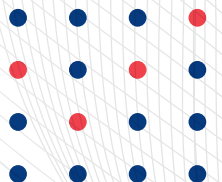




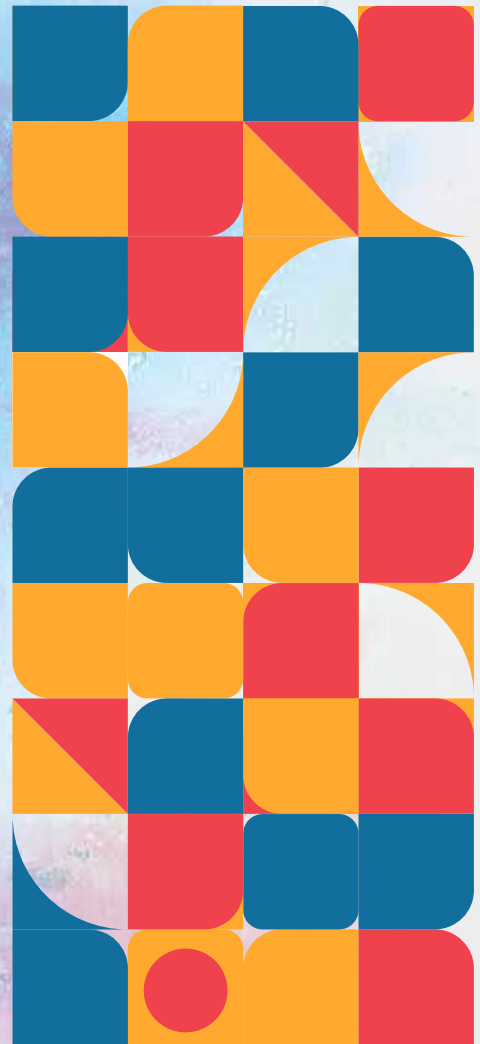
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Uptake

Ringing out the old and ushering in the new, people all over the world heralded the New Year, hoping that the year ahead would be far better than the previous one. That there will be love and peace in each heart, and that people will strive to make this planet a better one, to bequeath to posterity a clean green planet where strife and bitterness no longer rule the roost. It sounds too good to be true. Yet, if only... if only each one decides to do a little bit better and act responsibly, I am sure we can hope for a better dawn. Every great journey begins with a small step. A quaint children's book *Have you filled your bucket today* by Carol McCloud uses the metaphor of a bucket that is filled with good feelings whenever a good deed is done, bringing out the eternal value that goodness holds in the human heart. How easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation, and love on a daily basis. It blesseth him that gives and him that takes, as Shakespeare vouches. A warm smile, a gentle wave of the hand, and a kind word are all that it takes to fill our

buckets each passing day, yet how miserly have we become to not indulge in these in the midst of our workaday lives?

Before we retire each day, it would be good to take stock of the day's account and see whether the bucket is empty as we might have crossed paths with someone, knowingly or otherwise, or if it is filled due to a good word or deed that was done that day. This self-audit would certainly help us get better with each passing day. Keeping away from digital distractions and finding the brief few minutes to complete the self-audit requires cultivating it as a habit, which might be difficult initially but would become second nature if practiced regularly. As the daily grind begins to take a toll on each one, tempers are frayed, patience and tolerance are merely words in the lexicon, and everyone, whether young or not, demands the right of way everywhere. It is important not to forget the values that make us human.



By way of reminding ourselves that we can certainly try and do better this year, here is a lovely poem that most of us might have read many times but that is worth reminding ourselves of at every opportunity.

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind,

People may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful,

You will win some false friends and some true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank,

People may cheat you.

Be honest and frank anyway.

Dr. Akila S Indurti
Editor

What you spend years building,
someone could destroy it overnight.

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
they may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today,
people will often forget tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be enough.

Give the best you've got anyway.

You see,

in the final analysis it is between you and God ;

it was never between you and them anyway.

Until we meet again, have a wonderful time ahead!



No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.
Aesop



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BEYOND CLASSROOM

A celebration of your talent



From a Soldier's Diary

Indian Armed Forces: Ethos and Rich Heritage

Capt. David Muthumani was the RMO (Regimental Medical Officer—Doctor) with the 10 SIKH Light Infantry Battalion during the Battle of “Naya Chor” in the Pak Sindh desert. He was awarded the **Sena Medal** for evacuating and treating the unit battle casualties right under intense shelling and firing. An outstanding basketball player that he was and a diehard soldier, he had virtually made up his mind to move from the Army Medical Corps to the Infantry.

He was later posted to the Advance Dressing Station, a mini-field hospital, where, not caring for his personal safety from regular daily bombing and strafing by Pakistan Air Force Mirage Fighters, he provided medical help to the injured without a wink for 72 hours. It was strange that while doing so, when he had not slept for days, he was checked and lambasted by the Brigade Commander for ‘not shaving and bad turn out’. The soldier did not reply and continued his effort to save the lives of the critically injured. David, the straightforward soldier that he was, was moved to a different neighboring Mini Hospital a little far away. While he was there after the Ceasefire (CF), and since our troops were still located in their post-ceasefire locations, he was surprised to get a call from CO 10 SIKH LI to join him for lunch in his officer's mess. His eyes were watery, having witnessed and received a strange gift from the Sikh troops.

The details in his own words are as follows:

The best gift I received in my life

At the end of the war, I was made in charge of the Mini Hospital attached to the 31st Brigade. On December 24th, I got a call from Col. Basant Singh, CO 10 Sikh LI, to join him for lunch on Christmas day.

After the war, water and rations had to be brought by road from Barmer until the Army restored the Munabao Kokrapar railway line. Water was rationed to 5 liters per person to meet all their needs, both drinking and washing. None of us had a bath until the rail line was restored by the end of December or early January.

I drove to the unit on Christmas day and reached it by 11 a.m. I found the whole unit lined up to welcome me. Col. Basant Singh graciously welcomed me and led me to a canvas bucket full of hot water. The CO told me that the men had sacrificed one glass of water from their 5-liter ration so that their “Isai” (Christian) doctor could have a bath on Christmas Day. My eyes were filled with tears of gratitude as I completed my bath with the whole unit cheering. The rest of the day is a haze in my memory.

