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**CELEBRATION OF UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD DAY**

Continuing the tradition of taking big and brave leaps in the direction of academic excellence, Faculty of Commerce organised yet another International Conference on the Topic, “Global Accounting, International Taxation and Impact on Economy” in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 9th November, 2019. With the great support and motivation by the dynamic President of GLS University, Shri Sudhirbhai Nanavati, this international conference was a huge success. Being a visionary and progressive leader, Sudhirbhai’s committed to take GLS University to new heights and has always encouraged all such events organised by the institute.

This is the second international conference organised by Faculty of Commerce in collaboration with CIMA, UK. After the successful organisation of the international Conference at Sri Lanka in 2017, this time,



it was organised at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. There were around 22 delegates from India and 13 delegates from Malaysia who participated and presented their research papers enthusiastically. It is worth noting, that Faculty of Commerce is perhaps the only institute in Gujarat to organise two international conferences, not in India but at the foreign location.

The conference was enriched by the august

presence of Emeritus Professor Dr. Walter Chee Keong Wong, Chief Executive and Vice Chancellor of BERJAYA University, Malaysia and an avid and scholarly researcher. While sharing his views with the audience, he emphasised on the quality of research and the significance of Commerce in each and every field. Dr. Wong, on learning about the rich academic atmosphere of GLS University, also invited the students of Faculty of

Commerce, GLS University to his Berjaya University for mutual knowledge sharing.

Ms. Karen Phang, Associate Director, Global Academic Engagement, CIMA, UK, also remained present at the conference as a keynote speaker. She delivered a scholarly speech in which she gave a brief account of the activities and presence of CIMA, UK, around the world. She informed about the constant upgradation of syllabus and other academic practices at CIMA, UK. She put stress on the significance of the need for upgradation in today’s time and emphasised on the process of ‘learn, unlearn, and relearn’.

The Chief patron of the conference and the President of GLS University Shri Sudhir Nanavati could not remain present at the occasion but he had sent his best wishes through a text message for the grand success of the conference, which was read out before the audience

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## NEW INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS AT GLSU

Global immersion paves way to knowing, learning and experiencing new dimensions and cultural differences, making it easier for an individual to adapt to global corporate trends, different cultures and geographies with ease. GLS University believes in providing this platform to its students through International Immersion Programme.

With this objective, Ms. Chandni Kapadia, COO and International Director, GLS University and Dr. Dharmesh Shah, Registrar, GLS University visited Synergy University, Moscow, Russia in October 2019 to promote cultural and academic exchange for students of



Bachelors and Masters level programs covering short term/ long term programs and through summer schools. An

MOU was signed with Synergy University in Moscow, Russia on 2nd October, 2019 for the same. They also attended the ‘Synergy Global Forum’ in Saint Petersburg, Russia on October 4-5th, 2019.

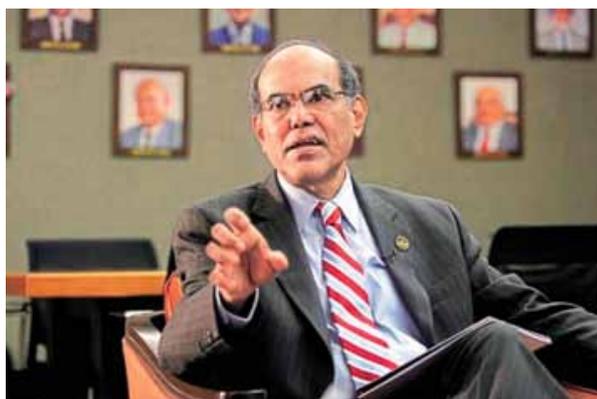
Ms. Chandni Kapadia, COO and International Director, GLS University visited Luiss Business School, Rome, Italy 15th-19th October, 2019 to promote International Summer programs for The Italian Fashion and Luxury System & Coding and Data Collection. An MOU for the same was signed on 16th-17th October, 2019. These collaborations will provide students an opportunity to experience the right mix of learning and enjoyment.

# D. SUBBARAO: THE SILENT GUARD OF INDIAN ECONOMY

By Shyam Kakkad

Let's go back to the time of the great financial crunch; nearly a decade back, in the year 2008. It was the year of financial crisis that hit the global economy as a whole. The Global Financial Crisis (GFC) is known to have its epicentre in the United States. GFC is considered to be the most severe financial crisis on global level after the Great Depression. The financial crisis of 2008 has many learnings, but the most important lesson that it blessed us with, was an idea of Contagion effect and also gave us a magnitude of how much the global financial markets are interconnected, and how it may completely distort the equilibrium of the World. Soon, every country was possibly catching cold, and financial markets of each country were getting more uncertain and jittery. The crisis had shaken the foundations of the most advanced nations. Advanced Economies were in a deep difficulty and the domino effect ensured that the emerging markets also get to know the taste of this disaster.

Stepping In, Settling Out: One man, who had not yet even settled in his new role was caught in this 'Chakravayuh' to save his



economy from the crisis and contain the damage to in order to get back the markets to normalcy by weeding out the uncertainty that has caused anxiety in the markets. This was not limited. There was a need to steer the economy from the possible recession and to get the economy's engine chugging in order to get it back on track. The man who made it possible was none other than 'Duvvuri Subbarao', who set foot in the big shoes of RBI Governor. Before coming to Mint Street (Reserve Bank of India) he was the Finance Secretary in North Block (Ministry of Finance).

Soon after Subbarao was at the helm of RBI, in the following week Lehman brothers; one of the oldest investment banks in the US, filed for bankruptcy. The

global financial markets were completely wobbled by this devastating event and India was a part of it and benchmark indexes along with broad markets were losing its momentum very quickly entering into the danger territory. The shock waves were constantly keeping the markets nervous and on its toes because of the very uncertainty attached to it. The markets were becoming wary and the confidence in the markets was getting thinner. It was inevitable to immune the country's financial system from additional shocks and to drive out the panic from market.

The Reserve Bank quickly got into its crisis-management mode with vitality, intelligence and maturity. Dr. Subbarao was clever enough to know the intensity and how

this can soon turn into a holocaust, if not tackled on a war-footing basis. He along with Reserve Bank soon flushed the economy with ample liquidity so as to keep the market machinery run swiftly to ensure that the element of 'trust' does not dry out from the system. This was followed with reduction in CRR and SLR and reduction in benchmark interest rates. This essentially kept the domestic financial markets and real economy channel functioning normally with ease, but with a pinch of uncertainty from the advanced economies and its impact on the emerging markets including India. Hailing from the finance ministry, he made sure that the government stays on the same page when it came to combatting crisis.

