation for First Year Students on 6/09/14:

The purpose of this event was to orient all the newly admitted First Year students with the E-Cell and its activities, as well as to familiarize them with the concept of Entrepreneurship. The event comprised of a large-scale networking activity, as well as orations delivered by a student entrepreneur from SFIT, Mr. Nikhil Shirsath, and two alumni speakers, Mr. Mithil Raut and Mr. Flavian Pegado. This event was attended by 350+ First Year students

4) A seminar on "Entrepreneurial Traits" by Mr. Rahul Arora on 24/09/14:

This seminar was held in order to acquaint the students with certain essential qualities of an entrepreneur as well as to introduce them to financial factors that could affect an entrepreneurial venture. This event saw an attendance of over 50 students. The speaker, Mr. Rahul Arora is the CEO of Institutional Equities Business, NirmalBang Pvt. Ltd.

5) Hands-on Entrepreneurship Workshop hosted by SFIT E-Cell conducted by NTA in association with IIM-Ahmedabad on 25/10/14:

This workshop was hosted by the SFIT E-Cell, and was conducted by the Nurture Talent Academy in association with IIM-Ahmedabad. It comprised of several detailed sections including Idea Generation, Business-Plan Creation, Intellectual Property and more.

The workshop saw an attendance of 62 students that included 31 SFIMAR Students, 18 SFIT Students, and 13 students from various other colleges from places as far as Ahmedabad.

6) Pune Visit on 18/9/14:

Dr. A.K.Sen, Dr. Vikram Shete and Mr. Jay Mehta had been to Pune to visit an import substitution facility by Mr. Shekhar Kulkarni. The aim was to understand import substitution as a choice for entrepreneurship. We were the second college to have approached him for this purpose.

7) Conclave for Entrepreneurship on 19/9/14

The event organised by the AICTE was aimed at promoting entrepreneurship in colleges approved by AICTE countrywide. More than 1500 delegates from all over India attended this event. Dr. Deepak Jayaswal and Dr. Vikram Shete attended this conclave as SFIT representative.

STUDENT COUNCIL: GS REPORT



Adarsh Ashok
General Secretary

It is a privilege and an honor to be a part of the Student's Council for the second consecutive year (Sports Secretary 2013-14 & General Secretary 2014-15). SFIT though known for its academics has students that excel in all fields. And the events taking place in the college is an example of that. All the events are organized as well as participated by the students with energy, enthusiasm and commitment.

As everyone says organizing an event is a hectic work, but I never felt it to be hectic, rather it was refreshing. That was due to the fact that I had strong support from my team who supported me throughout and worked relentlessly and selflessly to make every event a success. Therefore I would like to extend special thanks to my fellow council members **Sanchita Harlalka (Cultural Secretary)**, **Omkar Vaidya (Technical Secretary)**, **Shravan Rao (Sports Secretary)** and **Bhrugisha Patel (Ladies Representative)** without whom none of the events would be possible.

Most importantly I would express my gratitude and love for all our friends who have helped the student council through all the events, and made this daunting job so much easier, without which none of the events were possible.

Following is the list of various events that have taken place:

- **Teacher's Day:** On account of unavoidable circumstances the teacher's day was celebrated on 11th of September 2014. Teachers have been an integral part of our lives and they have to be appreciated and respected every day. This is one day we give back to them in the form of an entertaining and refreshing event. This time we decided to make the entire day special by organizing pre-event spot prizes for the teachers and the staff members in their respective staffrooms. The event was started off with dance and singing performances by our own students. Then a guessing game wherein teachers were asked to guess which of their colleagues had dubbed a famous movie dialogue. A special thanks to JHOL.INC for this very innovative and an entertaining game. The event was concluded by a token of appreciation which was a message bottle with a personalized message for every teacher. A special thanks to Rushvi Jain and Krishna Dhruv for compering the event.
- **Mosaic' 14:** Our annual technical festival Mosaic was held on 20th of September 2014. It included events like tweet-hunt, Kaun Banega Codepati, doodle dash, circuit design, robo-football. The festival received immense participation from our students. Certificates and cash prizes were distributed to the winners. I would like to thank the organizers for their hard efforts to make mosaic as grand as it was this year. The organizers were too handed certificates for their contributions.

- **Fresher's Party:** Continuing with the tradition, we welcomed the new members to our institute by an entertaining evening. The event included various performances (dancing and singing) by our students and band performance by the college band Metallurgy and spot prizes followed by a DJ party. It also included the Mr. and Ms. Fresher pageant wherein six students were selected on the basis of 3 rounds of selection and the winners were selected by the professors. I would like to extend special thanks to Krutarth Majithia and Kartik Dullo for compering the event with their apt talent to induce laughter.
- **Sports:** Sports events such as inter class cricket, rink-football, badminton etc. are being organized. Also continuing the tradition , FPL (Francis Premier League) wherein 10 managers choose players in an open auction and they battle it out on the field for the first spot.

Accomplishment: I would like to congratulate the football team for securing the first place in an inter collegiate tournament held in VJTI. They have made every SFITian Proud!

Now to the event that every student waits for, IRIS- our annual cultural festival. I wish all the organizers all the best in their efforts to make IRIS 15, the best festival ever.

STUDENT COUNCIL: CS REPORT



Sanchita Harlalka
Cultural Secretary

"Leave the world in a better place than you found it". Same applies to any role or challenge you take up. I, in all humility can say that the students council helped me do just that as the Cultural Secretary of our prestigious college. The year 2014 has particularly been revolutionary in terms of its cultural activities.

Our very first challenge as a team was to organise the Teachers Day Celebration in not more than four days. Not only did we manage to pull off the event, we indeed made it memorable. It wasn't about showing what we as a team could do, but instead about giving our teachers a day full of surprises and fun, to bring a huge smile on their faces and making them feel special. The staff rooms were bustling with great joy and excitement as we conducted quick spot prizes between their hectic schedules. This culminated in a main celebration at dusk, where our friends entertained the teachers by showcasing their dancing and singing talent besides rendering heart-felt speeches. We also had a fun quiz to make our teachers identify morphed pictures and voices of their colleagues that had them in splits. Inside their gifts, each teacher and staff member also received a personalised message hand-written by the students, expressing our gratitude for all that they do for us.

Subsequently, the Freshers Party was organised to welcome the new entrants to the college with music, dance and fun. It was amazing to see my peers put in that hard work and put on great performances to welcome our juniors. The Mr. and Ms. Fresher 2014 was conducted which had 5 girls and 5 boys go through various rounds in their quest for the top prize. On the day, they elegantly walked the ramp, wittily answered all the questions put forward by the judges and not for a moment seemed to lose their sense of poise and calm making it even more difficult to pick a winner. The celebration concluded with the freshers dancing to the tunes of the DJ. This year has particularly been different than the others because, it was this year when the first ever contingency team of SFIT was introduced by the students council. The SFIT Contingent which includes Dancers, Singers and Debaters were finely chosen on the basis of auditions to represent our college at various inter-college cultural festivals across Mumbai.

While I take pride in what our cultural team has done over the past year, I hope everything we did is surpassed by the next batch of achievers in this coming year. For we are all just another wheel in this great machine which is SFIT and it's on us to propel it farther and farther.

I would like to thank all of you for your support without which all our efforts would have meant nothing. The management, the staff, the teachers and us students really turned each event into the celebration that was.

CSI



**Krunal Bodiwala
President**

The Year of 2014-2015, was a boon for the committee of CSI because of the combined efforts of the entire committee. This year, the committee was under the guidance of Ms. Vandana Patil and Mr. S. S. Khan. The major activities in this year were:

Ethical Hacking:

A 2-day workshop on 'Ethical Hacking' was organized on the 6th and 7th of September, 2014, in association with Skynet Secure Solutions Pvt. Ltd. It was attended by 72 students. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Sachin Dhedia. The workshop was one of the greatest successes for the committee. Participation certificates along with various useful softwares were given to the students. Also, students were given an opportunity to work with Mr. Sachin Dhedia.