This is our Armed Forces' great ethos, even in times of adversity. Christian, Hindu, Muslim with Khalsa troops. No words for our Armed Forces.



Of Bugles, Polished Shoes, and Elephants

Courtesy: Yasmine Jalnawalla

The year was 2014. I was to fly on an early morning long haul, returning home to Bangalore from New Delhi. The Delhi air being notoriously nippy in early January, I wore my leather brogue shoes instead of the denim slip-ons that were derigeur. Warm feet trap heat, being the logic.

I came through the security lines quite early, hoping to get a spot of brekker. Picked up a hot and surprisingly tasty egg roll and moved back to sit in the lounge while trying to finish off a crossword in 'The Hindu'.

A few minutes later, I heard a set of squeaking wheels and didn't give much notice till the wheels came to a stop right in front of me. On an usher-assisted wheelchair, an elderly gentleman was wrapped up in a shawl. Twinkling, sharp eyes poked through the brim of a fedora, accompanied by a walrus silver gray moustache. Accompanying him was an exceptionally delicate and pretty steel gray-haired lady carrying her handbag and what was possibly his bag—a leather satchel, wrinkled, but one could note the top-quality shiny leather it was made from.

She intended to sit in the seat on the right of me, but then there would be no space for the bags. I unconsciously got up, moved one more seat to the left, and said, "Allow me, ma'am." I took the bags from her and placed them on the seat. I continued to stand till she sat, and the usher had placed the wheelchair in the passageway next to her. I nodded as the gentleman smiled and said "Thank you" and went back to my crossword.

A few moments later, I could hear the two mumble. The lady's voice rose and she said, "I can't. He will think we are nosy." A few mumbles later, she patted me gently... "Excuse me...My husband wanted to ask you something. I apologize if you find us rude." I shrugged and said, "Sure." I looked into those querying twinkly eyes. You Army or NDA?". I laughed. "Neither, sir. Something worse." As his eyes quizzed up, I said, "Army kid. Dad was an Infantry Colonel...but how did you guess?". Almost simultaneously, both spoke...He said, "The shoes," and she said, "You stood up for a lady."

The next 45 minutes went by in a breeze. The gentleman was a retired lieutenant general from the Army, himself an army kid. His wife came from an Air Force family and had lost a brother in 1971. We talked about the "old days and old ways" and how it was so easy to spot out faujis and fauji kids. The general then made the statement, "Army kids have more paltan (the unit in which they have served) in their DNA than their fathers who served the flag."

Cut to November 2021, and one of our banks sent in a wealth manager to talk to us. As the gentleman crossed the threshold of our home, the thought was on my mind: another Fauji kid', the giveaways being the shoes, the haircut, and the way he addressed my wife.



It's been decades since my dad left the army. For him, age has dimmed the ability to clearly recall many of his postings. But in no way has it dimmed the fervor for the paltan in my brother and me—and in millions of army brats who, over time, have moved into careers in civvy street and still bore their millennial children with tales and memories of days gone by.

Who can forget the early morning bugle call as you snuggle under the razai in the cold, damp walls of MES officers housing and your dad grumbles and hunts for his blancoed (colored olive green) PT shoes in the dark, not wanting to wake up his unofficial CO (wife) from her bed,... or the cycle convoy as a Buddy leads a troop of eager beaver chatty brats from the unit lines on their way to school? If you were in a larger station, there was the Shaktiman School Bus, where you made friends for life, had early romances, and in three cases, I know, went on into marriage.

The unit was everything to you. The cookhouse, or langar, being the start point for an addiction to rustic food...my dad served and commanded a Madras unit, and I still prefer Sambhar with Chapatis and another combination of Rotis/Dosas and fried eggs. And yes, Chai is still tastier in a tall steel tumbler.

As you inched into your teens, there was a shift to allowing you more liberty in the unit lines. You got to accompany your dad for physical training and even the evening games, and if you went to a private school, students there slowly got to respect the fact that you knew to play most games moderately well. They didn't know that you didn't do it for the honor of the school...heck, you changed schools every two years... but for the izzat of the PT ustads and company sportsmen in the unit who made your evenings hell teaching you everything they knew... "Tu Bravo Company Tiger ka beta Hai, tu CO Saab ki sherni ho".... it was Bravo Company, 4 Madras (Wallajabad Light Infantry), 121 Brigade... all the formation structures of your father's unit, its demigods, and its pedigree that had to be honored. It did not matter if your team lost the match; what mattered was whether you played like a Sher or a Sherni and gave it all you got.

And they would know it. The buddy who was your father's No. 1 man was also the unit Spook who would be the first line of information on your father's mood for the day to what were his kids marks in school, and woe befell you if you hit bottomline... I remember a time when my Hindi grades slipped, and suddenly there was the education teacher making a visit home and offering to teach me enough not to shame my parents... That was the sell-in to Mom. The real issue, of course, was paltan ka izzat...

The army taught us kids something for free—what our dad's swotted and sweated out in NDA and IMA to imbibe—loyalty and bonding. All army kids grow up with the belief that their paltan is the best one in the Indian Army. No questions were asked. The blind faith is unshaken even today. The Assaye elephant on the Madras Regiment crest became a charm. It extended to my always being a collector of Ganesha idols and elephant figurines. Maybe a way of staying in constant unconscious touch with what were the best years of one's life.



Bonding was something that got ingrained as one spent time with the young officers of the unit... in a way they were the elder brothers and extended family...and funnily even today when in doubt...or a spot of trouble...they are the first port of call.. not to mention the fellow fauji kids... siblings...from another parent...and given a special place in one's life way over cousins, aunts, and uncles.

And then there was the etiquette one learned from everyone in the unit. Love for the flag, respect for ranks, and respect for elders. You stood up and wished when an elder person or lady entered a room. No questions were asked. You combed your hair. You never wore unironed clothes, and yes, you always polished your shoes to a mirror shine.

Years later, even when I went into advertising and posted that on the client side, where informal wear and corporate attire rules blended and jeans became acceptable, my shoes were always a giveaway, as the general and his wife honed on.

