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Editor's Note



Change is inevitable and progress is optional. Life is uncertain with change being the only constant, we need to change with time, we need to learn and improve. It is necessary to make mistakes because that's how we learn although it's not necessary to always learn from our mistakes. Be observant and learn from somebody else's mistake and be ready to make your own new ones. It is said if you stop learning we start dying so always learn from your experience and keep on moving because life goes on.

With the second edition of Goonj we have learnt and tried to improve. There are a lot of things beyond academics and we are going to showcase some utterly talented students who have HATKE interest and have mastered in other fields with our new segment "HATKE" We hope you all like it. Happy Reading!!

Reema Godre
Student Editor

Do what you love and love what you do

"It's Easier If You Do Something You Love"
- Mark Zuckerberg.

Some years ago while I was interacting with one of our students who now is an Alumni, I was pleasantly surprised to see two meaningfully loaded words tattooed on his hands. The right hand tattoo said 'Know yourself' and the left hand one said "Be yourself".

In life we know many things about many people especially those who are significant to us. It could also include some of our neighbours, leaders or icons whom we either admire or hate! Very few of us bother to know more about ourselves and aim at doing things that we really love to do. How great it would be if only we knew more about ourselves, had a clear aim in life and lived a life of purpose and contentment? It is said that all of us need to celebrate two birthdays. One a physical one that most of us celebrate without an exception and the other is the day when we realize the purpose of our lives. This purpose of our life should have its roots in our strengths, talents, aptitudes and hobbies.

In the competitive world many may work due to the economic compulsions and sometimes get into jobs that are not of their liking. There are very few lucky and blessed ones who have been able to convert their hobbies into a profession. It is said 'When we turn our hobby into a profession it would be nothing but a permanent paid entertainment'.

Are we one of those blessed ones? To achieve this, there is a great need for each one of us to realize our uniqueness and be our own best friend. Even if we cannot turn our hobby into a profession due to reasons beyond our control, nothing stops us from pursuing the hobbies like music, painting, volunteering in an NGO etc. that can serve as stress busters and bring about a healthy work-life balance.



We should aim at excellence not only in great things but also in simple things. Be it any task, any assignment or any responsibility we should always aim at excellence. We should go about in life and perform our tasks not with an intention to impress others but to impress ourselves first. If others get impressed by our work, then let it be a by-product and not the aim of our life or work. Always work for a cause and not for a 'boss'. Then the commitment will flow from within and seeking excellence will become a habit.

Similarly, when we do what we love and love what we do; we become passionate about our work and can excel in all that we do. When we do what we love, the time flies, and each moment turns into a momentous experience. That makes life worth living. This positive disposition then reflects itself in our thoughts words and deeds. Each one of us as leaders and optimistic people would then have the ability to inspire people around us since optimism and positive attitude are highly 'contagious'.

If only this world had more of such highly passionate people in every walk of life to positively impact lives around them, this world would surely be a better place to live in. It can even make our work place a 'mini-heaven'. The need of the hour is to introspect, know ourselves well and walk confidently towards our cherished goals in life. It is a fact of life that life would never be easy but always be worthwhile.

To live a life of contentment and inner joy "Don't aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally."

- David Frost.

Prof. Pius Moras



Breaking the myth of Sales Profile in Finance domain

Guest

Gaurav Jain & Dhaval Gala

Mr. Gaurav Jain shared his own experience about how he began the career with a financial sales profile, and how that accelerated his career graph to reach to a top position. Mr. Dhaval Gala worked as an equity research analyst acquainted our students with the reality that it takes 4-5 years of sector study and expertise to be an equity research analyst. As many look forward to equity research analyst profile over a sales profile which has limited entry, they demystified the preconceived notion of financial sales profile with respect to other sales profiles. They quoted that - To sell a financial instrument you need to have knowledge of finance and also the applications of the instrument and this helps their client. Also it requires one to stay updated with all the related news and current events in the world and analyse how that affects the sales of financial instruments. So for an MBA finance, financial sales profile doesn't mean that it's a waste. In fact it requires immense financial literacy, communication skills, body language and confidence. This interactive session's key take-away was to keep career options open and never limit to a particular profile.

Munmun Chakraborty
1st Year



Marketing B2B Events and Publishing

Guest

Sylvia Khan

Ms. Sylvia Khan, Director Universal Media Group and the world renowned Index Trade Fair (erstwhile UBM India), addressed the students of first year and covered varied aspects of Marketing B2B Events and Publishing Entertainment Marketing.