Warrior on RBI's Autonomy: It is being perceived that RBI is subservient to the Government when it comes to Regulatory & Policy decisions, yet it is not completely true. Yes, there are cases of dual regulation such as in PSBs, Co-operative banks and difference of opinion on setting of interest rates. One needs to look at the larger picture that every successive governor has locked horns with government for maintaining the Autonomy of Central Bank and keeping

its biting power intact and having the final say on the policy matters under its purview. Subbarao was no different, and he played with fire for preserving the RBI's Autonomy and its regulatory and supervisory ambit.

Revamping Reserve Bank of India's Image: One of the commendable jobs that Dr. Subbarao did was to revamp the image of the Reserve Bank of India. It has been praised by the larger sections of the society. He revamped the Reserve Bank of India image and perception in the minds of the citizens of the nation. This is a commendable step as Central Banks and Central Bankers prefer to keep themselves away from limelight and stay inside the closed loops in the world of central banking. "Firstly I'd like to position RBI as a knowledge institution, second, I would want to make the RBI the best practice model among emerging market central banks for expertise in making policies in a globalizing world; third, I want to demystify the Reserve Bank" mentions Dr. Subbarao in his book 'Who Moved My Interest Rate?'

In a nutshell, he wanted to make RBI more accountable to general public at large and to ensure that its policy

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by Dr. Ashwin Purohit.

Dr. Ashwin Purohit, Dean, Faculty of Commerce, GLS University, in his address, welcomed the dignitaries and all the delegates from India and Malaysia. Dr. Purohit gave a brief introduction about GLS University and Faculty of Commerce. He informed the audience about the progressive attitude of the institute. According to him the philosophy behind the conference is 'knowledge sharing beyond the international boundaries' which is the key to achieve academic excellence. At the end, Dr. M.E. Jokhi proposed vote of thanks and he assured to the demand of delegates that such type of conference will be organized in the coming year too.

A group of around 29 members also took up an excursion to Singapore and Malaysia for learning about their culture and history, along with the conference. A week long trip started from Singapore where the members



experienced a flavour of the local culture as fortunately,

the accommodation was right in the middle of the old

Singapore city where the heritage value of the area has been nicely preserved. Apart from this the members visited some landmark locations of Singapore like Singapore Flayer, Gardens by the Bay, Night Safari, Sentosa Island etc. The team then proceeded to Kuala Lumpur, the Capital of Malaysia, after staying in Singapore for 3 days. The stay in Malaysia was also quite enriching, apart from the conference. The team visited many places like Sultan's Palace, Supreme Court, Petronas Twin Towers, the famous KL tower etc. and learnt about the history, polity and culture of Malaysia. The visit to the Genting highland was a relaxing and refreshing experience for the entire team.

On 12th November, 2019, the team returned with a lot of sweet memories, rich experiences and enhanced academic knowledge. There was a sense of satisfaction on every face and feeling of gratitude for Shri Sudhir Navavati and Dr. Ashwin Purohit in the hearts of every team member.



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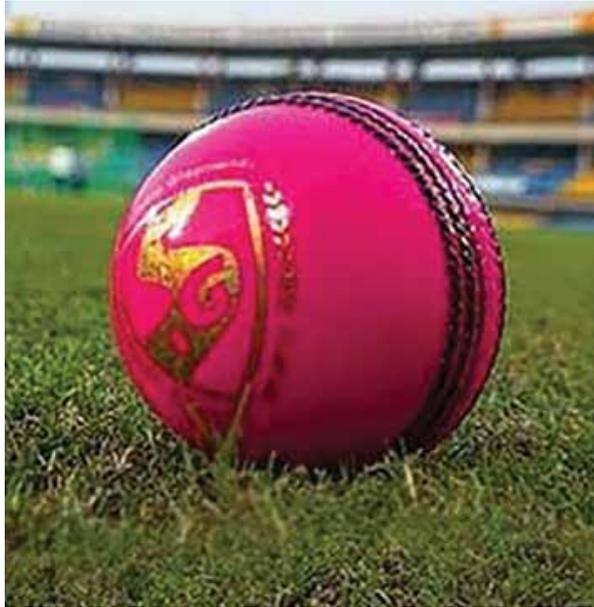
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# LET'S PAINT THE TOWN PINK...WITH CRICKET!!!!

By Dr. CA Mala Dani

The City of Joy, Kolkata was all decked up in Pink, as gorgeous as a bride, on 22nd November, 2019, Friday, the first day of the first day-night Test match, played between India and Bangladesh, where the PINK BALL made its first ever debut in Indian Cricket. "Daunting, Intimidating, Exciting"... were the words Indian Skipper Virat Kohli used to describe the emotions that he experienced on the historic Pink day. The No.1 ranked Indian Test Cricket Team has become the 9th International side to play a day-night test with the Pink Ball. The flamboyant and iconic stadium of Eden Gardens, Kolkata, being the oldest in India, witnessed with pride, the pink



revolutionary day-night match, scribbling history in the field of cricket. Kolkata became the new Pink City for



5 days. With Social Media and Google searches flooding with the 'Pink ball' trivia, Indians were eager to unveil the reason behind the Pink, as the newly elected President of BCCI, Mr. Sourav Ganguly, rightly known as the Bengal Tiger-for his pride, courage and aggressiveness, announced the First Ever Pink Test in India.

The Pink ball with the black seam was settled upon after several trial and error experiments with yellow and fluorescent orange, which could not be captured by the TV cameras in the floodlight. Routine red ball took the brownish color in the twilight phase, making it difficult for both the teams to spot the ball against the pitch and therefore Pink Color entered Indian Cricket for the very first time. The extra glaze of the Pink

ball with its black seam made it easier to swing the ball in the first 10 to 15 overs and later aiding the batsmen.

The prime intention behind the "Pink hype" was to spice up the five-day format and make test matches more viewer-friendly for those cricket lovers who wanted to watch the match after day's work. This revolution was imperative to revive the test match format of the game when compared to a shorter format like 20-20 in terms of spectatorship and viewership. The Stadium with a capacity of 68,000 went jam packed with fans feeling the heat of the Pink Color. Yes!!!! The Pink color has gone viral!!! A Huge Step Forward for the Test Cricket!!!!

*(The writer is Assistant Professor at Faculty of Commerce, GLS University)*

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# Admission Announcement

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improve much that day and finally we decided to descent. The guide called an air ambulance for rescue. The next morning we packed our bags and began our journey back to Lukla. I still remember the words of our guide: "Trekking isn't just about reaching, it's about safely coming back down too." Parting our ways, the other group members headed further towards Lobuche(4,920m) and on to Gorakshep(5,180m). Finally, 21 trekkers reached to the Base Camp.

Everest Base Camp trek not only tests you physically but mentally as well. However, most people with good fitness should be able to do it. Though I could not reach till Base Camp, but got to experience the people of Nepal, the architecture and the beautiful views which will always be remembered. Some important life lessons that I learned through trekking:  
• Love the journey as much as your destination.