Paper Presentation:

A seminar was organized on 'Technical paper presentation', conducted by the college prof. Dr. Vikram Shete. Majority of the participants were students from the Third year. The point of focus for the seminar was to answer any questions that the students may have regarding technical paper presentation and its publishing. Also, different paper formats such as ACM, IEEE, IETE were discussed in brief.

Python Workshop :

A workshop on 'Python' coding language was organized on the 10th and 11th of January, 2015, in association with Skynet secure Solutions Pvt. Ltd. This event was a pre-event for TechNext India 2015 which commemorates the Golden Jubilee of the CSI Mumbai chapter, to be held on 31st January and 1st February, 2015 at IIT Bombay. It had a limited intake of 50 students. The workshop was introduced by Mr. Sachin Dhedia and later was conducted by Mr. Jayesh Dhamunshe. Participation certificates from CSI Mumbai Chapter were given to all.

Industrial Visit :

One of the most awaited events, "Industrial Visit", was a great hit this year. We had started the plans at least 3 months prior to the visit. The IV, themed as "Winterfell", was a seven day journey to Delhi-Nainital-Rishikesh. The students visited two industries, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and TERI at Delhi. Moreover, the increment of a day due to the delay of the trains acted as icing on the cake for the students. We came back home with the most memorable experience.

ITSA



Krutarth Majithia
Chairperson

In September 2014 Information Technology Students Association (ITSA) had organized an industrial visit to Param Supercomputers CDAC in Pune. 125 students across all the streams accompanied by 5 faculties had participated in this industrial visit.

This industrial visit was organized on a very short notice, so I would like to praise the efforts and dedication given by the ITSA committee. Last but not the least I would like to thank the co-ordinator

of our committee Mr. Kalpesh Kubal for guiding us throughout and supporting us in the time of need.

We organized a seminar on Bluemix on 8th October, 2014.

The main object of Seminar was to expose students to the cloud computing software Bluemix.

- To give them an idea of how Bluemix actually works.
- Various technologies/Platforms used in it
- Applications of Cloud Computing Bluemix.

The following were the outcomes:

- Students understood development process of projects on the cloud using Bluemix.
- Students understood functionality and specifications of Bluemix.
- Students are clear with many terms and technologies related to Bluemix.
- Students understood multiplatform and multi-programming interface used in Bluemix.
- Students are exposed to various Applications of Bluemix.

This is how the ITSA Committee successfully conducted both IV and technical seminar.

IEEE



**Abhijeet Vishwakarma
Chairperson**

Committee: IEEE ST.FRANCIS STUDENT BRANCH (ISSB)

Period of time this report covers: 16/07/14 - 21/1/15

Committee Chair: ABHIJEET VISHWAKARMA

Committee members:

VICE CHAIRMAN : SWAPNALI WAGHUNDE
SECRETARY : SHRINIVAS SHETTY
TREASURER : PRADEEP VISHWAKARMA

The main objectives for the Committee: Conduct workshops and seminars for betterment of the students of our esteemed college. Conduct industrial visits in order to provide exposure to real time work experience for students.

Summary of recent accomplishments and current activities:

1. Organized a seminar on Image and Video Quality Assessment conducted by Prof. Santosh Chapaneri. (20th September 2014).
2. Conducted Workshop on Filter design and fabrication along with testing using Vector Network Analyzer (VNA) under guidance of Prof. Anjali Chaudhari (24th September 2014 & 1st October 2014).
3. Conducted a successful 7 days IV to Jodhpur and Jaisalmer. (1st January 2015-7th January 2015).

At IEEE -SFIT Student Branch, we aim for best team work and encouraging practical approach to academics.

ANGEL'S CLUB



Sania Furtado
President

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." -Mahatma Gandhi

The Angels Club was introduced in SFIT to create awareness among staff and students regarding various social service activities. It provides students with a platform for social work and helps to develop a humane approach towards the underprivileged and the needy. This committee consists of 6 staff members and 182 student members with Ms. Beatrice Lobo as the Convener.

Angels Club organized three events in the latter semester of 2014; Seminar for Senior Citizens, a Clothes Drive event and a Food Drive event. The events were carried out wonderfully with the Management and Staff's support and students' contribution.

Seminar for Senior Citizens:

Angels Club organized a seminar for the senior citizens of Dada Dadi Park, LIC Colony, Borivali. On the 16th of September, the seminar was on 'Healthy Diet'. Thirty five members of the Dada Dadi Park attended the seminar. Chef Mr. Sudhir Pai gave a talk on the subject, followed by Dietician Ms. Faiza Jummal.

Mr. Sudhir Pai is an Executive Chef at Holiday Inn Mumbai International Airport. The Director of the Institution, Bro. Tom Melchior welcomed the Chef by presenting him with a token of appreciation. Mr. Sudhir Pai was accompanied by three of his colleagues. He talked about food pyramid, water intake, juices benefits, juice glycemix index, herbs and styles of cooking aided by a PowerPoint Presentation. He ended his session with a demonstration of the recipes of veg salad and grilled vegetables.

Dietician Ms. Faiza Jummal is a Nutritionist and Wellness Consultant currently working at the Nucleus Medical & Diagnostic Centre & Seabird Medicare pvt ltd. Ms. Faiza talked on Nutrition for Elderly. She conducted a Health Risk scoring test for the audience, which was followed by an interactive session.

The seminar on 17th September, Wednesday, was on the Internet Access, basic use of Microsoft Word and smart-gadgets. This seminar was entirely conducted by students from Second and Third year. Thirty volunteers were present for helping the senior citizens.

The seminar started with the basics of Internet access, followed by booking Railway tickets online and online bill payment. A group of three students conducted this session. Every senior citizen had a computer for themselves and was assisted by a volunteer.

It was followed by the basics of Microsoft Word like changing fonts, styles and sizes of texts, saving documents, adding tables to documents, etc.

The last session was on smart-gadgets: adding and saving contacts, messaging, and the use of Whatsapp. The members without a smart-gadget were provided with one by the volunteer assisting them. Towards the end, one of the senior citizens, on behalf of the lot, thanked Angels Club for organizing the seminars.

Clothes Drive Event:

The main objective was to donate as many clothes in good condition as possible to the underprivileged.

An announcement about this drive was made in college by the volunteers and clothes were collected from the staff as well as the students as and when they brought it. Finally all of them were collected and donated to Karuna Hospital on the 20th of September. We received an extremely good response from the students.

Food Drive Event:

Our aim behind this initiative was to feed the underprivileged street families that reside on the Borivali-Dahisar station road.

We decided to donate specific food items to these families. Each family was to be given one bag that contained half kg packets of uncooked rice, dal, sugar, and biscuit packet. In order to go about this, we set up a stall on the ground floor of our college. Samples of each were displayed with their costs. People had the choice of either donating in cash or kind. They could either get any of the specified things from home or pay for the items at the stall itself. Food was then bought according to the collection made. The food collected was donated to the poor on the 20th of September.

JEDI'S REPORT



Johann Barreto



Bhrugisha Patel



Darshan Sanghavi

With the success of IRIS'14 Tadka, St. Francis Institute of Technology once again hosted its annual cultural festival IRIS, and this time with a generous dollop of colours.

IRIS'15 GRAFIKOS a three day extravaganza scheduled from 5 th-7 th of February 2015, celebrated colour in all its glorious tints, hues and shades. It is our privilege to be the event directors of IRIS'15 GRAFIKoS - Bhrugisha Patel, Darshan Sanghavi and Johann Barreto.