Much water has passed under the bridge of time. One doesn't hear the call of the bugle anymore. But 6 a.m. is still a wakey, wakey time. The fetish for a neatly ironed and stacked clothes cupboard continues...even during COVID, which drove my unofficial lady CO around the bend as every evening I commandeered the ironing table at home. The Regiment stays in focus on the regimental faujikids group.. the most recent excitement being one of a sister unit 7 Madras exercising in the US snows... Ganeshas and Elephants get their morning dusting... And you will never catch me dead in unpolished shoes. I am a son of the Paltan. I am a Wallajahbadi.



Maj Gen Gurdeep Singh Narang (Veteran)

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Finale of Season one: The Answers

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It took a million years to go from using a pointed stone for chopping to knapping stone into sharp blades. It took 30 years to go from rockets to the moon. You see farther when you stand on the shoulders of giants.

The pace at which science advances is going to keep increasing. From 1903 to 1967, it took almost 64 years to go from the first heavier-than-air flight to the first orbiting satellite. And then, from 1967 to 1990, to go from the first orbiting satellite to the Hubble telescope.

The daunting question I see all over the internet is repeatedly disgracing all the works done by Noble laureates and kick in the teeth for dedicated souls. The question is, how did we advance that much in technology? Are there any aliens behind this?

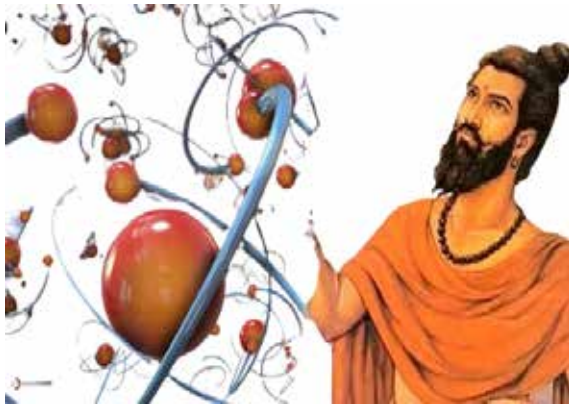
As technology improves, the tools to conduct scientific studies also improve! Necessity is indeed the mother of invention!

Notable heroes from India contributed to science and development.



Aryabhata was a mathematical genius who wrote a treatise on mathematics called "Aryabhatiyam," calculated the value of pi (3.1416), invented the sine table in trigonometry, and introduced the concept of zero. He was the first to proclaim that the earth is round, rotates on its axis, calculates the motion of planets, and times eclipses.

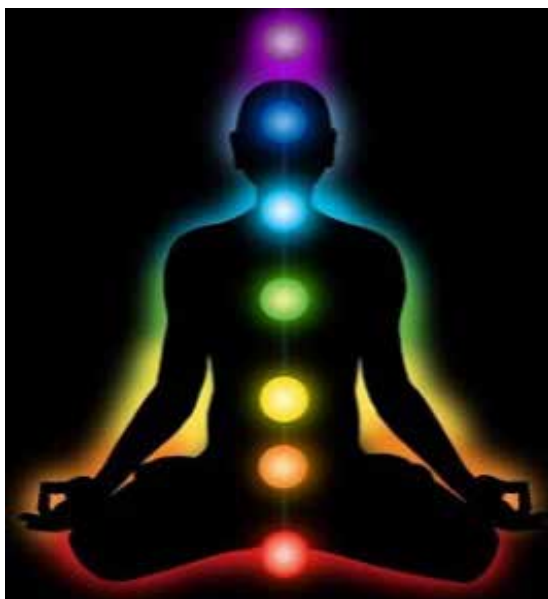




Acharya Kanad was the pioneer of atomic theory; he said, “Every object of creation is made of parmanu (atoms), which in turn connect with each other to form molecules, much before John Dalton.

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Acharya Sushrut: He is venerated as the father of plastic surgery and the science of anesthesia. He wrote a unique encyclopedia on surgery named "Sushrut Samhita," in which he prescribes treatment for 12 types of fractures and 6 types of dislocations. Sushrut used 125 types of surgical instruments, including scalpels, lancets, needles, catheters, and rectal speculums, mostly designed from the jaws of animals and birds. He has also described a number of stitching methods, detailed 300 types of operations, and pioneered amputation, caesarean, and cranial surgeries.



Acharya Patanjali is credited with gifting the world the science of yoga. Patanjali's 84 yogic postures effectively enhance the efficiency of the respiratory, circulatory, nervous, digestive, endocrine, and many other organs of the body.

- Why are aliens not communicating with us?
- Are they even real?
- Are they friendly?
- Are they extremely advanced in terms of science and technology?
- Is it a question of reality or consciousness?



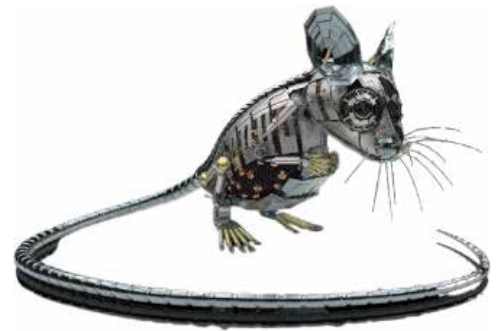
Answers:



The Chinese Air Force has trained two monkeys to remove birds' nests in order to ensure flight safety and minimize the threat of bird hits to the aircraft during landing and takeoffs.

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A unique study shows we can train wild predators to hunt alien species they've never seen before. A study on bushland on the outskirts of Sydney, New South Wales, used native bush rats (*Rattus fuscipes*) as a model predator. The chosen alien prey species, speckled cockroaches (*Nauphoeta cinerea*), don't live in Sydney or its surroundings, so rats have no experience with them. After rigorous training, they eliminated the threat as intended.



My take on this example is

An ant will take a minimum of 5 to 7 hours to complete one mile, compared to our metrics as of now.

We cannot explain to a rat or lizard how the light is illuminated just by clicking a switch.

Finally, these questions are my answers:

How many times in your life have you thought about communicating with an ant, lizard, or rat?

How many times have you made an effort to streamline their daily lives, emotions, and so on?



Of course, we study them; we still study and have studied every other life form in front of our eyes. But do you think they know we are studying them, running experiments on them, or domesticating them for our own benefit?