Her diverse experience in the field of exhibitions gave the students a bird eye's view of organizing events/funds, pitching different clients/customers, international alliances, foreign competition, etc. affecting event planning in a short period of time. This lecture was one of the best experience for the students.

Citing how Index Trade Fair survives the tough competition in Furniture Trade Fairs, Ms. Sylvia Khan opened the doors for many students to venture out in the field of event planning.

Rupen Chawla
1st Year

Human Resource Batch 2016-18

Guest Lecture Summary

Topic	Talent Acquisition & Technologies
Date	12-10-2017
Timings	4 pm – 6 pm
Guest	Mr. MVS Murthy, Head HR – nuFuture Digital (India) Ltd.
Details	
The speaker has learned HR rather than studying it. He is a result oriented and dynamic professional with experience encompassing Core HR engagement preceded by rich sales/marketing exposure along with conceptualising and managing a wide range of L&D strategies. The speaker spoke about the recruitment process right from manpower planning to on boarding.	

Topic	Competency Mapping
Date	13-10-2017
Timings	12:30 pm – 3 pm
Guest	Ms. Sunitha Sudhakaran, Lead HR Business Partner – Fractal Analytics
Details	
The speaker has more than 15 years of experience in a mix of corporate and consulting role largely focussed on employee engagement, talent management & change management. The speaker introduced the students with the topic of Competency Mapping and gave the students an exercise in which they were given Job Descriptions of certain roles and were told to identify the competencies required for that particular role. The session was interactive and informative.	

Topic	HR Analytics
Date	14-10-2017
Timings	10 am – 1 pm
Guest	Rohan Sharma, Head of Predictive Modelling and Analytics – Reliance Ind. Ltd
Details	
The speaker gave the students a glimpse of how HR Analytics functions in Reliance Industries Ltd. The session aimed at providing insight into how each process is carried out by gathering data and then using it to make relevant decisions about how to improve these processes.	



Transform. Aspire. Learn. Konnect

"The best and the most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

– Hellen Keller.

NLDtalk is an initiative of the students, by the students and for the students, under the slogan "Transform. Aspire. Learn. Konnect". NLDtalk was started as an inspiration from the global event – TED. Many experts teach us how to manage work, technology, take up leadership but it is also important to understand LIFE. The initiative aims at hosting eminent speakers as well as student orators who may not be high on age but rich with their own unique experiences.

The purpose is to give a platform to those who do not often have one but who inspire us with their life experiences and stories. A suite of short, carefully prepared speeches, demonstrations that are experience-focused and cover a wide range of subjects to foster learning, inspiration and provoke ideas that matter. NLDtalk concentrates on embarking topics, which are beyond ordinary to help the students gain a new perspective and aid innovative thinking.

What started as a mere idea took a visual stage with its First Edition on 14th October, 2017 making it a proud property of N. L. Dalmia Institute of Management Studies and Research.

The speakers of the First Edition:

- Shree Gauri Suresh Sawant - A transgender activist, leading member to fight for the Nhalsa petition and the director at Sakhi Char Trust was the premiere speaker who shared her struggle and insights on motherhood, inclusion and

society. Could motherhood be beyond gender identity was a question to think upon for our audiences.

- Mr. Aayushman Sinha – India's Youngest Artist Manager and Partner at On Stage Talents, Aayushman shared the learning from his formative years and elaborated on the Power of Networking. His innovative formula for success was truly inspiring.
- Dr. Raja Roy Choudhury– Director of NLDIMSR and one of the most loved persons in the institute, Dr. Raja was happy to share the power of embrace. He explained how by embracing difficult situations at life, one may come out victorious.
- Bhavya Roy – A Second Year PGDM - Marketing student who inspired the audience by sharing her very own personal story. We often get worked up by the complications of life and think, "Why me?" Bhavya Roy took the centre stage and explained 'why you' and what should one do when life throws lemons at them!

The audience took back home a lot for food for thought and emotions with a changed perspective. With NLDtalk, we are trying to build a clearing house of knowledge from experiences and a community of curious souls to engage with ideas and each other.

See you at NLDtalk!

Team NLD



Mirage 2017

The Annual Conclave of NLDIMSR "Mirage" is a confluence of today's strategic minds aimed at enlightening the brightest management minds about contemporary issues in Marketing. In alignment with this, the current year's discussion attempted to shed light on the theme "Emerging Technology and Its Impact on Contemporary Marketing".