- Come out of your comfort zone and embrace discomfort.
- Our needs are very limited and we should learn to manage with available resources.
- No matter how difficult the road is, you ought to keep moving. Challenges and hardships makes you a stronger person.
- You often feel like giving up, but patience helps you to keep motivated. Patience and hope keeps us going through tough times.
- Trekking amongst nature lets you appreciate how beautiful the world really is. Having learnt important lessons in my first attempt of high altitude trekking, next time I will be more careful, prepared and utilise the lessons learnt. For me, it's a new beginning. As said by Sir Edmund Hillary: " I will come again and conquer you, because as a mountain you can't grow but as a human I can".

**MY EXPERIENCE AT SPORTS FEST**

**AS PHOTOGRAPHER**



The experience of capturing the whole sporting event was amazing. All the participants played with zest. I am thankful to the school for providing me this opportunity to click the memorable event.  
Karm Mehta  
Std-11 com.[NRHS]

**AS HEAD GIRLS**



Kritika Shukla  
Juhie Mandal

**AS HEAD BOYS**



Ayush Vakil  
Arnav Nath

The team of students union deemed as the considerate hand of the school as well as Mr. ALPESH JHA --- sports in-charge. A wide range of outdoor activities were enjoyed by the whole school during Sports Week. We as a team are very grateful to be a part of this event which was free from all influences. The children showed fantastic sportsmanship skills we are so proud of them all. A huge thank you to all of you and the teachers for your support and cooperation on sports' week. It was a spectacular week and we couldn't have asked for better weather!

*By Yajurva Joshi*

*Let's teach death, a lesson about life.  
Let's teach sadness some happiness.  
Let's teach failure some success.  
Let's light a fire in this darkness and teach darkness a lesson about brightness.  
Let's fight it out like real warriors and win this battle called life!*

*(The poet is an alumnus of FBA-NRBBA)*

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actions and activities are always driven by considering the Public Interest. "A widely help stereotypical view of the Reserve Bank is of a rigid, wooden-headed monolith, making rules & regulations with little understanding of realities in India" cites Dr. Subbarao in his book. He made efforts to shell out the inadequate information factor of RBI, to make people understand the rationale behind the decisions they

make which have a considerable impact in their lives. He even endeavoured on increasing Financial Literacy from grass-roots level by inducting a curriculum on finance in school textbooks. Although this is a Work-In-progress, but the fact that efforts count more than the end results (especially in areas like Financial Literacy) provides us a ray of hope. It Pays to Preserve: It is being said "There's no free



lunch in Economics", henceforth you pay the price for fulfilling your desire. Subbarao paid the price, rather it cost him a fortune for preserving the autonomy of the central bank. Shri Usha Thorat, one of the very few female deputy governors in India, who had an illustrious career track record as a fine performing central banker was denied extension for her term. Even Late Subir Gokarn was denied an extension, citing no solid reason. It

depicts that once again Politics took over Sound Economics, deliberately undermining the capabilities of the central bank. Summing Up: While every central bank governor has its own share or successes and failures, Dr. Subbarao needs to be hailed up and commended essentially because of his wisdom and his efforts to protect the country and its financial system from the detrimental effects of financial crisis to a large

extent. Also to bring in your purview, to steer the economy out from the doldrums of the crisis and effectively managing an emerging market central bank in a large spread financial contagion, is itself a different topic to discuss at much length. Undoubtedly, he has made it to one of the finest governors Reserve Bank has got, and also a crisis manager who proved his mettle in need of the hour. (The writer is an alumnus of FBA-NRBBA, GLSU)

# SPORTING WAVE OF 2019



It is rightly stated by Swami Vivekananda that Body and Mind must run parallel. Executing the great thought N.R & GLS Schools had organised the Sports Week. This sports week was celebrated in order to inculcate the virtue of forbearance, unity and forgiveness, courage, confidence, prudence and leadership. Various games like, Football, Volleyball, Kabaddi, Cricket, and Tug of war were there showcasing the students' mental, intellectual and physical strength. Young players under the motivation of the Principal madam Mrs. Sunanada Shah performed fantabulously in each of the games. The

Game	Judges	Institute
Kabaddi	Mehul Kantharia Tushar Patel Prakash Chaudhary	Faculty of Management
Cricket	Karan Modi Pruthvish Rami Rohan Jani Devendra Patel	Faculty of Management
Volleyball	Parth Khandel Parth Gavli Tirthak	Faculty of Commerce
Football	Harsh Panchal Yash Sachdev Raghav	B.C.A

students from GLS Uni. had judged each of the sport events. Girls from std-11th-C and Boys from std 11-Dth, Std 9th-B, 10th-A and 12th-C

had given outstanding performance with their sports talent. The winners of each event were awarded by Dr. B.H. Joshi, the provost of

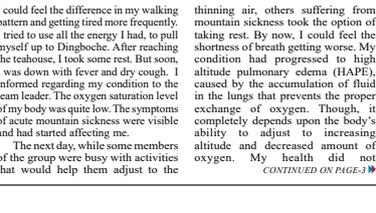
GLS Uni., Mrs. Bela Mehta, the school co-ordinator, Mrs. Sunanada Shah, the Principal and their presence encouraged the students' sporting spirit.

Aakash from 9th-B and Krishna from 10th-A were declared as the players of the Tournament. Std 9th -B stood as the interclass boys champion and 10th - A stood as the interclass girls champion. The students of 12th - C were declared as the champion of the tournament of NRHS.

Apart from developing physical strength games will also help the students in developing team spirit and cope up with success and failures. Mr. Alpesh Jha had guided the students as per their potential and the teachers played supportive role to make the event successful under the motivation of honourable Principal.

# EVEREST BASE CAMP – AN (UN)FINISHED JOURNEY

Someone has truly said, “The journey is more important than the destination”. And it is not only important, it is also more beautiful. The journey to the Everest Base Camp by Prof. Trupti Dodiya, was indeed more thrilling and exciting, so much so that, the journey itself was the destination! GLS Voice has covered her very rare experience of climbing the base camp! Read on..