It doesn't mean that since we have a higher percentage of evolved gray matter and white matter in our earthly forms, we are superior and they are inferior. We design and distill fragments of this earth to win against each other, and we still call ourselves the most evolved beings. With this, I am concluding this season, and I will get back to you with something intriguing and intrinsic ASAP.

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“ Be structured enough for success and achievement, and flexible enough for creativity and fun. ”

So what's your resolution for this New Year?

Oh!! You don't have any. Fine, let's check why we need one.

As the New Year 2024 rolled around, we all started to take up a lot of new resolutions, just like we did the previous year. Now, how many of us have really taken them seriously and accomplished them?

However, don't feel awful. Every year, a lot of people set a variety of goals for themselves, such as quitting their addictions, starting a new fitness routine, managing their finances better, saving more money, and many more things. However, the majority of these goals will be broken before the month is over!

Surprisingly, these are much-needed adjustments in the lives of those individuals. They are aware of the obstacles standing in their way of living a successful, happy, and healthy life.

In general, New Year's is the only start that is thought of as a fresh start in everyone's life, regardless of one's birthdate. Thus, each new year brings with it a slew of fresh ambitions and goals.

Therefore, each time a new year begins, just as you get ready for a celebration by buying cakes, new clothes, gifts, and greetings, we are unknowingly preparing ourselves for yet another adventure. Each new adventure is special because it teaches you something new and transforms you in the process. Some lessons, some blessings, some failures, and occasionally fleeting moments of joy are all part of the journey that shapes who you are.

Resolutions are the icing on the cake—they contain all the data from previous New Year's resolutions that we were successful in achieving or unsuccessful in achieving and indicate what additional things require to be addressed in order to make it different this time.

Does your goal actually reflect what you need?

Our needs are different from what we actually want. If our resolutions don't reflect or connect us with our needs, then our motivation gets extinguished, as our wants keep changing as per the trends and surroundings.

A resolution is something that should reflect your values, interests, needs, and aspirations. These prime aspects define specific and relevant goals that align with one's vision and purpose.



Reasons why we fail to keep up the resolutions we frame for ourselves:

1. It isn't falling under your needs; it's just what you want.
2. Fear of failing to accomplish, as it leads to guilt, questions self-worth, and weakens the ability to feel confident in taking decisions.

3. Keeping goals that don't fall under the SMART goals.

Any goal framed should follow the basic objectives, like the following:

S: Simple and satisfying

M: Measurable and meaningful

A: Achievable and accessible

R: Relevant and realistic

T: Time-bound and tenacious

4. Lacking motivation or losing motivation quickly

5. Lack of discipline

Here's a customizable success mantra:

Own a potent success mantra that will assist you in staying focused on accomplishing your goals. Since no two people have the same wants, goals, or drives, each person's journey is distinct, and so too should their mantra.

I must create _____ or else I'll be enslaved by _____.

I will not _____ or _____ my business is to _____

Here's a Dino-Convo about achieving resolutions:



I have to be strong & Focused Always no matter what.

There will ups and downs, a days where you have optimum energy levels and a day where you have no zeal, just make sure you keep bouncing back and going.





I should stick to Strict Routine & put more Pressure on self, it helps to achieve.

Strict routines does help, however our brain does require some amount of flexibility to relax, so some cheat days are fine.



If I fail achieving this then am incapable & doesn't have strong mindset, am weak.

Having a growth mindset if much more valuable than a strong mindset, consistently improving is much better than never trying at all.



I need to be perfect and have to achieve 100%

Most of the time perfectionism is thief of joy, achievements need to cherished no matter how tiny they are, a progress is still a progress either it's only 10 % or 1%, strive a little hard and do your best.



Q&A on Mental Health Concerns, Psychological Issues, and Recommendations.

*** Disclaimer: The situations below are solely provided for informational and educational purposes. These are not meant to identify specific individuals. ***

Person A: What is the right thing to say to someone who is crying?

Student Counselors: Do's: 1. A gentle hug or pat on the back 2. Just listen, don't say anything, and ask them how you can make them feel better. Don't compare, don't ask them to stop crying, don't say stay strong, and don't give your personal story as an example, as it makes them feel much weaker. Just be there for them and tell them you will be there with them through this.

Person B: What factors influence the decision-making process?

Student Counsellors: Decisions depend on your perspective on your situation and your need for it. Factors that affect people vary from person to person; they could be:

- Uncertainty about the goal.
- Multiple options.



- Overanalyzing and not taking the first step.
- Your priority list.
- Hearing a lot of opinions and not doing your own research about them.

Person C: How do we be strong enough to take a decision that might be difficult but good for us?

Student Counsellors: Remind yourself of the need and why you want to achieve that goal; make constant checks and appreciation after crossing each step; Never ignore or forget that there will be dips in the journey; these ups and downs are important; that's how you move forward. Don't compare your journey or progress with others; just don't stay there for a long time; try to bounce back quick.

Person D: How does one deal with feeling like an imposter, especially when something great happens?

Student Counselor: This often happens with people who constantly work on being self-critical and who doubt their worth irrespective of their accomplishments.

1. They need to accept the fact that they are worthy of receiving the credits. If someone is complimenting or appreciating the work, accept it without giving them a response like anyone could do this, it's very simple, or it's nothing.
2. Challenge your negative thoughts with solid proof: If you feel that you don't have abilities but people perceive that you do, it cannot be 100 percent false. Maybe you have only 60 percent of the skill.

Work on improving that skill rather than saying that skill doesn't even exist in you. Again, allow yourself to receive constructive feedback and expand your horizons by allowing for new perspectives. Simply work on your abilities and be open to new things, irrespective of good or bad.

Note: There are a lot of people and a wide world around you who are good at criticizing you for no good reason, and you don't need to do this extra work on yourself again. Be kind and compassionate with yourself.



Want some help?

Sharing can help your recovery, so write us at lenin.thejashwini@presidencyuniversity.in with your question, name, and contact details. But if you wish to stay anonymous, do indicate that in your email.

It's perfectly OK to ask for expert assistance if you still find it tough and burdensome to handle things. A professional may assist you in finding a positive solution to your problems that will last. Just like you take medicine when your body needs it, seeking therapy when your mind needs it is absolutely normal.