Just as different colours make a picture, Our Iris '15 team is an amalgam of 140 personalities, each bringing to the fest their own personal style and flavour. Committees like Admin, Finance, marketing, cultural, publicity, creative, sports, gaming, literary and publication, photography, webmasters and security had been formed to add their own touch to IRIS. We had organized events like Glow party, Battle of Bands, Rock show, Dancing and Singing and added a new concept of EDM(Electronic Dance Music) night this year at SFIT.

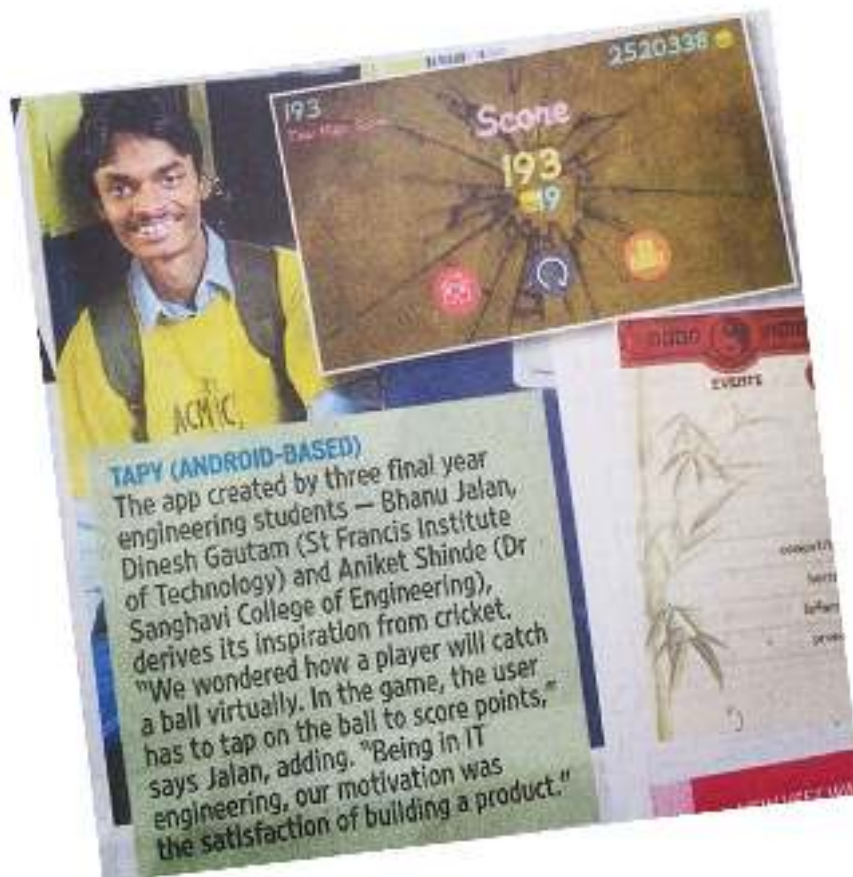
Main attractions for IRIS'15 GRAFIKoS were Paintball, Glow cricket, Glow football, Iris hunt and yes not to forget 'Class of the Year' competition, it was an interclass competition for events like dance, singing, debate, photography, creativity and sports. The whole committee worked really hard, giving away their time to make IRIS'15 a success.

As it is said, "With great power comes great responsibilities". Working for Iris sharpened our Skills like organization, management, administration and finance which would help us bloom into entrepreneurs.

We will like to thank our Iris co-ordinators- Vaibhav sir, Beatrice ma'am, Anjali ma'am and Shamsuddin khan sir and other teachers for their support and guidance without which iris won't have been possible. To our seniors who helped us out in difficulties and were there to stand by us always, "Thank you so much for being our mentor".

Special thanks to all our sponsors and all the other people who had been part of IRIS'15 in some way or the other, your contribution will always be appreciated. May this festival of IRIS'15 , add colours to your life creating some unforgettable memories and experiences.!

THEY MADE US PROUD



SAITIANS IN TOP 12 AT MAKER FAIR PARIS, MITHIL AND AKSHAY (BE CMPN 2014) WIN ACCOLADES



MathWorks®-France in association with MakerFaire-Paris organised a Mars rover robot-simulation competition at Paris on 21st of June 2014. The competition was a part of the two day Maker Faire exhibition. Maker Fair is an internationally recognised event which showcases workshops, presentations and conferences on the theme of creativity, production and motion 'Do it Yourself' (DIY). It is an event for all fans of technology, craftsmen, educators, inventors, hobbyists, engineers, science clubs, authors, students and artists. It was hosted at a famous cultural centre in Paris named Le Centquatre which extends over an exhibition space of around 3 lakh square feet.

The competition was open to all age groups. It comprised of a demo Mars field and 3-D printed Mars rover robots (rover-bot). The challenge was that the rover-bot must traverse a number of sites on the field in the minimum time possible. The aim of the competition was to optimize and program the algorithm used by robots to carry out their mission. The number and the position of the sites were changed after each round.

A total of 90 teams, from all over the world, competed against each other for a time trial in the selection round. Mithil Raut and Akshay Rote of BE-CMPN (2014) grabbed a spot in the top 12 teams for the finals at Paris. At the finals they stood 2nd in the initial time trial round and 6th in the following round. They were the only team from Asia and also the youngest one. Their competitors were MS, PhD students and faculty members/professionals as well. Impressed by their fight in the competition, the organizers awarded them a rover-bot prototype which was awarded only to the winning teams. Mithil and Akshay have brought home a great experience and also made great new friends.

SFIT family congratulates the duo for their efforts and achievements!



STYLEDGE

CHANGING E-COMMERCE

STYLEDGE: A MARKETING AND E-COMMERCE PORTAL FOR INDIE DESIGNERS

Naomi Leone, 21, a final-year electronics and telecommunication student, and Aaqyl Chagla, 21, a final-year IT student at St. Francis Institute of Technology started their venture, Stylodge, in September.

The startup works to provide ecommerce portals to up-and-coming independent fashion and design brands, also marketing the brands on various platforms (mainly Facebook, Instagram and through blog posts), also providing payment portal integration and providing logistical services.

"The trigger behind setting up Stylodge was that we identified the problem that independent fashion brands face and realised that we could set up a platform to provide solutions for the same," says Leone.

Gathering information and attracting clients was a major obstacle but with time and communication, they are making it work. "Finance did not pose a big

she adds.

Balancing work and studies was initially difficult but now they say that they have learnt the trade. "We work on week-

ends and ensure all backlog is cleared," she says.

For fashion designer Don Luiz, Stylodge came as a boon when he launched his own jewellery line. "Setting up an e-commerce interface is expensive, especially for a start-up," he says. "Stylodge has helped me become a proud owner of an online store at an affordable price. And they have marketed my brand too, something I would not have been able to do for myself."



9th to 12th Students

Graduating Students (B.E., B.Arch., B.Tech., BFA, B.Des., B.A. - etc.)

Career in Design, Architecture & Fine Arts

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With all my fellow classmates preparing for placements and the others preparing for GRE, MBA etc .I wasn't quite sure if this is what I really wanted to go ahead with . Personally at the end of 4 years, I really didn't see myself in the technical field but knowing how things work around this field surely didn't want to waste all the knowledge. They say when you love what you do, work doesn't feel tiring anymore, and I love everything about fashion, designers, clothing and I could go on.

Aaqyl of course is one of the best programmers I have ever known and he didn't want to use his talent to work for someone else when he could develop something for himself. After a lot of thinking and analyzing I finally decided to do something in terms of technology for fashion brands, not only for those known brands but also for those really talented designers out there who also deserve equal recognition for their talent. After hearing my idea, Aaqyl came up with a business model and we set things in motion. We consulted Dr. Vikram Shete (Of the E-Cell) about our idea and plans; he gave us the green flag .This is how Stylodge was born.