On a fine morning, my husband asked “Want to come to EBC?”. “What’s EBC?” I asked. “Everest Base Camp..” came the reply. Having summited Kilimanjaro last year, this time it was EBC on his bucket list. The offer really appealed to me, as it was something about working hard towards accomplishing a goal, doing something not many people do, and being in the wilderness surrounded by beautiful nature. After a lot of thinking about the efforts that goes in preparation, I agreed, but knew that, Everest Base Camp at the height of 5,380m was not a piece of cake. For almost 4 months before the trip, I trained to get my body and mind ready for the trek. Jogging, uphill walking, swimming, yoga, squats, lunges, calf strengthening..in fact, I did everything that our guide had suggested me to do, to prepare for the trek. The days passed quickly and finally I was all set and excited for the trip. I along with a group of 30 trekkers from Ahmedabad, Surat, Patan and United States, were ready to embark on this lifetime memorable trip.

which is known as Gateway to Everest. Lukla (2840m) is 45-minute ride from Kathmandu, through the mountains on a small plane to Tenzing-Hillary airport, which is one of the world’s most dangerous airports with a short runway. It was raining in Lukla when we reached. Due to unfavourable weather conditions, half of the group members could not land and reached by helicopter services in evening. The next day, we started with the trek from Lukla to Monjo (2,835m). The trail started out with a descent into the valley along the Dudh Koshi river with few suspension bridges. Since it had been raining past few days, the trail was muddy and slippery. We had to watch each step and walk slowly. It got dark before we could reach Monjo. Walking through rough terrain in pitch darkness with head lamps, for almost 1 hour, was quite scary. The next day, our destination was Namche Bazaar, the sherpa capital of Nepal. Located at 3,440m, Namche is a picturesque village and main trading centre of Khumbu region. The hike to Namche, is the day with the most elevation gain and considered to be the toughest part of the Everest Base Camp trek. So, we all started with our first real day of altitude gain. The weather in the morning was clear and



the views were stunning. We reached the official entrance to Sagarmatha National Park and made our way through the forest, river and small settlements of sherpa community. We approached a small rest area which offered the first views of Mt. Everest. Further, as the trail passes the dual suspension bridge, the steep climb up the ridge to Namche Bazaar begins. We slowed our walking pace drastically. As the body takes time to adjust to the low oxygen levels encountered at these heights, we have to take time as we go higher up the trail, giving our bodies the essential

time it needs to acclimatise. Hydration (4/5 litres per day), eating well, and sleeping are also important parts of acclimatisation. After almost 3 hours of steep climb, we finally could see Namche. I was mesmerised by the beauty of this small village situated on the slope of an arch-shaped mountain, with amazing views of himalayan peaks. After the strenuous day, we were rewarded with lemon ginger tea at the tea-house. The next day, we set off for Tengboche (3,867m). From Namche, we continued up the trail, through

valleys with massive Himalayan peaks all around. In the morning, the trail was slight descent, but post lunch had a lot of steep ascents. I was timing my breathing with my steps, and stopping every now and then to take a couple of deep breaths or a few sips of water. Our group was in a jovial mood, and we all had plenty of energy to laugh and joke amongst ourselves. On the way, we visited Tengboche Monastery which has been named as UNESCO World Heritage Site. This beautiful monastery and town are draped with a panoramic view of the himalayan mountains, including the

well-known peaks of Everest, Lhotse, Ama Dablam and Nuptse. After the visit to monastery, we planned to move further for night stay at Debouche (3,820 m). The next day, we started for Dingboche(4,410m), where we had an extra day for acclimatisation. Today, we could see the lack of oxygen in the environment. The lush green valleys gradually turned into a deserted and dusty trails. Generally, the temperature during the day was warm, but went down rapidly when the sun disappeared. The cold, wind, and low oxygen level were getting more and more challenging.

I could feel the difference in my walking pattern and getting tired more frequently. I tried to use all the energy I had, to pull myself up to Dingboche. After reaching the tea-house, I took some rest. But soon, I was down with fever and dry cough. I informed regarding my condition to the team leader. The oxygen saturation level of my body was quite low. The symptoms of acute mountain sickness were visible and had started affecting me. The next day, while some members of the group were busy with activities that would help them adjust to the

thinning air, others suffering from mountain sickness took the option of taking rest. By now, I could feel the shortness of breath getting worse. My condition had progressed to high altitude pulmonary edema (HAPE), caused by the accumulation of fluid in the lungs that prevents the proper exchange of oxygen. Though, it completely depends upon the body’s ability to adjust to increasing altitude and decreased amount of oxygen. My health did not

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# જી.એલ.એસ.યુનિવર્સિટી દ્વારા આયોજિત ઇન્ટરનેશનલ કોન્ફરન્સમાં જોડાવાનું સદ્ભાગ્ય



મુનનીય શ્રી સુધીરભાઈની પ્રેરણા અને પ્રોત્સાહનથી જી.એલ.એસ.યુનિવર્સિટીની કોમર્સ ફેકલ્ટી (SMPIC) દ્વારા અને (CIMA) મલેશિયા ના સહયોગથી આયોજિત ઇન્ટરનેશનલ કોન્ફરન્સમાં જોડાવાનું સદ્ભાગ્ય અમને પ્રાપ્ત થયું.

કોન્ફરન્સ તો એક દિવસ તા:૦૮-૧૧-૨૦૧૯ ની હતી પરંતુ સાથે સિંગાપુર અને મલેશિયાના પ્રવાસનું આયોજન પણ કર્યું હતું. તા:૦૫-૧૧-૨૦૧૯ થી તા:૧૨-૧૧-૨૦૧૯ એમ આઠ દિવસ આ ટુરમાં બધાની સાથે સહપ્રવાસ નો ખુબ આનંદ આવ્યો. અમે આ સમગ્ર કોન્ફરન્સ-યાત્રા-પ્રવાસ દરમ્યાન જે અનુભવ્યું અને અમને જે અનુભૂતિ થઈ તે વર્ણિત કરવા બેસીએ તો કદાચ સાત પાના ભરાય તેટલું લખી શકાય. પરંતુ કેટલીક નોંધપાત્ર અને ધ્યાનાકર્ષક બાબતો અત્યંત સંક્ષિપ્તમાં નીચે પ્રમાણે કહી શકાય.

સિંગાપુર અને મલેશિયા બંને દેશોના પ્રવાસનું બહુજ ઓછા ખર્ચમાં આયોજન થયું આ કરકસરપૂર્વક છતાં સુંદર આયોજન માટેનો યશ ફેકલ્ટી ઓફ કોમર્સને ફાળે જાય છે. આવા કરકસરપૂર્વકના અત્યંત વ્યવસ્થિત અને સુંદર આયોજન માટે આયોજકોને જેટલા અભિનંદન આપીએ તેટલા ઓછા છે.

આ પ્રવાસમાં અમે ૨૯ પ્રવાસીઓ હતા, જેમાં તમામ વયજૂથના ભાઈ બહેનો હતા. જેમા Young Couple પણ હતા અને મારા જેવા અને પ્રો. પી. ડી. મોદ જેવા મુસબ્બીઓ પણ હતા.

પ્રવાસમાં કેટલાક એકલા હતા અને કેટલાક સજોડે હતા. બધાને બહુજ આનંદ આવ્યો. એકલા હતા તેમને એકલા હોવાનું દુ:ખ લાગ્યું નહી અને સજોડે હતા તેમને સજોડે હોવાનો ભાર, મુશ્કેલી અને મુઝવણ લાગી નહી. બધા વચ્ચે આત્મીયતા બંધાઈ અને બસ આનંદ અને આનંદનો જ અનુભવ થયો.