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Remember to forget

Just the other day, I tried looking at the different number plates and made an effort to remember the numbers in order. I learned them all quickly. Yet they got completely wiped away from my mind in no time. This could not be possible, as the effort to keep it in mind was strong. How can I then afford to lose what I just memorized? The only answer in this situation is that regardless of the number of times it was read, one of the most important steps in the process of remembering was missing: attention. Strange that it has never crossed this over-flooded mind of mine that it's only when attention is in play that memory processing actually becomes a success.

A little flashback to when we had practical classes for psychology and a certain experiment gave me a peak of curiosity. It was an experiment on suggestibility, and this is how it works: there will be a few pictures shown with a lot of distinct features on them, like a pond, a well, birds, etc. Now the subject had to look at the picture for a certain amount of time and then was asked to list out the number of things noticed in the picture. The second phase of the experiment was more like the experimenter asking the subject a few features or, rather, subtly suggesting them. I was thoroughly surprised that there were a number of things that were suggested to be present, to which I agreed, but in reality, they were not part of the picture at all. All at once, it was like a crippling fear ran through my body when I realized that this could very well happen in reality as well. There were immediate thoughts running through my mind that if it were that I had closely paid attention to the details of the picture and participated in active attention, possibilities were that my suggestibility agreement would have been less.

In school, we would have all learned the rote-learning method of remembering notes and numbers, and what not! We would all be fatigued by the length of the notes and dread every minute that we were studying. It's only rather later on in life that it hit me on the ways I could have rather studied than to cramp everything in this little brain. Of course, there was this one point when there had to be a definite way in which my learning was shaped. I was rather surprised to know that there is a term called "remembering" and a process that the brain goes through. The short-term and long-term memories have now become my assistants, and the fun part is telling them to put in information accordingly. The trick here is to effortlessly push the information received from the external environment from the short-term guy to the long-term guy. Quite a delivery package act, I know! But here's the thing: once memory is stored, you'll never forget it and can call it up whenever needed. The retrieval cues become rather stronger when the willingness to remember becomes passionate. So next time, call on my other friend, that is, attention, to help in delivering the information, and believe me, it will be worth it! And you will always try it again!

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The Bountiful Crop

The teacher was very sincere and would prepare well for his lessons. His aim in life was to inspire his students and make them achieve not just success in their chosen professions but as good human beings. Yet, in spite of trying very hard, he met with just a modicum of success. He knew there were still a lot of students who remained indifferent to his lessons, however hard he tried.

He was concerned. He decided to seek the wise one, the master, who he knew would give him a direction for his dilemma. The wise one took the teacher to the garden. There was a large mango tree with its flowers in full bloom. The tree looked so beautiful and served as a wonderful symbol of nature's prowess.

"What do you see?" asked the wise one to the teacher.

"A lovely tree in full bloom," replied the teacher.

"How wonderful would it be if all the blossoms transformed into ripe mango fruits?" exclaimed the wise one!

"But how can that ever happen? A lot of it gets destroyed," said the teacher. "How?" asked the wise one. "Well, the breeze blows them away. Some get carried away by the wind. A few start ripening, but the birds don't leave them."

"So how many get converted to ripe fruits in reality?" questioned the wise one.

"Maybe a quarter," replied the teacher. Ha sighed the wise one. Is it the fault of the gardener? "How can that be when the gardener gives his full attention to the entire crop?" protested the teacher.

Your students are like the blossoms. Some of them get blown away by other influences and cannot benefit from what you give them. Very few go on to absorb the lessons and benefit totally.

That gives it a different perspective. smiled the teacher, hoping that he could do better.



Doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment.

Oprah Winfrey



Events Galore

**Roundup of activities in
November, December 2023
January 2024**

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Drug Awareness Program

Presidency University, in collaboration with Rajanukunte Police Station, conducted a drug awareness program on the campus on December 20, 2023. Superintendent of Police, Bangalore Districts, Shri Mallikarjun Baladandi IPS, and Deputy SP of Dodballapur sub division, Mr. Ravi, and Police Inspector Mr. Dileep Kumar were present on the occasion and sensitized the students on the ill effects of drug consumption. Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Muddu Vinay administered a pledge to the gathering.





Mind Blossom Club

The Mind Blossom Club at Presidency University organized a mental health first aid event in December 2023. Ms. Rakshitha Ghadge from YourDOST was the resource person at this interactive event.



Women Empowerment Club

The fourth podcast of the women empowerment club “Translating Cultures” on the virtue of Navratri brings out the life and experiences of the incredible Malar Vili. In this edition, she shares her journey, reflecting on the challenges she has faced, the lessons learned, and the resilience that has defined her path. From personal triumphs to professional hurdles, Malar Vili’s story is one of strength, determination, and the power of overcoming adversity.

Podcast link:

https://open.spotify.com/episode/5PRRrC7gNvNK0kLram0qeK?si=Iq7KVMBXStyzUMQ_hFeoZA&utm_source=copy-link

In the fifth podcast, “Complex Realities of Women in Prostitution,” Soyonika Gogoi explores the multifaceted challenges faced by women in prostitution, ranging from legal complexities to societal stigmas. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table, shedding light on the legal frameworks, human rights considerations, and empowerment initiatives that shape this complex issue.

Podcast link:

https://open.spotify.com/episode/6OSNS9HgFosSPj8TawIEBY?si=nDQN8uD6SGunyg3OUARF2w&utm_source=copy-link



NSS

AIDS Awareness Campaign

The NSS Team of Presidency University organised an awareness campaign on AIDS at the Government High School, Kakolu Budanahalli on December 2, 2024.

Tobacco Awareness

The NSS Team also conducted a tobacco awareness campaign on December 15 at Presidency University.



Winter Carnival

The Winter Carnival on December 22, 2023, at Presidency University brought in a lot of cheer that helped blow away the winter chill. The Carnival, with its eclectic mix of soul-soothing music, vibrant dance performances, an interesting array of stalls, engaging games, and mouth-watering food stalls, provided all with a plethora of options that suited their interests and choices.



Events Galore





Way to go, Gaming Club

The Presidency University team won first place in SVIT Techvidya 2023, an inter-collegiate technical fest organized by Sai Vidya Institute of Technology. The students won first place in the categories of BGMI, Call of Duty Mobile, and Valorant!