The event took place on Saturday, October 7, 2017 in the presence of Dr. Sunil Rai, Vice Chancellor, MIT University, Pune as our chief guest for the event. The panel members included Mr. Abhijit Dasgupta - Director, Semantics; Mr. Nandu Pradhan - Founder, Pocketside LLC; Mr. Satish Mittal - Senior VP of Business Services, Vodafone; Mr. Chetan Bangadia - Executive VP, Hansa Cequity; Dr. Pradeep Racherla - Director, Aspron Consultants and Prof. Dr. Raja Roy Choudhury - Director, NLDIMSR.

Mirage 2017 kick-started with obtaining views of the panelists with regard to the theme through personal interviews. Our chief guest Dr. Sunil Rai then led us into the panel discussion with his keynote speech on how technology is influencing the marketing techniques.

The marketing rendezvous was not just a panel discussion but also a huge plethora of knowledge on a single platform. Mirage 2017 was indeed a room full of industry stalwarts where ideas sparked; doubts rose; discussions occurred and knowledge enhanced.

Urvi Porwal
Ace Club



IPTA ICDC

IPTA is a national level B-School drama competition, provided a platform to budding talent in the Institute to achieve peaks in the field of acting and creative management. Students of the first year orchestrated excellence by attaining merit for an archaic performance in the play Darmiyan and consequently they enabled the Institute acclaim a stature in the previously uncharted field of acting.

Darmiyan, exhibited the story of a couple, who take the decision to part ways as their relationship is flooded with ego clashes time and again. A manifestation of how priorities set in before human relations took the audience through a mesmerising thrift of emotions. The play prepared under the guidance of a professional actor and director Mr. Parth Desai was appreciated throughout with Mr. Kishandas Majithia and Ms. Bhavisha Kapadia playing the lead actors.

Subsequently, the performance was enacted inhouse and the support from the audience at the Institute was a conducive factor that encouraged the students to achieve further peaks in the field.

Rupen Chawla
1st Year



Utkarsh

Utkarsh is a National Level paper presentation competition, organized by the HR Club of N. L. Dalmia Institute of Management Studies and Research on 6th October, 2017. Over the years, Utkarsh has striven to be the focal point of young opinions on the paradigm of the current business environment. This year (2017) we invited views on the topic "FUTURE IS NOW: Empowering Human Capital in TECH World" where management students across the country sent us their Reports. The selected top 5 teams across India conducted a presentation before a panel of judges comprising:

- Dr. Rima Ghose, Vice President, Quinnox
- Mr. Leenesh Singh, Head HCM, Smart Connect
- Mr. Aditya Kelshikar, Executive Director, Acuris
- Ms. Madhuri Singh, Senior Vice President, Intelenet Global Services

NLDIMSR and IIMA were the winner and runner up respectively. The other competing teams were from JBIMS, WE School and IMI Delhi.

Shefali Gupta
1st Year



Manusandhan

Manusandhan (held on 5th October 2017) is an 'Annual HR Seminar' organized by 'HR-Club' of the institute. The purpose of this event is to orient the future HR practitioners about the contemporary business issues and HR challenges and to ignite their thought processes towards exploring alternatives to adapt to the disruptive changes. The theme for the seminar of 2017 was "**Managing Diversity: The Millennial Way.**" The event witnessed the graceful presence of respected corporate leaders, such as Mr. Jitendra Tyagi - Managing Director, Bristol-Myers Squibb India Pvt Ltd.; Mr. Anjan Sen - Senior Director, MSD Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Sanjeev Sharma - Managing Director, OSMOS Multimedia and Peoples Village; Ms. Susan Raj - Global Head HR, Group Veritas; Mr. Manish Kotwani - Head HR and Administration, Cross-Tab and Blue Ocean Market Intelligence; and Mr. Abdul Khan - Global Chief Marketing Officer, Alef Mobitech. The experts shared their views and experiences with the students and then took part in a panel discussion, where Mr. Sanjeev Sharma played the role of a moderator.

Anuradha Pai
1st Year



Memorial Lecture

In line with established tradition, the 6th Annual N. L. Dalmia Institute of Management Studies & Research Memorial Lecture was organized on the occasion of the N. L. Dalmia Education Society's Foundation Day on 30th November 2017 at J W Marriott, Mumbai.