આઠ દિવસ સાથે રહ્યા, ઉંમર અને સ્વભાવમાં તફાવત હોવા છતાં ક્યાંય, કોઈપણ પ્રસંગે કોઈપણ વચ્ચે ક્યારેય ધન દુ:ખનો એકપણ પ્રસંગે બન્યો નથી. બધા જ એકબીજાનું ધ્યાન રાખતા અને એકબીજાનો આદર કરતા.

સમગ્ર પ્રવાસમાં પ્રભુ કૃપાએ બધું જ આયોજન સમયસર અને ઓચાંજન પ્રમાણે થઈ શક્યું. પ્લેન-ફ્લાઈટ પણ સમયસર ઉપડી અને પહોંચી. પ્રતિકુળ હવામાન ક્યાંય નડ્યું નહી. દિલ્હીનું ધુમ્મસ, સિંગાપુર અને મલેશિયાનો વરસાદ કે ગરમી નહી નહી. આહલાદક અને નહી ગરમી અને નહી બહું ઠંડી એવા સમશીતોષ્ણ હવામાનમાં અમારી હમસફર સફળતા પૂર્વક ચાલી.

સામાન્ય રીતે પરદેશમાં હોટલનો Check Out in Time 12.P.M. હોય છે અને Check in Time 2.00.P.M. હોય છે. અમારું એ સદ્ભાગ્ય કે અમે સિંગાપુર હોટલમાં સવારે ૧૧:૩૦ વાગે પહોંચ્યા અને અમને બપોરના ૨ વાગ્યાને બદલે તરતજ રૂમો મળી ગઈ અને બહાર રાહ જોવી પડી નહી. એજ રીતે મલેશિયા હોટલમાં અમે સવારે ૫:૩૦ વાગે પહોંચ્યા. રૂમો બપોરે ૨:૦૦ વાગ્યાને બદલે તરત જ રૂમો મળી ગઈ અને બહુ રાહ જોવી પડી નહી. બધાને આખી રાતનો ઉજાગરો નડ્યો નહી. બંને ઠેકાણે સૌ નાહી ધોઈને ફેશ થયા અને તરો-તાજ થયા.

સિંગાપુરની હોટલ હેરીટેજ ટાઈપની જુના જમાનાની છતાં અત્યંત સ્વચ્છ અને હોટલનો સ્ટાફ પણ અત્યંત માયાળુ, આથી અમે રહ્યા ત્યાં સુધી ઘર જેવું લાગ્યું મલેશિયામાં-કુઆલાલુમ્પુરમાં ૨૫ માળની ભવ્ય ડ સ્ટાર હોટલમાં રહેવાનું મળ્યું. બધું જ ભવ્ય અને સુંદર. અહીં અમને આલીશાન બંગલામાં રહેતા હોઈએ તેવો અનુભવ થયો.

સિંગાપુર અને મલેશિયાની બંને હોટલમાં સવારના બ્રેકફાસ્ટમાં જાતજાતની વાનગીઓ ઈન્ડિયન ફુડ, પંજાબી ફુડ, યુરોપિયન ટાઈપનું ફુડ અને ગુજરાતી દાળ-ભાત અને પુલાવ પણ મળ્યા. વાનગીઓ સ્વાદીષ્ટ અને ઘરે હોય તેવી, લચ્ચ ની જરૂર ના પડે તેટલો ભરપેટ બધા નાસ્તો માંગતા હતા. બપોરના ભોજનની જરૂર જ ના પડે તેવી રસોઈ અને વાનગીઓ. સાંજનું ડીનર કોઈ ઈન્ડિયન હોટેલ માં હોય, જેમાં ગુજરાતી અને ભારતીય વાનગીઓ મળતી હતી.

સિંગાપુર અને મલેશિયામાં અમારા ગાઈડ (સિંગાપુરમાં મિસ્ટર ગીલ અને મલેશિયામાં મીસીસ ડોના) બહુજ સારા મળ્યા. બંને હિસ્ટ્રીના અને પોતપોતાના દેશની બધીજ વિગતો, રાજકીય, સામાજિક અને સાંસ્કૃતિક પરમ્પરાઓના જાણકાર, દરેક સ્થળની વ્યવસ્થિત સમજૂતી આપે. જોવાલાયક બધાજ સ્થળો બંને દેશોમાં જોવા મળ્યા, સ્વભાવ પણ બહુજ સારા અને મજાના. પીક અપ બસ પણ નિર્ધારિત સમયે આવે અને પહોંચાડે.

આ સમગ્ર ટુરના આયોજકો બધાનું ધ્યાન રાખે, બધું સમયસર પાર ઉતરે અને બધાને શક્ય તેટલી ઉત્તમ પ્રકારની સગવડો મળે તેનું ધ્યાન રાખે. આ સમગ્ર પ્રવાસ દરમ્યાન કોઈને પણ ઉંચા સાદે મિજાજ ગુમાવીને કશું જ કહેવું પડ્યું નથી. સૌનો સાથ - સારો પ્રવાસનો અનુભવ થયો. અમને આ બધી બાબતો તો સ્પર્શી ગઈ પરંતુ સૌથી વધુ બાબત જે અમને સ્પર્શી ગઈ અને જે અમેને આકર્ષી તે SMPIC ના અધ્યાપકોનું ટીમ વર્ક અને ટીમ સ્પીરીટ કોઈપણ કામ હોય ખરેખરે હાજર અને તૈયાર. આ બધાજ ધનગનાટ, તરવરાટ, ઉત્સાહ અને આનંદથી ભરપુર એવા જુવાનીયાઓ સાથે હોય પછી ફિકર શાની એવો અમને સૌને અનુભવ થયો. સામાન ગોઠવવામાં, ઉચકવામાં પણ એકબીજાને મદદ કરે, ક્યાક કોઈને આ SMPIC ની ટીમને કારણે મુશ્કેલી નહી નહી.

તા:૦૮-૦૧-૨૦૧૯ ના રોજ કોન્ફરન્સનું આયોજન પણ સ્વીટ, સોર્ટ અને એક્સેલેન્સ. મહેમાનો સમયસર આવ્યા. ડો. અશ્વિન પુરોહિત નુ વેલકમ એડ્રેસ, ડો. કૃતિ શાહ નું એન્કરીંગ, ડો. ભીમલ સોલંકીનુ પેપર રીડીંગનું આયોજન, ડો. એમ. ઈ. જોખીનું આભાર દર્શન અદભુત રહ્યા. બાકીના અધ્યાપકોએ પણ સર્ટીફિકેટ તૈયાર કરવામાં અને અન્ય આયોજનમાં ખરેખરે અદભુત કામગીરી બજાવી.

આ કોન્ફરન્સમાં બરજીયા યુનીવર્સિટીના વાઈસ ચાન્સેલર મુખ્ય મહેમાન હતા. સંસોધનના ખુબ જ મોટા પ્રોજેક્ટ પાર પાદનાર આ શિક્ષણવિદે ખુબજ ઉપયોગી સુચનો કર્યા. ડો. કેરેન ફેંગ કી નોટ સ્પીકરે સીમા તપા આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય પરીપેક્ષના અનુસંધાનમાં એકાઉન્ટીંગ અને ઇન્ટરનેશનલ ટેક્સેશન ના અનુસંધાનમાં રજૂઆત કરી.