Visitor from the tinsel world

Nani, the Telugu actor, visited Presidency University on December 5 for an interaction with staff and students.



Sports Round up

The women's volleyball team came in as runners-up in the CMRIT intercollegiate tournament held on December 14, 2023.





Presidency Premier League

Presidency Premier League featuring competing teams was held on December 19, 2023.



Yoga for Health

Bend the body and mend the senses: a yoga session for health was held on Dec 19, 2023.



Staff Sports

All work and no play makes life so routine for the staff. To infuse fresh energy and enthusiasm, the first round of staff sports was held on December 26, 2023.



Students win the overall trophy at the SirMVIT Kalanjali inter-collegiate extravaganza.

Talented students from Presidency University participated in various cultural competitions at the SirMVIT-Kalanjali inter-collegiate extravaganza held on December 15 and 16, 2023, and won the overall trophy.



The list of winners is as follows:

Abhaynarayan, Alan, Adrian, Anaz, Roy, and Jason: Winners in the Battle of Bands

Shreyas, Aditya, Sahil, Fahad, and Bharath: Winners in Valorant

Tanmayee, Anika, Vaishnavi, Keerthi, Abhaynarayan, and Kamal: Winners in Group Singing

Chandana: Winner in Solo Dance

Tanmayee and Anika: Runner-up in Antakshari

Bhuvan: Runner-up in Beat Boxing

Devaraj: Runner-up in Photography



School of Media Studies

The School of Media Studies organized an online workshop on accelerating careers in journalism by Rica Roy, a seasoned broadcast journalist, at NDTV on December 8, 2023. Rica Roy, renowned for her contributions to broadcast journalism, shared invaluable insights with the participants by providing real-life anecdotes and a comprehensive overview of the evolving role of journalists and the multifaceted nature of the profession in the digital age. Roy actively engaged with the participants, encouraging questions and discussions.



The Media Conclave

The School of Media Studies, Presidency University, organized masterclasses on film, animation, and media as a part of FAME 2023, a media conclave held on December 18–19 at the university. Industry experts like Mr. Ashish Kulkarni, Mr. B. S. Srinivas, Mr. Satish



Narayanan, Mr. Ramesh Tekwani, Mr. Praveen Nagda, and Mr. NRN Gowda gave the students in-depth exposure to the art of filmmaking and animation and technological advancements in the film industry.



MoU with Industry Partners

School of Media Studies Presidency University Bangalore signed an agreement (MoU) with Culture Cinema & Film Fest (C2F2) Mumbai and Social Media Matters (Delhi). Under this agreement, joint certificate programs, industry visits, workshops, international conferences, joint surveys, research, and internships will be conducted throughout the academic year. Social





Media Matters, Delhi, a new-age company working in close association with Netflix, Twitter, and Meta (FB, Instagram), as well as YouTube, conducts workshops and projects on online safety, voting awareness, and other issues throughout the country. C2F2 Mumbai is a reputed and popular film festival involving young filmmakers across 30 countries, focusing on the culture and traditions of various regions.



School of Engineering: Department of Civil Engineering

Towards Sustainable Solutions

An international webinar on the "Importance of Soil and Water in Achieving Sustainable and Resilient Agri-Food Systems" was organized by the Department of Civil Engineering in association with the UN SDG Club. Held on December 15, 2023, the webinar marked the celebration of UN World Soils Day, drawing 228 participants from diverse backgrounds with Dr. Raghunath Reddy R. L., Asst. Professor, Dept. of Soil Science, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, as the resource person.

The Department of Civil Engineering, in association with the Department of Chemistry and Environment Cell of Presidency University, organized a webinar on "Adverse Effects of Plastic Pollution and Sustainable Alternatives to Plastic" on December 23, 2023. Ms. Mahima T, Scientist at the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and Nodal Officer for Enforcement of the Single Use Plastic Ban at the CPCB Regional Directorate (Bengaluru), was the resource person. The program was organized as part of National Pollution Control Day events.

The Presidency Masterclass Series Lecture

As part of the Presidency Masterclass Series, the Department of Civil Engineering, the Office of International Affairs, and the Departments of Mechanical Engineering and Electrical and Electronics Engineering organized an enlightening session on "Heat Transfer Enhancement



Using Nanofluids" on December 26, 2023, with over 145 participants attending the session. The resource person Dr. Shuichi Torii, a renowned professor from the Graduate School of Science and Technology at Kumamoto University, Japan, shared his expertise on heat transfer enhancement utilizing nanofluids, providing valuable insights into cutting-edge research and applications in this domain. Dr. Katta Venkataramana, Professor, National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal, and Dr. R. Prabhakara, Professor Emeritus, VTU Belagavi, and Former Campus Director, BGI, were the guests of honor.



Department of Mechanical Engineering

An industrial visit by sixty students to "RITTAL PVT Ltd., Bashettihalli, Dodballapur Industrial Area was organized by the Mechanical Engineering Department on December 12, 2023. Ms. Pooja Singh, HR Training Officer, introduced RITTAL Pvt. Ltd. as the leading manufacturer of machine enclosures, tool engineering, oil and gas, power engineering services, water and waste water treatment, tailwinds for engineering, and IT network and server enclosures from Bengaluru, India. It was an informative, interesting, and successful visit.





School of Commerce and Economics

PRAGYA, the Entrepreneurship Association of SOC, organized an interactive session on FUNDQUEST: Navigating Government Funding Opportunities on November 24, 2023. Mr. Shivam Kumar, Founder of SCANPICK, delved into the intricacies of his business, shared insights from his entrepreneurial journey, and provided valuable guidance on navigating the intricate landscape of government funding. The interactive session witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 60 students.



School of Management

The School of Management, Presidency University, organized a session on "Get a job in the top Companies: Learn the preparation strategy to join these workplaces" on December 11, 2023. The Expert Ms. Nimi Menon, Head - L & D, Amazon Bangalore, shared her experiential insights with the students and highlighted the importance of acquiring the relevant contemporary technical skills along with soft skills like time management, critical thinking and decision-making skills to mention a few. Ms. Menon also emphasized the need for students to network, build rapport with their alumni for improving their reach. For a stronger resume' Ms. Menon encouraged the students to participate in as many extra-curricular/co-curricular activities that would enable them to enhance their ability to be a team player, assume leadership when required thus honing their managerial skills.