Padma Vibhushan, Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, FRS National Research Professor & President, Global Research Alliance. Former Director General of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), a chain of 38 publicly funded industrial research and development institutions in India, delivered the memorial lecture on the topic "Reinventing India as Innovation Nation". Our beloved trustee Shri. Shaileshji Dalmia along with CEO Ms. Seema Saini, Director of NLDIMSR Dr. Raja Roy Choudhury, all faculty and staff with 240 students of First Year MBA course attended the lecture.

In the past, the Institution has had prominent guests lectures from the likes of:

Padma Vibhushan, Dr. Jayant Narlikar - Renowned Astrophysicist

Dr. J. J. Irani - Executive Director, Tata Sons Ltd.

Mrs. Anu Aga - Chairperson, Thermax Ltd.

Mr. Keki M. Mistry - Chairman, HDFC Ltd.

Mr. R. Gopalakrishnan - Director, Tata Sons Ltd.



A Memorable Re-Union Part-Time MBA

On 25th of November, 2017 the Part-Time MBA Alumni of NLDIMSR came in large numbers to NLDIMSR to re-live the wonderful memories of their student days and celebrate the re-union with their old classmates and friends. With over 300 Alumni gracing the occasion they had a wonderful time with a warm welcome, a feedback session and a cultural function in the Auditorium followed by a DJ dance and dinner programme. During the feedback session Alumni from each of the 12 batches (from the first batch of 2003-06 to 2014-17) recounted those formative years at NLDIMSR which have significantly contributed to their professional growth. The Director Dr. Raja Roy Choudhury spoke at length about the future plans that the Institute had for its Alumni and sought their co-operation and support to take the Institute to newer heights.



My Social Responsibility -Kondgaon Visit

There is a saying that "Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community". We at N. L. DALMIA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES AND RESEARCH truly believe in this. One of recent activities include adoption of an entire village in December 2016. KONDGAON is a tribal village in the Palghar district of Maharashtra with a population of around 3500. To begin with, students started a research to analyse the problems faced by the villagers and the area in which we could help them to achieve objectives such as income generation, social development, environmental and hygienic goals.

One of such problem identified was shortage of water specifically in the months of March and April. In spite of inadequate rainfall during monsoon, villagers do not have enough water in these two months for farming as well as domestic use, the reason for which was no proper storage facility available where water can be stored and used in the months of shortage. This challenge was taken up by the students of our institute, after a complete study of the situation and analysing all the possible solutions. We took up the work of building Check dams, small wall like structure made by arranging sacks filled with sand in a specific order.



The students themselves built two of such dams which will help the villagers to store the excess of water. It was possible for the institute to fund the entire program and hire labours for that work but the same wouldn't have taught the students the dignity of labour, the importance of team work and role of a leader. There were students with engineering background who were more knowledgeable about the project. They under took the leadership role and planned the entire project.

The management, faculty, staff and students are all included in this initiative taken up by the institute and are proactive to provide any help which they can and not only help the society but also learn. Whenever there are questions about, why is a B-School practising these activities and taking that extra effort for the students there is just one answer to it, a quote by an American writer which says "Goodness is the only investment that never fails."

Himanshu Todi
1st Year





Alumni Meet

Held on the 11th of November at the Grand Ballroom, at The Leela, Mumbai was our Senior Alumni Conclave, 2017. An event where the first ten batches of our full time MBA programme i.e. Batch 1997-99 to 2006-08 and first six batches of part time MBA programme i.e. Batch 2003-06 to 2009-12 were invited. It instilled a sense of pride in us to see the heights that our alums have scaled in their professional career. It was a pleasant sight to watch old friends reunite and relive their memories.

We started the event welcoming our Alums with a video which showed them the current happenings at college and also a few pictures of their batches to have a walk down the memory lane, as pictures speak a thousand words which was proved by the reaction of our alums.

Further, we introduced them to our new Director, Prof. Dr. Raja Roy Choudhury, who was the primary purpose of this conclave. He further addressed them giving a brief introduction about himself, about the current developments in the Institute, the new courses offered, what the Institute has in store for them like Management Development Programs. He also addressed them about the latest buzz in the campus that is NLDtalk wherein eminent speakers come to the campus and share their life stories that

inspires our students and ignites a fire in them. He also invited our alums to be a part of the NLDtalk.