We "started" Styledge on 14th September 2014 by registering our domain name www.Styledge.in. Started by developing our Ecommerce platform, surveyed the market and our potential clients. We aggressively started marketing in December/January . Ever since then we have grown as a company and as individuals. Today after college ends my daily routine is making calls to clients, mailing them and most of the times meeting them as well. There are days when they want to meet us during the day and the only options is not attending college, this sometimes is the biggest problem we face. As for Aaqyl, he has spent continuous nights with no sleep developing the software to keep Styledge ahead in the market. Saturdays and Sundays just never seem to be enough.

As of date Styledge is looking for an investors so that we can improve our ecommerce platform, start shipping internationally and grow our team further which currently includes a few interns. We now not only give our platform to fashion brands but will soon be launching a platform for all types of retailers to sell online.

I would like to thank E-cell for their support; it is a great initiative for young entrepreneurs, all my teachers, parents specially my dad for his constant motivation and support. And lastly my partner Aaqyl Chagla without whom Styledge wouldn't have been possible and I would have probably never tried to make an effort to identify where I want to head in life.

Naomi Leon
Co-Founder
Styledge



About Styledge

Styledge is a Startup initiative that intends to change the game of 'E-commerce' offering a solution to each and every fashion store to reach out to potential customers globally. Majority of fashion houses/ brands do not resort to e-commerce for 2 reasons: - lack of marketing power & high costs of setting up a store. Styledge aims to offer Solution to these issues at competitive prices and at the same time help you build a brand.



AMEY BORKAR, A B.E. FINAL YEAR STUDENT FROM THE COMPUTER ENGINEERING BRANCH SECURED A GOLD MEDAL IN THE RECENT 'FUTSAL INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT' HELD IN SPAIN



High soaring grades and SFIT- Synonymous, isn't it? And Vipula Rawate surely did carry on the tradition. But are SFITians known only for their grades? Well No! We excel in every field. Hard to believe and that is the reason why we came in touch with a few fresh talents. All your conceptions are bound to change by the time you reach the end.

Believe in yourself. If you have to achieve something in life you have to believe in yourself and have faith that you can do it. Once you are confident about yourself success isn't far away.

The above line has been said by one of the best football player in our college-Mr. Amey Borkar.

He has always loved to play football, be it in college, school or the streets. Anytime and anywhere, give him a ball and he is ready to play the beautiful game. This same passion has encouraged him to play DSO for his junior college KC for which he bagged a silver medal. He has represented SFIT football team at university and national level.

His and certainly one of Indian Football's biggest feat till date has been winning a coveted 3rd place game against Singapore which not only secured a 3rd place in Asia but also got India qualified for the Futsal World Cup and World Championship.

This is the first time in the history of Indian football that India will be playing a Futsal world cup. Bravo!

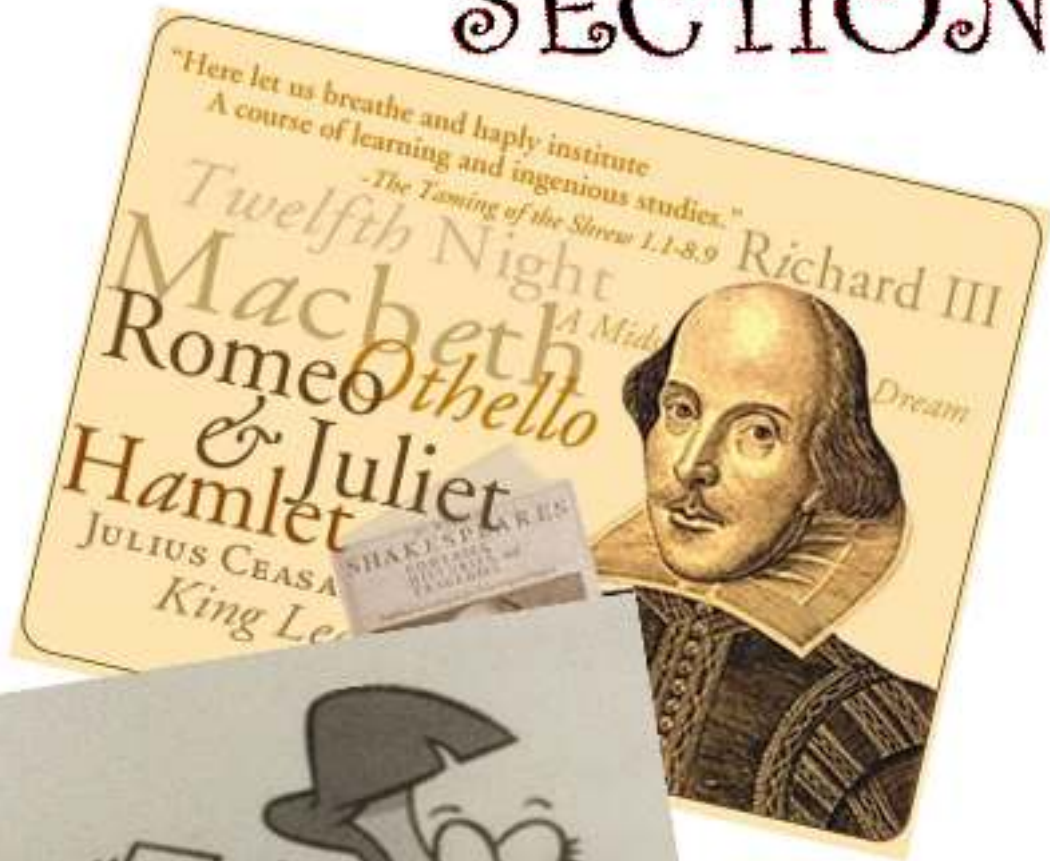
Amey gets all this inspiration from his role model Steven Gerrard (England and Liverpool FC). He has been watching him play since the time he was in school. Also his parents have supported him and it's because of their support and faith that keeps him going despite of all the hurdles coming through. College and studies takes away most of his time, but he tries his best to keep practicing. Currently his goal is to get a Master's degree and then think about a career in football.

"God gives gifts to everyone, some can write, some can dance. He gave me the skill to play football and I am making the most of it."

-Ronaldinho

And certainly Amey is making the most of it.

ARTICLES SECTION



DECEPTION

Believe it or not this the age of deception. Deception is omnipresent and we are so acquainted to it that we literally ignore it even after knowing that we are being deceived. Merriam-Webster defines deception as an act of making someone believe something that is not real; in simple words 'Lying'. We come across deception every day. For example when a celebrity claims that the toothpaste is going to make our teeth shine like diamonds and they also show them shining like that we ridicule her, but when we see the same toothpaste in the supermarket only god knows from where it lands in our shopping cart. But deception has other very critical sides .In 2008, Bernie Madoff deceived many investors into investing their life savings in his Ponzi scheme .He collected about \$50 billion. So these kinds of deceptions can be very harmful. A study suggests that we tend to tell a lie three times more to stranger in the first ten minutes it-self; especially if the stranger is of opposite gender. A married couple lies to each other in one out of every ten conversations, imagine what will be the number for your casual relationships. The number is kept concealed in this article to maintain the social equilibrium, we don't need any break-ups before valentine's day. Deception is a co-operative act unless and until someone is ready to fall for it, it is left undone. So when exactly do we fall for deception? Deception is the bridge between what you want and what you have. Many modern techniques are emerging like lie detectors, MRIscanners, eye sensors and many more to spot deception. There are good liars and there are bad liars, no one is a born liar. However hard you try you will get stressed when you are lying and knowingly or unknowingly you start displaying the signs.

Here are some ways that will help you in spotting deception

- Let's start from the top with your eyes. Everyone knows the notion that people who lie don't look in your eyes but the problem is everyone knows that...!! So because of this notion a good liar will try to overcompensate it therefore while talking if a person is continuously looking or rather staring into your eyes or may be not looking at all in both cases there is a problem.