બધાએ દરેક સ્થળે બહું જ કોટોગ્રાફી કરી.



જાતજાતની અદાઓમાં, જાતજાતના ફોટા પાડ્યા. સિંગાપુર અને મલેશિયામાં બહું જ ખરીદી કરી. બધા પ્રવાસીઓ માર્કેટમાંથી આવે એટલે હાથમાં ચાર પાંચ થેલી અને ઊંચકીના શકાય તેટલો સામાન હોય.

પ્રવાસમાં આવેલી બહેનોમાં પણ બહું જ સારો સંપ. આ બહેનોએ સૌને જાતભાતનો નાસ્તો દરેક સ્થળે બહું જ પ્રેમથી આગ્રહ કરીને ખવડાવ્યો. આ બહેનો હતી તેથી ક્યાંય બહારના નાસ્તાની જરૂર પડી નહી. અલગ અલગ વય જુથ ધરાવતી બહેનો હોવા છતાં એક બીજા વચ્ચે બહું જ સારો સંપ રહ્યો અને પરસ્પર લાગણીનો સેતું બંધાયો.

આવા પ્રવાસીનું વારંવાર આયોજન થાય તો આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય ક્ષેત્રે શિક્ષણના નવા આયામો અને સંશોધનની માહિતી મળે અને વિચારોનુમ આદાન

પ્રદાન થઈ શકે, સાથે સાથે વિશ્વના દેશોનો પ્રવાસ કરી જે તે દેશની માહિતી મળી શકે.

ટુકમાં ઘણું બધું લખી શકાય.

ટુકમા કહીએ તો

અદભુત અને સુંદર આયોજન બસ આનંદ અને આનંદનો જ અનુભવ.

જીવનનો એક યાદગાર અનુભવ અને યાદગીરી અને વારંવાર વાગોળવા જેવો પ્રવાસ.

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## PLASTIC REPLACED!



The college initiated a drive to replace plastic bags with cotton bags not only amongst the students and the staff, but all over the city. The drive was inaugurated by Shri Sudhirbhai Nanavati, Executive Vice-President, Gujarat Law Society. With his encouragement, the Principal, some members of the faculty and the students of the college visited different localities in Ahmedabad and distributed

cotton bags to the public. Over 1000 bags were distributed in this manner so as to discourage the use of plastic bags. The bags were donated by Om Shanti Estates, and were distributed on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The college team went to many different areas on different days to spread awareness against plastic usage.

## FREE-OF-COST DIABETES AND BP CHECK-UP



The NSS Unit of HACC in coordination with the Rotary Club, Ahmedabad, organized a free-of-cost Diabetes and Blood Pressure Check-up camp for the staff and the students of college. Experts were invited

to measure these important health parameters as an initiative to develop better fitness consciousness amongst the staff and the students. About 150 students and staff members availed of the facilities at this camp.

## UPCOMING EVENT

*National Conference on “Creativity, Innovation and Technology for Sustainable Growth and Development of Indian Economy” on 28th December 2019 organized by Faculty of Commerce, GLS University.*

## CELEBRATION: INDIAN CONSTITUTION DAY

The college celebrated Samvidhan Divas, or the Indian Constitution day, on 26 November to commemorate the presentation of the Constitution to the newly formed Parliament of Independent India. Dr. Rishikesh Mehta, Principal, Sir L.A. Shah Law College, addressed the students and the faculty, sharing his expertise on the formulation of the constitution. He spoke about the different aspects of the preamble of the constitution,



and about the distinction of the Indian constitution as a work of proficiency amongst the others in the world.

**FACULTY OF COMMERCE (B.COM.)**

## SOCIAL SERVICE ON CHILDREN'S DAY

Faculty of Commerce (GLSIC) visited Shishu Gruh, Paldi to celebrate children's day on 21st November, 2019. Shishu Gruh is a place of orphan children having the age group between 0-6 years. Two faculty members accompanied with a group of students went to donate required things which include grocery items and milk powder. Shishu Gruh is an NGO where kids found at various places are being gathered and taken care by its staff members. Students of GLSIC felt privileged to have their parents with them unlike these kids. Our students also offered their help to NGO staff in future.



## TREKKING AND ADVENTURE TOUR TO JAISALMER

GLS University has been encouraging students to live with and learn from the Mother Nature. Since its inception as a university, students have gone for adventure camps and trekking in forests, hills and deserts in different parts of the country. Forty four students and two professors-in-charge, Dr. Gaurang Prajapati and Dr. Hastimal Sagara went for a Trekking and Adventure tour to Jaisalmer, a Pakistan bordering district of Rajasthan during November 22 and 23, 2019. The team's camp was stationed at about 35 km from the Jaisalmer city in the midst of Thaar desert.



During their stay in this western part of the country, the students involved themselves in a host of adventurous activities including sand trekking, jeep and camel

ridings on the sand dunes. The night desert safari was the most exciting experience for the participants. The melodious folk music, nail biting gallantry performance and mesmerizing Ghumar dance by the local artists would be preserved as precious memories. The team also visited a deserted and unmanned village, Kuldhara, an archaeological site by the Government.

The students got to know about lives of people, their

food habits and social customs and the local flora and fauna in the desert. Our learning about the life cycle of a camel, the ship of desert, was the utmost exceptional. At the middle of night in a barren desert, the star studded sky looked incredibly striking and the surroundings appeared utterly serene. The students would remember this tour as a life time memory. For them, the visit was full of excitement and exhilaration.

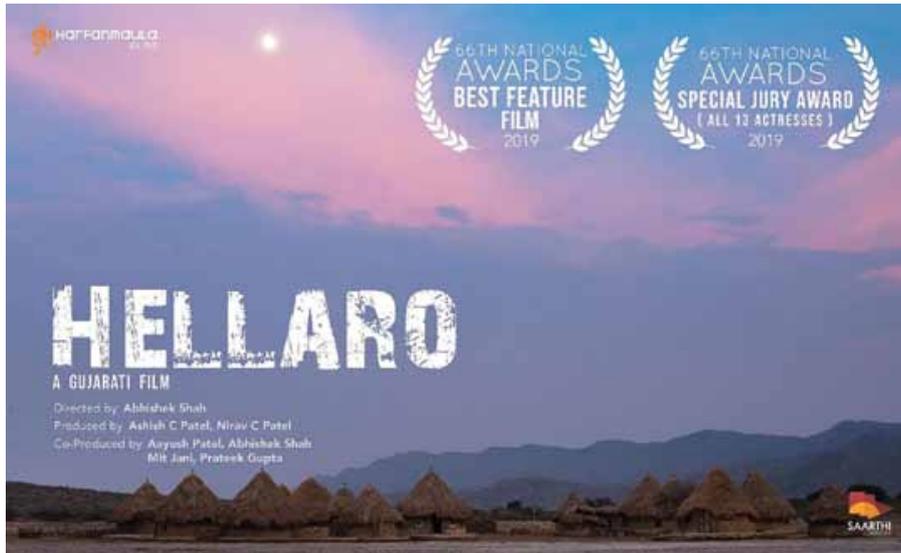
**MOVIE REVIEW**

By Gitanjali Rampal

**Hellaro**

**H**ellaro is the first Gujarati movie to bag the honour of Best Feature Film at National level. All the 13 female actresses from the film also won the Special Jury Award for their performances. Hellaro is the first Gujarati Film selected as the opening film at the Indian Panorama during the 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) and is also India's entry in the best debut film award category at the festival. Based on a folklore, set in a remote village in Kutch in 1975, Hellaro explores the idea of freedom through dance (garbo) while highlighting other poignant issues.