We also felicitated our oldest employee, our Librarian Mrs. Sujata D'souza, who completed 25 years in the Institute right from its inception. This conclave also marked the relaunch of our college magazine, Goonj. It is a magazine by the students wherein we even invited articles from our alums and each of them were given a copy with a memento.

Lastly, a few of our alumni shared their feelings and views about their Alma Mater.

Our CEO Mrs. Seema Saini gave the concluding remarks. The alums had a gala time with their batchmates and they also shared their experiences with our current batch of students and we closed the event on a happy and memorable note. This conclave was organised by the Student CEO of the Alumni Committee, Ms. Disha Dholakia and Prof. Pius Moras, Chairperson - Alumni Connect along with the team members of the Alumni Committee.

Disha Dholakia
2nd Year



Alumni Testimonials

Thank you so much for the wonderful alumni meet you had organized for us... It was indeed a great platform to reconnect to many of us... Hope we can make it for the next alumni meet as well ☺☺☺. Sir the food was amazing... Never thought vegetarian could also taste this good ☺☺.

Neha Marine Scaria
Part Time MBA
Alumni 2014 - 17

It was nice to be part of yesterday's meet - Senior Alumni Conclave at The Leela. Good to know way ahead plans for NLDIMSR. Also want to know more about the upcoming courses.

Sudeep Das
Alumni Part Time
MBA 2009 - 12

It was a pleasure being a part of the event- Senior Alumni Conclave. Will try and contribute to the institute to the best of my capability. Also would be keen to pursue any lectures or training that i can deliver on regards to Commodities. I am currently heading the Research Desk for Motilal Oswal commodities and currencies.

Navneet Damani
Alumni 2004 -06

Thank you very much for the memorable event of Senior Alumni Conclave. It was well organised. ☺

Neelima Khan
Part Time
Alumni 2007 - 10

Thanks sir for organizing the Part Time MBA Alumni Meet. You rock. It was simply fabulous ☺☺☺.

Prajakta Gandhi
PT Alumni 2009 - 12

It was fantastic evening at the Senior Alumni Conclave at The Leela and was overwhelmed meeting my Professors and my batch mates ... Awaiting once again for such a meet next year around... Thank you sir... Do let know if at all we can be of any help towards our institute where we made our career... I would definitely come to the Institute one day and would share upon my experience of business handling in this present environment... Thank you once again. Hope my institute attains great heights in the field of education ...

Vishal Hiralal Shah
2004 - 06 batch

Ayn Rand

Have you ever read a novel before that makes you forget the presence of time. You feel you are oblivious of something called as time and by the time you are drawn back to reality it's too late. That is exactly what I experienced reading the novels of Ayn Rand.

The way she has written or maybe the way she has portrayed her characters makes you question your own existence. Many of us wish that we could be a spectator in her stories and witness the greatness that a human mind has to offer. Yet after completing her story we realise that it's all fiction. But is it really fiction?

Ayn Rand does not view or perceive an object the normal way. She writes as if she is the object herself. She sees the world as if every single thing is alive and channelling some type of energy and wants to communicate with others in their own unique way. She writes as if every inanimate object has a soul with hope and a heart pumping blood into them. The ability to bring out the hidden meaning of sight is what she possesses. To interpret a particular scene with the deepest of the meanings is what she expresses through her words.

Not every author can write what they feel and that through a fictional character. But Ayn Rand can. She can write it with such strong emotions that the reader has no choice but try to visualise those scenes before him. Trying to imagine whether are they able to match her description. Such a great writer she is that



she has written down those emotions which we as humans didn't even know could be felt moreover spoken about.

From her books we know that she didn't write for fame or to be on the Best Publisher's List. She wrote because she had a flair for writing. Her stories are not just ink blots on a paper, they are like sparks that ignite the soul.

The Fountainhead and Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand are some of the best written pieces in the history of mankind.

Aayush Kedia
1st Year



Choices

I thought I had experienced enough pain,
Till I saw the small kid selling toys all drenched in rain,
Forget looks, success, goals and grit.
It was the food he craved we refused to eat.

Kiran Jyoti
1st Year

You forget what you want to remember
And remember what you want to forget,
This is fate and we all regret...

Joining my hands to make it whole,
Praying all night to fix my soul...

Going through hell like its my goal,
And no ones there to even console..

I wish these words if someone told,
Dont you worry i am there to adore..

Life aint always like we dream,
Has its ups and downs like a stream..

Beware of choices you always make,
Each path has its own take...