- While describing an incident if a person is trying to give a lot of detail, irrelevant detail even when not asked for, beware of that person he might be the one..! The one meaning 'LIAR'.
- If a person while talking to you constantly looks at his left side pauses for a while and starts talking again then he or she is making up stuff and pauses mean he is trying to fill the loop holes in his story. To confirm that ask questions in reverse chronological order and show him that you are just curious nothing more. Don't get aggressive it never helps if he changes the order of the events or fumbles while speaking then beware.
- Sometimes when asked for the truth people say the truth in a sarcastic manner in turn making you feel guilty for asking. To find the truth just play along and ask question or hire the person staying at 221b Baker street!
- People can rehearse words but not gestures if a person is saying something and his gestures do not match then you need to beware of that person. For example if a person is saying yes and nodding his head for a no .It's not as noticeable but if you do notice then question him.
- While saying something serious if a person does like rubbing his nose, head or picks and keeps between you and him or lowers his voice tone then you better confirm if he means what he said.
- Covering the mouth while talking also means that the person is lying ,but again that might also mean that the person is conscious about his 'Bad breath'.

Deception is everywhere and being a realist, idea of eradicating it completely is illusory. Hence only thing we can do is try and stay away from it. Not knowing you are being deceived can be harmful for you but knowing that you are being deceived and not letting the deceiver know that can be very harmful ,Obviously not for you!



-Aaron Rebello
TE CMPN A



SMILE

In the lush green park,
 At the home of the lark,
 Staring at the empty bench,
 With his fists in a clench,
 He knew he was late,
 And cursed his fate,
 The shirts he changed,
 The bouquets he exchanged,
 While larks progressed their song,
 He knew he didn't have long,
 Running across the sidewalk,
 just wanted a moment to talk,
 Under the glow of the moon light,
 The eyes searched for her sight,
 Scrambling through the herd,
 Her chuckle is what he heard,
 There she was by the lake,
 Silence is what he needed to break,
 Three little words spilled with fear,
 The seconds wait , the pain severe,
 He cursed his moment of craze,
 Holding her hands to his amaze,
 she broke into a shy smile,
 The one for he had to run a mile.



-Adarsh Ashok
TE IT A



IN THE SILENCE

And it wasn't with your words,
 Neither was it with the way you said them,
 And surprisingly enough,
 It wasn't your rich voice either,
 That made me fall in love with you.
 Instead,
 It was with your silences,
 The time in between,
 When you stopped to think,
 When you took a deep breath,
 Not knowing what to say,
 Those moments of quiet,
 Which were scattered throughout your powerful monologues;
 Far and in between,
 Like trees, in the desert,
 Uncharacteristic and uneasy,
 Maybe,
 They just didn't belong there,
 But whenever I found them,
 I found respite.
 And it was in these brief moments of silence,
 That you spoke the most to me,
 For you spoke now, with all of your body,
 Not just your mouth.
 The way your eyes lit up,
 And you heaved a sigh,
 The way your hands spoke more than your words ever could,
 And in those brief moments,
 You achieved all that any language,
 Could ever hope for,
 As your heart spoke to mine,
 In a dialect of our heartbeats,
 And in the silence,
 We found music.



-Aishwarya Balwani
TE EXTC A



TRAITS OF INDIAN WORK CULTURE

Recently one of the leading English News Paper carried out a survey on Indian work Culture. Based on the inputs given by different CEOs/ Heads of organizations, one full page report was published. Following is the edited short version of the said report which may be very interesting for the readers of "IRIS" magazine.

1. We are always late - Being late by 15 minutes for any appointment is not considered to be late. It throws schedule haywire but people do not complain. Whether it is a dinner or a larger function, we now assume that guest will arrive late.

2. We are very argumentative - We are argumentative by nature and given the opportunity, we will debate & discuss till late in the evening. We make things more complex than they really are and also have propensity to get into time consuming discussions just about anywhere. We are very ardent speakers and are always impatient when it comes to an opportunity to articulate their views.

3. It takes 3 of us to fix a light bulb- Splitting one person's job among three not only reduces wages but also the challenge. If you have something heavy and only two people are available to move it, one has to find a way to build wheels on it. But in India we get just six more people.

4. We are too emotional - We are highly engaged with our work, which makes more emotional about it. You can not criticize someone's work without visibly upsetting them. If there is bad news, it has to be carefully packaged. This makes simple performance appraisals a tough task where bosses are wary about giving negative feedback, however constructive it may be.

5. We are confusingly diverse - India's diversity is one of our strength. But it poses quite a challenge in terms of unanimity of daily work.

6. We are very hierarchical - It is hard to get Indian to call the boss by his first name. The focus on hierarchy makes people take title very seriously.



7. We do not trust easily - There is a trust deficit in our society which makes us wary of each other until relationship develops. Once the trust is earned it tends to be strong and you will be treated like family member. We are extremely cautious but once on board, our loyalty is commendable.

8. We are lousy at work life balance- Lack of work life balance in India is quite appalling. You can see e mail coming from your colleagues well after mid night. Spending long hours in the office equates with inefficiency. It is hard work done smartly that takes you to the long way. Time management is more important.

9. We do everything at the last minute - The Indian attitude towards deadlines is well known. If a deadline is not being met, we would stretch and make sure things fall in place. Time management is very fluid in India. We will work late hours into night, even on weekends to meet deadlines. Doing things at the last minute can lead to shoddy quality.

10. We do not follow due process - Systems and processes are the life blood of any organization. It may take people some time to get used to it but it is important to understand the rationale behind these systems since each one of us has to adapt to the entity we represent.

11. We escalate decisions to the Boss -When it comes to big issues, where stakes are high, we would rather let the boss decide. There is a tendency to push decision up to highest level. People avoid taking full responsibility for anything because they do not want to take any blame if things go wrong. Then if things do go wrong, they blame something else instead of taking responsibility.

12. If there is one thing we would like to change all these factors, is our attitude towards our work and life.



-B. D. Gokhale
Faculty(INFT Dept.)



COUNTLESS STARS

I lay on a mat
In the clearing of woods,
And gazed at the sky
I dare say it was black!

Like dots of paint
By the press of a spray can,
Millions of stars spread
Covering the entire span!

Bright stars twinkled
And kept me spell bound.
The more I watched,
The more appeared from beyond!

I tried to count
And reached hundred and forty
Then gave up to the vastness
That smirked at my folly!

The ground was cold
And my body grew numb.
But my eyes refused to move
So to the pain, I didn't succumb!

Now I'm back
And my couch is cozy.
I look through my window
At the black sky, empty!



-Sridari Iyer



DESTINY

These are moments when I wish I was, granted three wishes by a
 genie,
 For I have lost my self-confidence, patience and faith in my destiny.

Many thoughts are messed up, in my mind, like a hopeless freak,
 Something that appeared so bright not long ago, now looks quite
 bleak,

I search for answers deep within, but fail to find the trick,
 May be its time to start from scratch, to build it brick by brick,
 It's painstaking to rewind and go, through the process to reach the
 peak,
 But those who have ever really lived a life, have been anything but
 weak,

When I saw someone, whose life has been, much more difficult than
 mine,
 I asked my own self, whether I did need, another motivational sign,

Setting aside all my fears, I began to gather hope,
 With my mental problems then, I slowly began to cope,

Now I believe on earth for sure, a human is better than any genie,
 It's the belief that disappears for a while; but in his own hands, lies
 its destiny.



-Kochar Inderkumar
 Faculty(EXTC Dept.)



HEART OR HEAD ?

Diplomacy' - disease hired by most of us!

It is a good Samaritan everytime, says a Good friend. I strongly disagree.

She calls me politically incorrect. I tell her I am an all heart person and speak my mind.

She thinks this is fatal. She teaches me the world science and demands me to be street smart.

I request her to appreciate my 'on the face' attitude. She calls me naïve.

I remind her that I like everything that is 'real'. Without blinking her eyes, she says real is an illusion.