A young girl named Manjhri is married off to a small village in the middle of nowhere in the Rann of Kutch. There, she joins a group of women shackled by patriarchal mandates. Their only escape from the suppression is when they go out to fetch water at a distant waterbody every morning. Other than those few hours everyday, their lives are bound by the rules made by men which they have to abide by. One day, while on their way to fetch water, they find



someone in the middle of the desert and their lives are changed forever.

When they dance to the beats of drum, along with the sense of infinite freedom and exhilaration there is also the sense of dread and foreboding. What if the women are caught doing the forbidden? "We are dead anyway. We come alive only when we dance," one of the Garba-fixated women mutters in a trance-like transformation that happens to these women when the mysterious dhol player (Mulji) comes into their lives and beats the drum until their feet ache in ecstasy.

Just like the story which is all about women and their courage to challenge the rules, the film belongs to the 13 actresses who overshadow their male counterparts onscreen with their captivating performances. The superbly-meshed screenplay (Abhishek Shah, Prateek Gupta, Saumya Joshi) takes these stifled women out into the open to breathe, live and dance. The music by Mehul Surti further lifts the film with the voice of Aditya Gadhavi and the lyrics by Saumya Joshi (who has also written the dialogues) making the songs rich and textured.

The choreography of Sameer and Arsh Tanna truly reflects the emotions. Attention to details adds to the beauty of the film. And subtle humour in between tense moments brings the change in mood. In his directorial debut, Mr. Abhishek Shah has proven his worth as a filmmaker.

In words of the director & writer, Mr. Abhishek Shah, "My association with Faculty of Commerce (SMPIC) has been since 2013. In SMPIC, I have conducted many workshops on Theatre "Abhivyakti" and directed many plays at different drama competitions like INT ( Indian

National Theatre) , Vinaveli , DAIICT and other national level competitions. I am proud of the fact that many students of Theatre Club of Faculty of Commerce (SMPIC) have shown their talent in various Bollywood and Urban Gujarati movies. Even the cast and crew of the movie Hellaro includes many students from SMPIC, Ekta Shah, Nishit Pujara, Maharshi Patel, Harsh Tripathi, Rohan Prajapati, Saahil Pancholi, Prashant Makwana, Kuldeep Shukla, Devanshi, Yash, Bhumi and one of the thirteen actresses, Kaushambi Bhatt, is from NRBBA.

I sincerely appreciate the support and love from GLS Family and specially Dean Dr. Ashwin Purohit , Faculty of Commerce (SMPIC) and all the loving students for supporting me for consecutive 5 years theatre journey at SMPIC."

The much-hyped film, released amidst heavy expectations, justifies the National Award for the Best Feature Film with effortless ease. Overall, Hellaro is a beautifully made film that ends in euphoria, not just onscreen but in the hearts of the audience as well.

*(The reviewer is Assistant Professor at Faculty of Commerce, GLSU)*

**RESTAURANT REVIEW**

By Keval Shah and Shrey Shah

**H**umour and food keeps us alive. As a food-lover we are always in search of different restaurants/cafes, which comes up with different concepts and different kind of ambience and all. Recently we have visited a place that is having such a cozy, pleasurable and unique ambience! They have collected all the vintage props and things that might be used by us in our childhood.

The way they have framed all the things were amazingly beautiful. The main entrance door makes you feel like you are entering into a luxurious palace. The way they are receiving the orders and delivering the orders is very unique!

They have put a switch over every table, and there is a bulb connected to each switch near the kitchen area. Whenever you need something, you have to press the switch and waiter will be there on your table to help you. For ordering food here you have to



mention the codes of dish in the notebook given to you. They will tear the page of the



idea? Because they are having a very talented and well trained "Deaf and Dumb" staff.

Every person inside the premises are deaf and dumb including chef and waiters. They are also having a food lift to serve the food on the second floor! Each wall, each frame, each props everything are just simple and amazing. They also have signboards, which shows signs of all the alphabets by which we can communicate with by gestures.

Lets go to the food, we have tried many dishes at the place, Fries, Nachos, Mojito,

Red very shake, Chinese Dabba, Tandoori Momos, Waffles with red velvet sponge and brownie and many more. From the above things, we loved all the dishes but some of those were just delicious and they have used amazing skills in presentation, which made us drooling over that.

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notebook and will serve the order to you. Why they came up with this unique serving

## EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

## FACULTY OF COMMERCE (SMPIC)

## CELEBRATION OF UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD DAY

Swami Vivekananda Study Circle of Faculty of Commerce (SMPIC) organized a function to celebrate Universal Brotherhood Day on 12th September, 2019 in the college.

Universal Brotherhood Day is observed to commemorate Swami Vivekananda's famous speech delivered on September 11, 1893 in Chicago to the delegates of the World Parliament of Religions. On this occasion, Dean Dr. Ashwin Purohit shared an experience of Vivekananda's life and said "Even though Swami Vivekananda felt nervous initially addressing the large gathering of seven thousand people at the World's Religions in Chicago, he bowed to Sarswati and began his speech by



addressing all the gathered as "Sisters and brothers of America" for which he received a two minute standing ovation from the crowd". The function was graced by Dr. Amiben Upadhyay, the Vice Chancellor of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad, Prof. Janki Vaidya and many volunteers from swami Vivekananda

Kendra. Dr. Ami delivered an informative session on the values and preaching of Swami Vivekananda on this occasion. She talked about acceptance, tolerance, equality, turthfulness and spiritual intelligence emphasized by Vivekananda the most. Students were shown a Suryanamaskar video clip at the end of the session.