Rakshit Ganjoo
1st Year

A Voice from the Border

Just when everything seemed so right,
There was something to that night.
Where suddenly everything fell off the sight,
They called on a fight
Just to be our knights.
Well someday this was supposed to be their diet
When there would arise this riot
Long ago we were told to hold on tight
But here come days when each one of us is on a
different flight
And that is just when everything seems so white
You should know we are not their bite
And it's time to take our pride to shove it to the bright
Don't fear the dark and raise these candle lights
Courageous cavaliers don't be cadavers!
For there are those people who still have faith in us
To bring them back their raised kite.

Aditi Sawant
1st Year

It's time to... Take A Break!

I got up today with this feeling,
It seemed like a normal day for everyone else
But somehow, not for me!

I took longer time to brush and bathe,
Even though I got up an hour late!
When I looked into the mirror,
I heard a voice inside me say...

Go Ahead and Take a Break!
Make room for life in your life
Cut the routine for a change
Go Ahead and Take a Break!

Make time to finish that half read novel,
Read it sitting at the unused corners of your house!
Go and explore your kitchen,
Let the chef in you rouse!

Take blank pages and fill them with thoughts,
Tune the guitar and play your favorite chords!

Lay back on the couch and relax,
While you listen to the songs you haven't heard in
ages!
Shout out the lyrics at the top of your voice,
Dance your heart out while you start jumping on the
edges!

Call your dear ones,
Let them know you still love and care!
Have a chat with long lost friends,
Make alive those incredible memories and mad
affairs!

So Go Ahead and Take a Break!

Make room for life in your life
Cut the routine for a change
GO AHEAD AND TAKE A BREAK!

Shefali Gaglani
1st Year

Help a Change !

For a country obsessed with riches and its swagger,
Multiply them and you will get the number of
beggars.

Sometimes they deliberately lose a leg or arm,
To become the ones who receive most alms.

Politicians give false promises and directors make
films on them,
But nothing changes, the fact remains same.

They had to give up all their dreams and hopes,
And be content with meals and a pair of clothes.

A country where neither people nor government do
care,
Running their cars over them is something celebrities
dare.

People donate to temples and church to seek
blessings from Lord,
But often forget the fact that 'to help the poor is to
honour God'.

Abhranil Dutta
1st Year



Badminton - My Teacher

I have been playing Badminton since I was 9 years old. And as much as fun it is, it has also taught me some valuable life lessons.

It has taught me to be resilient. There have been many a time when I was down in a game and came back from behind to win it. Similarly in life, you have to keep on fighting and you will most probably make it.

It has taught me to be proud of my strengths. I have seen some players win due to their high stamina, some due to their superior physical strength and some due to their tactical and technical brilliance. In life, you have to accept your individuality, work on your strengths, and try and be the best version of yourself. I have also learned to learn from other people. Because as a wise man (Ralph Waldo Emerson) once said, "Every man is superior to me in some way."

It has taught me the importance of teamwork. When I played doubles, I realized how me and my partner both had some strengths and weaknesses and it was essential to work as a team to lead us to victory. It is important to put aside your differences and work towards a common goal.

Badminton has made me the person I am today. And I'm glad it has had such a huge impact on my life.

Akshat Patil
1st Year



Painting - My Passion

Pablo Picasso says 'Painting is just another way of keeping a diary'. I learnt drawing when I was in school. I left "drawing classes" after school but drawing never left me. As I grew up, academics took away all my time and now; Although, I don't draw as much as I should; Sometimes when I have the time and mood, I doodle. It helps me refresh myself, releases stress and makes me feel content. Someday I wish to be a sketch artist but until then, with every stroke of my pencil, I wish to touch the viewers soul. After all, art is not what you see but what you make others see.

Charmi Solanki
1st Year





Dance - My Hobby

A hobby is something that gives you happiness and nothing can be compared to the happiness that I get from dancing. It's not just a hobby, it's my passion.

Dancing since the age of 6, it has always been my mood cheerer. Having excelled in various forms of dancing, it has now turned into choreography. It is my favourite pastime. Whenever I have spare time, I just put my earphones on and start dancing. For me, Dance comes from within. People call me 'The Expression Queen' that's because the happiness from it comes from within.

Happiness cannot always be measured in monetary terms. Sometimes, things like this occupy a major part of your life!