And I say, Illusion is what I dream of.

She glares at me and warns" Think from your head and you win the world". I look back and retort "Heart is what I all have".

She tears a piece of paper and writes" Heart once broken, cannot be mended". I fold the paper and write" You have the head, and I have a heart, so let's make it big".

' Good Lord ' she exclaims and asks me to grow up! I wink at her and confess" I can't mince my words".

She recalls the famous quote and like an agony aunt quotes " Survival of the fittest" !

I chuckle and say " Good luck to you"!



-Krishna Dhruv
TE CMPN B



A MESSAGE TO MY BELOVED

No one was ever close to me
 Nor I allowed anyone to be
 But you busted all the built walls
 And discovered me through all the odds
 You made a special place in my life
 Though you were not of my type
 You never expected me to change
 And that's what made our amity sustain
 The days were never always the same
 But you existed always in my life's frame
 There were times when I thought this is the limit
 But you taught me how to adjust with it
 Whenever I look back the journey of my life
 You are the only one most signified
 You showed me the true phases of friendship
 By accompanying me in this wonderful ship's trip
 Whatever be the future
 May be at a distance or always together
 It could be the last time you hear
 If truth be told you are one of my dears
 The day when we would apart our ways
 My eyes will be full of tears
 As no one could be like you very near
 So I want to make this moment
 The one which would be memorable for years
 With this confession along with a hope but not fear
 "One day when the bells of memory will ring their sweet chimes
 May they remind you of one who wrote these lines.....?"



-Preetika Shetty
FE4



BEING ANGEL OR DEMON

Angel or Demon sounds complicated to make it simple it's all about life.

There are times in life when we come across different kinds of people and without actually knowing them we try to judge about their nature or character by just looking at their outer appearance. But when we actually interact with them and our thoughts are exchanged, our judgments and the reality turn out to be totally different.

We always try to keep our appearance like angel outside but don't realize that deep inside we are turning into demon. And this is all because of our way of thinking ,by which even the simplest thing is taken in a complicated way, our attitude and ego never lets us value others. Maybe I am sounding like Ranchoddas Shamaldas Chanchad.....haha...too filmy right.

But really ask yourself a question what are you turning into a angel or a demon in life? Why judge people from the way they look and complicate our life. Life is too short to waste finding others flaws when we ourselves have many. Improve yourself be a better person compared to what you were before. Wasting time in thinking about others will lead us nowhere ,it is our own achievements that will enlighten us. Every person has a unique talent try and learn from them.

Then after a few years when you are with your kids advising them you will have something great to tell...this line sounds dramatical . But truly why not change today, rather than tomorrow regret our past. Give it a thought...



-Ruchi Bhuta
TE CMPN B



ONE DOES NOT LOVE BREATHING

"Until I feared I would lose it, I never loved to read. One does not love breathing."

— Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Positive, inspiring, absolute, creative, humorous, great and all those adjectives that describes a quote best have been read by me. But no quote is as special as the aforementioned TKAM Classic. I love her. I love Scout. And I love reading. When two lovers confess to each other about how much they can't live without each other and swear to stay together in all times till death do them apart. I would confess the same, undying love for all the books I have read and will read in future, in fact I promise to. This vow though unspoken was taken by me since I was ten. It all began with fairy tales then the comic books and of-course I am extremely lucky to be a part of the "Harry Potter Generation" because I experienced magic while reading J. K. Rowling's never ending fantasy. Not only did I read all the books, I sincerely repeatedly watched the movies too. I am not a fan. I am a lover. And it won't come as a shock that I almost cried when it ended, in theory. Practically, I never stopped wondering about all the possible epilogues. And soon I was introduced to chick-lit books like *The Princess Diaries Series* by Meg Cabot. I wanted to diary-write a novel too. Just like Princess Mia Thermopolis I wanted to own my diary and write everything I could. Paulo Coelho inspired and Harper Lee aspired. Not to forget the classic endings of Jane Austen. She was just my age when she wrote *Sense and Sensibility*, enough Sense and Talent to win anyone's heart.

How can I then not stay loyal to books? Because secretly I live in a world of characters that never leave my mind taking away a permanent slot in my heart. Putting it this way, when I am too tired to walk I wish I had the magical broom stick like Harry. When things get plain and boring, I wish I was the Princess of Geneva. And so on so forth. I can never decline the fact that only because I loved what these amazing authors write did I start writing. It's given me my passion and passion is life. Life is breathing. And one does not love breathing.

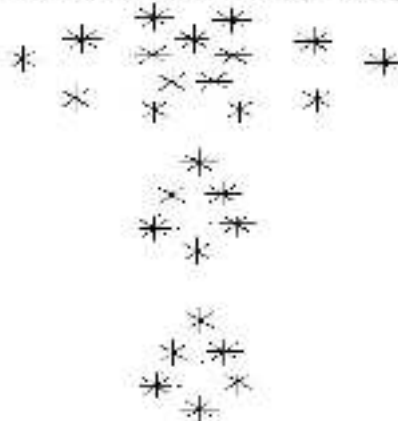


-Rushvi Jain
TE IT A



THE MOMENTO OF A LOVE AFFAIR

Armed with particularly nothing to do, I sat in my balcony one night. As I peered into my telescope and sat star-gazing, I kept mumbling to myself the names of the various constellations that my father-an astronomer, had taught me. My omniscient disposition was broken by a cluster of stars that I had never seen before. "Strange", I thought, and returned to my living room.



I turned on the TV to find disturbing news- how a Khap Panchayat in Haryana had ordered for the death of two people who belonged to the same village, for they had dared to fall in love. The Panchayat ruled that the two belonged to the same 'gotra', and so, were to be considered as 'brother and sister'. The boy's head was tonsured in public while the girl was stripped and paraded naked around the village on a donkey. Disgusted, I turned off the TV. The next day, I stood at the balcony to spot the new constellation again. I didn't see it anymore and this continued for a few more days.

Determined to find out more about my astral friend, I pored over Dad's astronomy textbooks until I came across a matching photograph. It read,

"Name of the constellation: Jephymehr

Location : At the Tropic of Capricorn

Visibility /Frequency : Mysteriously infrequent".

I continued reading, "The ancient Greeks attribute this constellation and its infrequency to an interesting legend : Long, long ago, there lived a ruler of the Crete Islands named King Menelaus and his neighboring rival king - King Stavros. The latter had 3 sons, the



oldest being Prince Hermes while Menelaus was childless. After several entreaties, God Zeus promised to give Menelaus just one child. And so, the beloved Princess Laetitia was born. Sadly, her mother died during childbirth.

As Princess Laetitia grew to full bloom, King Menelaus' health declined rapidly until the new Queen- her scheming stepmother, now controlled the reigns of the kingdom with her right-hand-man, the evil Consul General Dimitrios . She confined the King to bed for several months and ensured that no genuine news of the kingdom reached him." I need not trouble you by detailing the course of events through which Princess Laetitia and Prince Hermes ultimately fell deeply in love; love of the truest kind, and the backlash that they faced in their respective Royal Houses. The stepmother chastised the Princess in front of the bed-ridden Menelaus and implored the King to "redress Laetitia's folly" - by offering the Princess' hand to Dimitrios! Laetitia was aghast. Through secret letters sent via her maidservant, she and Prince Hermes decided the details of the only solution they could think of :- elopement. At the appointed hour, the two discreetly fled their homes in the inky blackness of the night and galloped away to an uncertain future.