Student Orientation Program

A two-day orientation program for students of MBA, MCA, and M Tech took place at the university on December 18 and 19, 2023.



Industry Visit

As part of the industry connect program, III Semester MBA students from Sections 8 and 9 visited the Greenchef Appliance Ltd. (home and kitchen appliances) manufacturing units located at Dobbaspeta Industrial Area, Nidavanda, Nalamangala Taluk, Bengaluru, on December 13, 2023. A total of 60 students participated in this event.

School of Design

Students of SOD Product Design visited Quickshape on November 14, 2023, to understand the workings and importance of 3D printing and manufacturing processes like vacuum casting, soft tooling, and injection molding. Mr. Abhishek Reddy, proprietor of "Quickshape Pvt Ltd," gave an orientation to the students on the different aspects of 3D printing.





VFX Animation Cinema Conclave

Students from the School of Design, Multimedia program, Presidency University, took part in the largest VFX Animation Cinema Conclave in India, held at the HICC in Hyderabad, on October 31 and November 1, 2023, and showcased their incredible skills, creativity, and passion for the world of visual effects.



Industry Connect Initiative

The School of Design at Presidency University hosted a transformative Industry Connect Workshop between December 19 and 21, 2023.

The workshop was led by esteemed global industrial strategist, Mr. Rajat Bhattacharya. He provided insights into aspects of industrial design, the latest industry trends, and portfolio design. Through the workshop, students learned the art of curating portfolios that resonate with the expectations of potential employers.





Events Galore



The School of Design, Presidency University, Bengaluru, was invited to participate in the DE-SIGN 2023 event organized by E3 Events at Hotel Maurya, Patna, on December 27, 2023. The program aimed to provide a platform for aspiring design students to interact with the expert faculty from various renowned design schools in India about a lucrative and fulfilling career in design. Faculty members, Ms. Esha Nagella, an expert in the design of corporate workplace interiors, and Ms. Rasika Chandle, having expertise in level design, UI/UX design, game economy design, and game prototyping, interacted with the enthusiastic students eager to embark on their design journey.





Department of Learning and Development

Ms. Sowmya Ram, Soft Skills Trainer from the Department of Learning and Development, collaborated innovatively to craft department badges with the fifth-semester design students pursuing the Multi Media Course. These students, numbering eight, attended the program and embarked on designing badges on December 20, 2023. Recognizing the power of symbiotic relationships between academia and industry and creating an opportunity to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, Ms. Sowmya engaged aspiring designers by providing a real-world task.

The event began with outlining the project scope, detailing the essence of the L&D department, and articulating the core values and identity required to be encapsulated in the badges. Eager design students enthusiastically embraced the challenge, bringing forth a plethora of creative concepts, designs, and artistic interpretations with the support of their professors.

After rigorous deliberation and fine-tuning, a set of badges that conformed to the requirements was chosen. As a token of appreciation, students were given an appreciation certification and a reward to motivate them.





Office of the International Affairs

Presidency University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with New York University's School of Professional Studies (NYU-SPS) on January 8, 2024. The MoU was signed by Dr. Anubha Singh, Vice Chancellor In-Charge, Presidency University, and Dr. Larry L. Filian, Associate Dean, Enrollment Management and Student Success at New York University, School of Professional Studies. Guests present on the occasion included Ms. Nandita Atal, Relationship Manager, Global Engagement at NYU SPS, Pro Vice Chancellors, Deans of various Schools and Dr. S. Sivaperumal, Director, International Relations.





Research and Innovation

The Research Faculty Scheme initiated in July 2022 at Presidency University fosters cross-disciplinary collaboration, contributing significantly to advancing research within PU and beyond. Led by Prof. K. R. Murali Mohan, Director of Sponsored Research, the team has made giant strides with the following achievements recorded by the faculty:



Dr. Hidayath Ulla, Assistant Professor (Dept. of Physics) received a 2-year R&D grant of INR 20 lakh under the KFIST-L1 Scheme, VGST, Govt. of Karnataka, for the project titled "Design and Development of Fully Printed Flexible Organic Light Emitting Diodes for Lab-on-a-Chip Biomedical Applications."

Dr. Hidayath Ulla has also published a research article in Nature Portfolio (Scientific Reports).



Dr. Ashish Srivastava, Assistant Professor (Dept. of Mechanical Engineering), received a 2-year R&D grant of INR 10 lakh under the ECRA Scheme, VGST, Govt. of Karnataka, for the project titled "Classification of Heat-Affected Zones Upon Grinding of AISI 52100 Bearing Steel Through Deep Learning-Based Semantic Segmentation Technique."



Dr. Devendra Singh Dandotiya, Assistant Professor (Dept. of Mechanical Engineering) received a 3-year R&D grant of around INR 18 lakh under the TARE Scheme, DST-SERB, Govt. of India, for the project titled "Design and Development of Thermo Electric Cooler Integrated Nano-PCM Based Portable Milk Device for Rural Use."



Dr. Shagufi Naz Ansari, Assistant Professor (Dept. of Chemistry) received an in-house project at PRL Ahmedabad as Co-PI with the project titled "Design and Development of MOFs/Carbon Dots Nanocomposites as Catalysts for Efficient Photoconversion of CO₂ into Value-Added Products."



Dr. Prabhukumar S, Associate Professor (Dept. of Mechanical Engineering) obtained a visiting fellowship under the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) Program worth INR 4.50 lakh in association with Tallinn University of Technology (TalTech), Estonia. He is currently hosting one full-time PhD student from TalTech at PU for 6 months under the International Student Exchange Program (Doctoral



Research Team News Round Up

Dr. Shagufi Naz Ansari published a research article in Inorganic Chemistry (ACS, Q1, IF 4.6) with the title “Phosphorization Engineering on a MOF-Derived Metal Phosphide Heterostructure (Cu/Cu₃P@NC) as an Electrode for Enhanced Supercapacitor Performance.”.

Dr. Shagufi Naz Ansari published a research article in Nanoscale (RSC, Q1, IF 6.7) with the title “Heterostructures of MXenes and Transition Metal Oxides for Supercapacitors: An Overview.”.

