

ATHARVA

EDITOR'S CORNER

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The month of October marks the end of a semester for the students Garba night was organized at the SIC Campus to commemorate the festive season of Navratri. All the girls were dressed in chaniya-choli and boys wore kediyu and kafni suit. The students enjoyed the event thoroughly and danced to the tunes of traditional Garba and Bollywood songs. It was a wonderful experience for the students and an event which would bring back the nostalgia in future.

A Gujarati Thali was organized at SIC Campus for dinner during the festive season. The students got a chance to relish their taste buds with delectable Gujarati cuisine.

The hectic schedule of assignments for students finally came to an end as they geared up in preparation for the end semester exams. Following which, the students got the much deserved Diwali vacation to mark the end of their semester.

Hope you all enjoy the 31st edition of Atharva magazine by the Web and Media Committee. Happy reading!!

NAVRATRI CELEBRATIONS 2019

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Navaratri is celebrated in honour of goddess Durga who is a representation of Shakti (power). The festival celebrates femininity in all its forms. These nine days are celebrated differently in different parts of the country. Navratri is also known as Durga Puja in West Bengal. People over there; especially women play with colors. On the tenth day of the festival, the concluding ceremony is done. During these nine days, devotees worship Goddess Durga and her other idols. From the very first day, all the idols of goddess Durga are designed and decorated in such a way that they look immensely beautiful and it absolutely seems like they have come to life. People in Bihar and the surrounding regions celebrate Navaratri in a grand fashion. In Gujarat, people celebrate by playing Dandiya and Garba amongst themselves, forming a circle and dancing. During those nine days, it feels like someone from our family has come to meet us and after the tenth day, an absence is felt when the idols are being immersed. On this occasion the whole campus was beautifully decorated with lights and flowers. All the girls were dressed in chaniya-choli and boys wore kediyu and kafni suit. It began with the Aarti of Goddess Durga. Soon it was time for us to join one of the 'circles' to match moves and groove to the beat. From rock-Garba to traditional folk, Bollywood (of course) to EDM dandiya and never-heard melodies improvised for the groovy crowd, they had some of the most eclectic music you can think of for garba. The lovely weather, non-stop dancers, electrifying ambiance, wrapped us all in limitless euphoria, making everyone forget everything. The zeal and excitement of the festival was evident among all the students. Each and every student was part of the grand celebration. Overall, it was an amazing experience, the perfect way to wrap up Navaratri.

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MY TAKE ON THE CLIMATE DISCUSSION

Prof. Shaji Joseph



When Gretha Thunberg sat in front of Swedish Parliament to force them to abide by the Paris Agreement terms on Carbon emission reduction, or When Sudarlal Bahuguna and a host of women latched themselves to the trees when the authorizes came to fell the trees, when Vandana Shiv and her associates coined the term Ecofeminism, when Leyla Acaroglu founded design agencies such as, Disrupt Design and Eco Innovators, when Cochin International Airport became the first airport in the world to be entirely electrified by solar power, when people raised their voice against the cutting of trees in the Aarey colony in Mumbai a momentum is being built. A momentum that is slowly taking the center stage of all national and international discussion forums today.

Students are unable to attend school, people have to move around with masks on, the abrupt climatic changes are destroying their homes, flooding their cities, heating up their surroundings. Most cities in the country are faced with shortage of water. Rivers are drying up necessitating to interlink rivers, lakes and other water sources in the cities have become cesspool of sewage from the small industries and nearby slums. 70% of our cities are victims of flash floods. The environment catastrophe predicted by the UNFCCC and its IPCC headed by R.K. Pachauri since 1995 are confronting us real time. They said we must reduce the carbon emission. They said we must plant more trees. They said we must collaborate and create awareness so that everyone together could fight the danger. No one heard them. There is still a ray of hope. We can reverse it if we together work to mitigate the wrongs our ancestors and we ourselves have contributed.

People are gradually becoming aware of the need for environment protection if not for the sake of environment at least for their own sake. Each one of us can contribute. Be the change you want to see.

A land locked country like Bhutan did become carbon neutral. They achieved what they call, Gross National Happiness or GNH. It was part of their vision to create a holistic development for their country. All development program is driven by GNH. 72% of its land is forest cover. they are able to absorb three times more carbon than they produce to become the only country in the world to become carbon negative. They export clean and renewable energy these exports will help in reducing about 50 Million tons of CO2 a year. If they can do it we too can!

STAR ALUMNI

RAM KINKAR JHA

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The Star Alumni for the month of November is Mr. Ram Kinkar Jha. He has been working at PwC for more than four years. He works as a Management Strategy Consulting Lead for Customer and Strategy Mr. Ram has a decade of experience in the corporate world. He has worked with many corporate giants such as HCL Technologies Ltd, Eaton Corporation, Infosys and Maersk Group. He is a UGC NET qualified management professional which is a

lifetime eligibility certificate from University Grants Commission for Academia Role in MBA Courses. He completed his B. Tech in Information Technology from Kamala Nehru Institute of Management & Technology, Sultanpur, Government Engineering College of Uttar Pradesh. He holds multiple certifications such as Digital Acumen.

He is a recipient of the Director's "Outstanding Student" award of the MBA Batch 2010-12. He won HCL's prestigious "Gold Champ" & "Silver Champ" during his association with HCL.

His leadership skills, keen business acumen, professionalism and a positive attitude have helped him soar through his professional life and achieve many accolades. We are very proud to call him Star Alumni of this month.