All along, the younger brothers of Prince Hermes, eager to usurp his position as the heir, conspired with the stepmother and began poisoning the ears of their father. At midnight, when Prince Hermes was discovered to be missing from the palace, they told their father, "Fear not! The two of us shall bring Hermes back and shall never allow him to marry a rival Princess. Pray, let no one from the palace know of this and we ask not to be accompanied by anyone else." At the outskirts of the kingdom, the two brothers intercepted the young couple on horseback and declared, "Rejoice Hermes, rejoice! For father has given his consent to your union. He asks both of you to return back to your own palaces that grand and formal marriage preparations may take place." They convinced Laetitia to return to her palace alone while the brothers would ride back with the overjoyed Prince. En route, drops of scarlet flowed freely from the two brothers' swords. They slew the unsuspecting Hermes and apprised the stepmother of this in a secret letter. They feigned injuries due to a bear attack and told their father that Hermes had been killed by the bear. The next afternoon, the stepmother



entered Laetitia's bedroom. She declared, " Prince Hermes was killed by a bear. Now, you either marry Dimitrios and live as per my accordances or you drink this!" So saying, she thrust the golden cup into Laetitia's hands. The Princess wailed terribly .Then with one firm gaze, she drank the cup of hemlock (poison) and promptly slumped to the floor.

When King Menelaus was told of her death, he implored to God Zeus. "But Laetitia was my only child! You promised her to me! She cannot be snatched away like this!" Zeus lamented, " Alas! What has been done cannot be undone. I cannot bring her back to life. However, I promise that a part of her shall live on for eternity." So saying. He placed His palm over Laetitia's right eye and turned it into astral dust. He flung it into the heavens saying, "Her eye is now a constellation. She will continue to live with each tear that she sheds on witnessing true love suffer. Whenever she watches atrocities perpetrated upon two people who truly love each other, she shall make her mourning known through two teardrops from her eye. This will be for all mankind to see."

This was how the story ended. I now understood why the Jephymehr had no fixed frequency. I stood at the balcony wondering, " If only Zeus had created another constellation that showed Princess Laetitia's and Prince Hermes' hands clasp together whenever two lovers unite on the earth, maybe I'd feel a little more consoled.



-Reena Shaw Muthalaly
BE CMPN-A



THE ENGINEER'S THING !

If Engineering were an option, I would have gladly overlooked it. It isn't because I don't love science. It isn't because I don't love to solve algebra in its most complex form. It's just that Engineering became the only option because of that 'thing'.

That 'thing' for me was that I loved to write. I read things and loved meanings, I met new people and jotted down their personality. I wanted a liberal profession I rarely spent time wondering why one shouldn't take Engineering. If I remember correctly, I don't think if my parents thought otherwise. It was the most suitable vocation. After all, Indians are the first priority when it comes to outsourcing engineers. So it made proper sense. Become an Engineer and everything will be sorted. Jobs, as pity-full the salary may be, will never be scanty. Place, be it 3-BHK, 2-BHK or a single room apartment, will be always available. Respect will be sugarcoated everywhere. No! No discomforts as such.

The only unsorted thing was the 'conscience'. It is the sole account that remains unclear when we opt for engineering. Many people don't know what it means when they take the decision. It's a very naive thing. You don't always get to be in its favor. It is as tricky as its creator. You don't know which form it takes.

I was among the lucky ones who knew what it meant. But, eventually, it was of no avail. My conscience gave it up for that 'thing'.

That 'thing' - It isn't really something you wish you should give an excuse for taking Engineering. It is just a materialistic actuality. It can be thousands of reasons, millions of threads which join together to create that 'thing'. There are some for whom that 'thing' is Engineering in every possible form. For me, it wasn't. The 'thing' is what keeps you going when you are in process of becoming an engineer. It's a mood swinger at times. We get to know the actual weight of our responsibilities when we take that decision. Our conscience favors the usual- the 'thing'.

But what decision do you take ?
What was your 'thing'?



-Kartik Dulloo
TE EXTC A



AMBITIOUS VIOLET: THE AMBIGUITY OF PRIDE

A couple of weeks ago, I was reminded of a story by Khalil Gibran, entitled "The ambitious violet". The entire story is worth reading, particularly for Gibran's beautiful use of language, but let's give it an aesthetic and appealing effect.

A small violet is in a garden, among other violets, lovely but low to the ground. She is happy with her lot, until she sees a rose rising majestically among all the other flowers and displaying a glory like the violet had never imagined. Then the violet begins to lament her lot in life, consigned to such a humble place when she wants to lift her head high like the roses do. She is heard both by the rose and by Nature, who try to convince the violet that her place is fitting. The rose says that the violet has a unique beauty and should be content rather than try to exalt herself. Nature asks why the violet has suddenly become so greedy and warns that ambition will lead to disaster. The violet wants nothing more than to become a rose for one day, and Nature grants her wish. But when the storm came and whipped out the roses she was relieved that she was still a violet. The ambitious violet story still speaks to us today in that we can always strive to be better but being happy with self here and now is pure destiny. 'Ambition beyond existence is the essential purpose of our being.' At that moment my spirit revolted and my heart longed for a position higher than my limited existence. The proper balance of humility and pride is a difficult one to achieve in life. The difficulty is compounded by the dual meaning of both words, particularly pride. We try, without much linguistic success, to laud the pride that leads to good and productive work while deploring the pride that leads to arrogance and damaged relationships. Humility, meanwhile, is a quality we seek as we approach God, even as we know that self-deprecation can be detrimental to our well-being

Gibran himself was a Christian (a Maronite), and much of what I have read of his work is sharp in distinguishing what one learns from the teachings of Jesus and what one encounters in the church. A principal theme of his writing is to speak out against oppression, especially when done in the name of religion. He knew what many people suffer when they are kept ignorant and cattle-like, not just



physically but spiritually. Let us not seek quietness and contentment simply because it is easier and safer. Let us be daring and humble; let us find all that is good in the meaning of pride and humility and life and existence. Let us not merely consume, but let us find the richness of life and enjoy it and develop it. I will not say that if we have been violets, we should become roses, but instead that we should seek freely and joyfully, without constraint, to live life fully. We should praise those who have reached what they desired, and we should work to lift the hindrances to others' achievement. The tempest will not cease, but it is no reason for us to remain small.



-Nikita V. Jadhav
TE CMPN B



STORY OF MY LIFE (2 years in SFIT)

With all excitement and hopes in my eyes,
On the first day
The curious soul displayed
A perplexity about the world of engineering

The challenge after an introduction
To make wood structures and metal blocks
Fascinated but rejected
And gave my heart mighty shocks

Increased work load
Made me slog,
Being the last person to do everything
Made me feel like an under-dog

With great curiosity,
now I embrace myself
For the second year,
Occupied with a lot of exercises
Tasks and lectures to hear

Burning fingers, tons of assignments, experiments
Had made my heart sink
A new submission date appears
Before my eyes could even blink

The journey of second year
Of many bruises and scars
Along with hardship, love and criticism

What's more I realized
Transforming as an engineer requires sincerity, commitment
And not just answers to be memorized

Dear St. Francis,
You've changed my world, increased my gain (β)
And made my math discreet
So now I'll end my story here
Control + Alt + Delete!



-Shраван Rao
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SHRI BALASAHEB THACKERAY



The above portrait of Balasaheb Thackeray drawn by Prathamesh Borlikar was printed on the front page of 'Maharashtra Times' newspaper on 23rd January, 2014 on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Balasaheb Thackeray



-PRATHAMESH BORLIKAR
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पिताह !

ऊपर से दिखता सख्त है
अंदर से बड़ा भाऊक है
सारी जिम्मेदारी है उस पर
परिवार का है वो मुखिया
सब कहते हैं उसे पिताह !

सुख -दुख हो या कोई संकट
हर घड़ी तत्पर रहता है वह
मुश्किल समय में हिम्मत बाँध
सबको हौसला -अफजाई है देता
उम्मीदों पर सबकी खरा है उतरता
सब कहते हैं उसे पिताह !