Mamta Lakhani
1st Year



From Sparrow... to an Eagle

Fresh out of architecture grad school, I had a broad vision and immense confidence in myself. I would be an apprentice with a leading architect and then be able to take on the world. Nothing in this world would have prepared me for what was next to come. I was displaced from a swanky air conditioned office to the sweltering heat in the desert of Rajasthan. My dad's work consisted of forty thousand horticulture trees ranging from pomegranate to lemon to pomelo. Disclaimer before I go forward – born and bred typical city girl without an iota of knowledge of how to handle the work.

It's true when they say we are playful things in the hands of Mother Nature, every morning served me a new problem flavored with unavailability of resources and garnished with my little knowledge of how to handle it. Labour issues - the work force wouldn't accept the boss's daughter as the new head, raw material access and sale to the thug fruit vendors added to my woes.

While the final vision is encoded into law; a path with the bristles feels like a bed of rose petals. I had forged signatures, pretended to be someone in government office to get work done, handled a police case for an attempted suicide of a worker on site and escaped land mafia for a few feet of sand. Bottom line – I needed to get the work done and I needed it done yesterday. This isn't the beginning neither is it the end. This journey is a part of me and made me what I am today. The tiny little sparrow had risen and bloomed to be an eagle ready to soar and take on the world.

Foram Devani
1st year



Apoorva Khandelwal
1st Year



Prof. Dr. Raja Roy Choudhury



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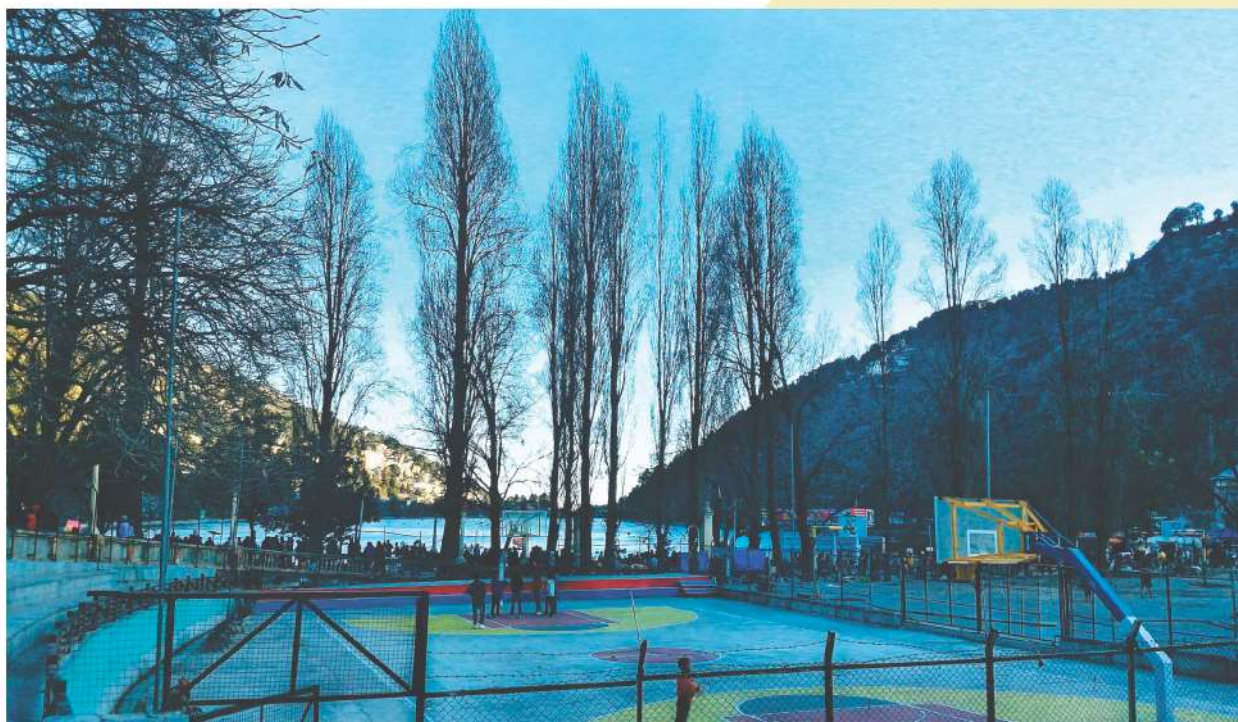
Shashank Lingayat
1st year



Disha Nair
2nd year



Kapil Bhatt
2nd Year



Abhishek Gandhi
1st year