## CELEBRATION OF 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAHATMA GANDHI



On 2nd of October Faculty of Commerce (SMPIC) celebrated the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi under 'Forum for Gandhian Philosophy'. The Forum for Gandhian Philosophy was conceptualized by Dean Dr Ashwin Purohit and introduced in SMPIC for the first time in Gujarat to inculcate the values and thoughts of Gandhiji in today's youth. The youth of this country have a greater responsibility. It is indeed very important to know, feel and live the lives of those who played a crucial role in winning freedom for India. The celebration was full of different activities, which will help revive the Gandhian Philosophy and values in a very interesting and fun filled way. Activities like Songs, quiz, On the spot elocution, Games, Poster making, Cartooning and Collage making took place and all the activities were centered around today's occasion. Topics for elocution competition were Gandhiji's views on Non-Violence, truth

and love, Adapting Swadeshi, Dandi March, Gandhiji and the concept of cleanliness, Significance of Gandhigiri in today's world, Views on untouchability, Relevance of Gandhiji's views on today's life, Mahatma Gandhi: Power of Influence and My life is my message. Two motivational speakers were invited for the same. The first speaker was a veteran academician, the provost of GLS University, Dr Bhalchandra Joshi. "He spoke about the importance of Gandhiji's thoughts on education". The second speaker for the day was Retired Brigadier Jahangir Anklesharia. He spoke about "Values of freedom and role of Indian military in post independence era and various motivating and moving incidents from the lives of Army men". To pay tribute to Gandhiji students also cleaned the campus. Alongwith that an exhibition of books of Gandhiji was organised in the college library. The guests and the students visited the library and were inspired by the books on Gandhiji.

## WORKSHOPS ON 'VOCABULARY BUILDING' AND 'HOW TO CRACK AN INTERVIEW AND GROUP DISCUSSION'



Faculty of Commerce (SMPIC) organized two workshops 'How to Build Vocabulary' and 'How to Crack an Interview and Group Discussion' on 4th September, 2019 in the

college. The first session 'How to Build Vocabulary' was delivered by Mr. Prashant Sugandh, an academic counsellor and soft skill trainer for the first semester students. The second session

'How to Crack an Interview and Group Discussion' was delivered by Roahan Garg, an IIM-C graduate for Sem-3 and Sem-5 students. Students enjoyed both the sessions enthusiastically.

## FACULTY OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS &amp; IT

## INDUSTRIAL VISIT TO RAMDEV FOOD PRODUCTS PVT. LTD.

Faculty of Computer Applications & IT, BCA programme organized a visit to Ramdev Food Products Pvt. Ltd. on 14th September 2019. Mr. Amit Joshi, coordinator Ramdev Spice World along with his HR team, got all the students acquainted about the history & functioning of Ramdev Masala.

The students were exposed to different plants like the manufacturing plant of Ramdev Masala, the huge automation plants for grinding the spices like chilies, turmeric, garam masala, asfotedia and the various plants for packaging of



traditional Gujarati instant food items like Idli, gota, hadvo etc. The recent technologies like sensors for different machinery works and the automated printers to print the labels were exhibited for students. Students got to know their dispatch

mechanism in Gujarat and outside Gujarat. The visit ended with delicious snacks prepared over there using their instant food products. All this was possible only because of cooperative and supportive staff of Ramdev Masala.

## INDUSTRIAL TOUR TO PARLE-G



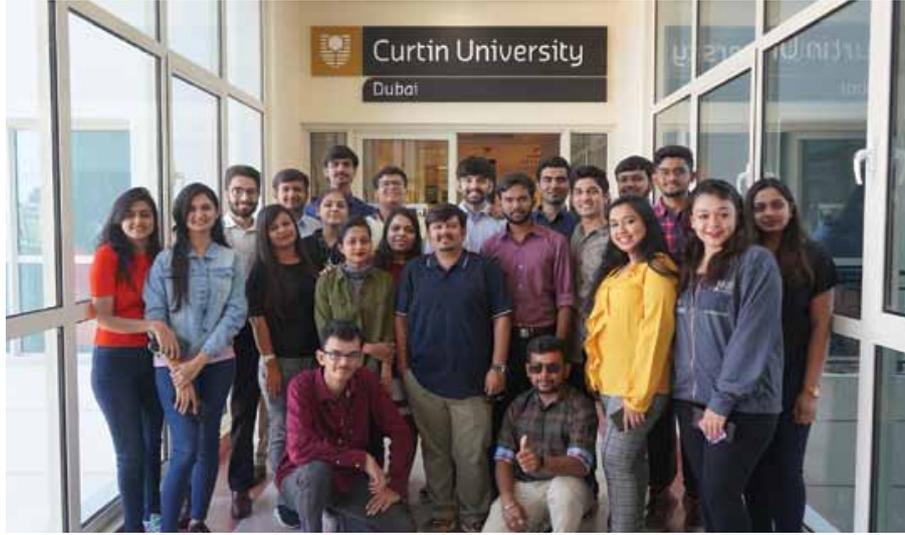
On 21st September, 2019, students of BCA Programme (Second Year) went on an Industrial Tour to the Parle-G manufacturing plant at Naroda. The tour was organised so as to enable students understand the manufacturing, packaging and distribution process of Parle-G

products. The plant at Naroda specifically had manufacturing of biscuits. The tour was guided by a technical expert who described the entire working of the plant and packaging of products. The students were shown a documentary on evolution and expansion of Parle-G as a co-operative industry.

# INTERNATIONAL IMMERSION PROGRAMME AT DUBAI

By Zeel Patel, Devansh Shah, Maitri Mehta, Omic Desai, Abhi Chhatbar

Many of our friends are studying in various private as well as traditional universities. Naturally, they all are full of justification and appreciation for joining their respective universities. But, we, the students of GLS University have a strong reason to celebrate our decision to join this university. Yes, you guessed it right, its the very unique International Immersion Program. With the collaboration with various foreign institutes and universities, GLS University offers this golden opportunity to its students to visit a foreign land, have an experience of studying there for some days, have a glimpse of the culture of that nation through various excursions and what not.!! We are truly proud and happy that we grabbed this opportunity, and decided to



join the Immersion Program at the prestigious Curtin University at Dubai. We got an opportunity to study, explore and experience Dubai through this program from 16th to 30th November, 2019. We heartily thank GLS University for giving us an opportunity for the wonderful

exposure to international learning and concepts through Curtin University, Dubai.

The learning environment at the Curtin University didn't feel alien at all and we felt like we were the students of Curtin University.

This Immersion Programme helped us to

polish our soft skills and also gained theoretical as well as practical knowledge regarding various concepts. The presentations and co-curricular activities helped us in enhancing our intellectual capability.

The learnings and experiences that I gained from

the Dubai International Immersions Programme has definitely helped me to get an insight in international management and marketing.

And yes, how can we forget the fun filled excursions. We visited various spectacular and exciting places of Dubai and had a lot of fun and enjoyment with the group of 22 friends of GLS University.

We really appreciate the support and care of the faculties who were with us. None of us ever felt that we are away from our families. The support from the University also from India whenever there was any need was excellent.

In all, it was truly a great experience and we would definitely look forward to grab such opportunity in future also with our own GLS University.

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