अपने बच्चों के शिक्षा के लिए
दिन -रात मेहनत है करता
स्वयं को भुखा पेट रखकर
बच्चों को अपने भरपेट है खिलाता
अपना खुन -पसीना बहाकर
करता है हमारी परवरिश
बुढ़ापे में हम बनेंगे सहारा
इस आशा में जीता है वो
सब कहते हैं उसे पिताह !

पिताने हमारे लिए किए गए
उपकर्मों की जान, हमें कब होती है
जब हम स्वयं पिताह बनते हैं
तब उनके कर्मों की याद में
शीघ्र झुकाकर नतमस्तक होता है
सब कहते हैं उसे पिताह !



-Raheem Sayyed
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तस्वीरें हैं दो
जिनसे अक्सर बातें करती हूँ
मालूम हैं की वो सुनते हैं,
उम्मीद रखती हूँ जवाब की।

हर पल बाँट लेती हूँ उनसे
खुशी हो या ग़म की
महसूस होती है उनकी छाया
और साथ न होने के कमी भी।

दुआ मांगती हूँ खुदा से
दोनों को सलामत रखे
एक को जन्नत में शांति मिले
और दूसरे को धरती पे जन्नत ॥



-Sridari Iyer
Faculty



॥ आई ॥

मज कोण आकाशात दाखवी तारे
मज कोण लहानपणी शिकवी पाटे
मज निजल्या शिवाय न झोपी जाई
ती माझी आई ॥

मनी माझ्या असे जे काही
ओळखून कोण माझ्या डोळ्यात पाही
पावसात भिजूनी येता,
डोके पुसूनी जी मला हसवी
ती माझी आई ॥

काय असे हया जिवाचा अर्थ
विचारीता मज सांगोनिया - व्यर्थ
विश्वनिर्माता असेल मुख
जो बनवेल विश्व ज्यात नसेल आई-
माझी आई ॥



-अमृता कलगुटकर
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आता आयुष्य सुरु झाले !!

शाळेतील आयुष्य किती सुंदर निरागस असते . तेव्हा अवघड अशक्य वाटणाऱ्या गोष्टी आता मागे वळून पाहिल्या की किती सोप्या आणि वायफळ वाटतात . आपण किती बावळट, विचित्र होतो याची जाणीव होत राहते आणि म्हणूनच आपण या आठवणी जपून ठेवतो. जगाची काही फिकीर नाही , आईवडिल आहेत सगळ्या चुका खपवून घ्यायला ।

डिग्री कॉलेजला आल्यावर आयुष्यात एक महत्त्वाचा टप्पा येउन उभा राहिलाय याची जाणीव झाली . करियरच्या दृष्टीने वाट चाल करण्याचे विचार मनात ठेऊन पहिल्या वर्षीला सुरुवात झाली . पण हे विचार आठवडाभरापेक्षा जास्त मनात स्थिर राहू शकले नाही . आपण ढ नाही हे निश्चित पण एवढ्या लवकर अभ्यास ?? त्यापेक्षा शेवटच्या वर्षी घांगले मार्क मिळवू असे आगचे स्तोत्र 'तहान लागली कि विहीर खणणे ' हे आईबाबांचे डायलॉग परीक्षेच्या काळात कानांत खूप गुणगुणत. पहिले वर्ष हे धकाधकीचे होते यात शंका नाही ,पण वेळाला वेळ काढून मस्ती मजा करणे हे काही अलिखित नियम (अजूनही आहेत) . असे हे ढकलत ढकलत पहिले वर्ष गेले .

दुसरे वर्ष सुरु झाले ,आता 'सिनियर' . या दोन वर्षातील फरक हा की अभ्यासक्रम वाढतो ,आय-डी कार्डचा रंग बदलतो ,सिनियरचा शिक्का मिळतो आणि आईवडिलांचे करियरच्या दृष्टीने सल्ले वाढतात . मित्रांबरोबर फिरणे वाढले. आता १८ वर्षांचे प्रौढ नागरिक । हे सगळे होत असताना आईबाबांचे चिंतातुर चेहरे ,मनातील शंका स्पष्टपणे दिसत होती . पण पुढचे आयुष्य यशस्वी होणारच असा फसवा विश्वास मनात होता . तर असे हे happy go lucky आयुष्य सुरु होते .

असेच तिसरे वर्ष समोर आले . पुन्हा आय-डी कार्ड चा रंग बदलला , T.E. म्हणून शिक्का,अभ्यासक्रमात वाढ आणि करियरच्या विषयी मार्गदर्शक सल्ल्यात नवीन मुद्दे आणि अर्थात अजून घट्ट मैत्री.

ज्याप्रमाणे गोष्टी पूर्वी चालत आल्या त्याचप्रमाणे चालत होत्या ,पण मनात काही चुकीचे होत आहे,काहीतरी राहून जातय याची जाणीव होत होती . या विचाराने मन बऱ्याच वेळा अस्वस्थ व्हायचे . पण का ? या गोष्टीचा पत्ताच लागत नव्हता . शिक्षकांचे करियरच्या बाबत सल्ले सुरु झाले , मी घाबरलो . मित्रांचे गप्पांचे विषय बदलले , नोकरी ,करियर , डिग्री हे गप्पांचे विषय बनले. हे सगळे नवीन होते , या बाबत विचारच केला नव्हता . मन चिंतातुर होऊ लागले . भविष्याबद्दल , स्वतःबद्दल शंका येऊ लागल्या. आईवडिलांनी डिग्री नंतर काय करणार असे प्रश्न विचारायला सुरुवात केली . मी अजून घाबरलो .



या भीतीला काही उपाय सापडला नव्हता . मनातील स्वतःबद्दलची शंका वाढतच होती. दिवसरात्र हे विचार मनाला पोखरत होते. असे प्रश्न ज्याची उत्तरं शोधलीच नव्हती. रात्री या विचारांमुळे झोप लागत नव्हती आणि दिवस या विचारांमुळे कसा जायचा कळायचेही नाही. कुठल्याही संकटात सापडलो तरी आई त्यातून बाहेर काढणार ही समजूत रुजलेली. पण आईचा चेहरा ते करण्यास थांबवत होता. त्यांच्या चेहऱ्यावरील ती चिंता त्यांना निराश करून चालणार नाही असा संदेश देत होती. एका छानशा बागेतून एका निर्जीव वाळवंटात मला एकटे सोडून दिले आहे असा भास होत होता. काय चाललय काही कळत नव्हते.

तिसऱ्या वर्षात लायसेन्स साठीचा फॉर्म भरत असताना वय या रकान्यासमोर २० हा आकडा भरला ,दोन क्षण नजर त्या आकड्यावर स्थिरावली. अचानक मनात एकदम शांतता जाणवली ,संपूर्ण शांतता ! अचानक एक चपराक बसावी तशी आयुष्याने चपराक वाजवली ! पहिल्यांदा आयुष्यात आपण २० वर्षांचे आहोत याची जाणीव झाली. अचानक दहावी बारावी चा मुलगा T.E. मध्ये पोहोचला असं जाणवलं . या कालांतरात आपली मानसिक वाढ झालीच नाहीये अस काहीसं वाटू लागलं . आपण पुढच्या आयुष्यात यशस्वी होऊ ही पण त्यासाठी आतापासून प्रयत्न आणि मेहनत करावी लागेल ही गोष्ट तो क्षण शिकवून गेला . मनातील ही कोडी हळूहळू का होईना पण सुटू लागली . आईबाबांच्या त्या सुरक्षा कुंपणातून धडपडत का होईना गोष्टी शिकायची इच्छा, उत्साह दोन्ही मिळाले. हा बदल गरजेचा होता . गोष्टी आता स्पष्ट होत होत्या कुठलेही संकट समोर आले तरी त्यावर पाय ठेऊन उभे राहण्याची हिम्मत व ताकद दोन्ही मिळाले . हा खरा प्रवास ,ही खरी वाट ,प्रत्येकाने ते शोधलेच पाहिजे ...

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