Dr. Ashish Srivastava published a research article in the Journal of Manufacturing Processes (Elsevier, Q1, IF 6.2) with the title “Magnetic non-destructive evaluation of microstructural and mechanical characteristics of hardened AISI H13 die steel upon sustainable grinding.”.

Dr. Hidayath Ulla published a research article in Dyes and Pigments (Elsevier, Q1, IF 4.5) with the title “New green emitters based on push-pull type pyrene substituted cyanopyridones: Design strategies and utilization in organic light-emitting diodes.”.

Dr. Hidayath Ulla published a research article in Scientific Reports (Nature Portfolio, Q1, IF 4.6) with the title “Highly efficient visible light-active ZnO/Cu-DPA composite photocatalysts for the treatment of wastewater contaminated with organic dye.”.

Dr. Hidayath Ulla and Dr. Shagufi Naz Ansari published a research article in Optical Materials (Elsevier, Q1, IF 3.9) with the title “Effect of hole-transport layer thickness on the performance of organic light-emitting diodes.”.

Dr. Hidayath Ulla published a research article in Materials in Semiconductor Processing (Elsevier, Q1, IF 4.1) with the title “Development of Molybdenum Trioxide-Based Modified Graphite Sheet Electrodes for Enhancing the Electrochemical Sensing of Dopamine.”.

Dr. G. Jagannath published a research article in Optical Materials (Elsevier, Q1, IF 3.9) with the title “Enhanced nonlinear optical absorption and optical limiting performance of nanoparticles embedded in lanthanum alkali borate glasses bearing holmium ions at off-resonant spectral excitation.”.

Dr. G. Jagannath published a research article in Optics & Laser Technology (Elsevier, Q1, IF 5) with the title “Nonlinear optical coefficients of Samarium-activated lithium zinc borate glasses in femtosecond and nanosecond regimes.”.

Dr. G. Jagannath published a research article in Nuclear Engineering and Technology (Elsevier, Q1, IF 5) with the title “Optical, thermal, and gamma ray attenuation characteristics of tungsten oxide modified: B₂O₃-SrCO₃-TeO₂-ZnO glass series.”.

Dr. D. Karthik published a research article in Optics & Laser Technology (Elsevier, Q1, IF 5) with the title “Laser peening induced mitigation of severe pitting corrosion in titanium stabilized 321 steel.”.

Dr. D. Karthik published a research article in Langmuir (ACS, Q1, IF 3.9) with the title “Influence of Nano-CeO₂ and Graphene Nanoplatelets on the Conductivity and Dielectric Properties of Poly (vinylidene fluoride) Nanocomposite Films.”.



Calling all Staff/Faculty

Have you published papers, written books, bagged awards or won accolades recently? Send us a short report with an accompanying photograph. Have it featured in Kaleidoscope by mailing it to editor@presidencyuniversity.in



Picture Calling

Answer to the October edition of the Picture Calling Photo contest.



The scene depicts the famous annual festival Kadalekai Parishe, near the Dodda Basavanna Temple, Basavangudi, Bengaluru, Karnataka

1. Dr. Jagdish Godihal – Professor, Department of Civil Engineering
2. Mr. Sajith - Management Information Officer, Incubation Presidency LaunchPad (TBI)
3. Ms. Rukmini.S, ERP Associate
4. Ms. Deepa.V, Front Office Executive

Congratulations



Picture Calling

Here is another picture to test your general awareness.



Identify the scene.

Send the details of this picture, your name and your role/ class details to editor@presidencyuniversity.in





A moment of great pride for Presidency University

The Honourable Chancellor, Dr. Nissar Ahmed,

has been recognized as one of the prominent “Visionaries of the \$5 Trillion Economy” in India by Outlook Magazine in its anniversary special edition of January 2024. Pioneers in their respective fields, these luminaries have created dynamic ecosystems through their visionary leadership.



Pioneering A New Vision: Dr Nissar Ahmed and the Presidency Group's Remarkable Journey

The Presidency Group of Institutions led by Dr Nissar Ahmed has left an indelible mark in the field of quality education in India



A Visionary's Dream: Dr. Nissar Ahmed's Journey to Revitalize Education

Presidency Group of Institutions, a chain of innovative Educational Institutions in Bangalore and Karnataka, has a remarkable journey from its humble beginnings to becoming leaders in the field of education in India. Established by the AH Memorial Educational Trust, Presidency Group has evolved and grown under the diligent leadership of Dr. Nissar Ahmed, the current Chairman of the Trust, since taking over the mantle of management, in 1981.

Dr. Nissar Ahmed commenced his educational journey in 1976 with the establishment of first of the Presidency Chain of Schools at Bangalore. This ultimately led to the establishment of Eight Schools offering CBSE and ICSE Curriculum. The exceptional quality of education, offered by the school, resulted in a significant increase in student enrollment, necessitating the

expansion of facilities. Dr. Ahmed strove to uphold the best educational standards for the students. Under the diligent Leadership Team ensured that the schools under the esteemed banner, operated smoothly, on a day-to-day basis. Presidency Group of Institutions (PGI) comprises a University, a Degree College, three [3] Pre-University Colleges and Eight [8] Schools.

Presidency University, a renowned State Private University, offers a wide range of Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Doctoral and various other Programs through their diverse Schools of Study. These Programs span across disciplines such as IT, Engineering, Law, Management, Design, Media Studies, and more. Offering Forty Eight (48) Programs across Eight [8] Schools, the University is located in a sprawling, lush Campus, across 100 Acres, with around 17000 Students on its rolls. Taught by more than 800 Faculty Members with the most accomplished blend

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of Academic Qualification coupled with strong Teaching and Research expertise, the University has carved a niche for itself as an Institution of Eminence. The State of the Art Campus has around 13 Lacs Sq. Ft. of Built up Space with a Teaching-Learning Ecosystem of Modern Well-furnished Spacious Classrooms, Auditorium, Seminar Halls, State of the Art Laboratories, Amphitheatre and Cafeteria/Pool Court all leading to a vibrant Campus Student-experience

Philanthropist to the Core of His Heart

Dr. Nissar has, over the last 5 decades of his life, spared no efforts in ensuring the propagation of affordable education, across the social fabric, irrespective of caste, creed, sex, religion, gender or social status. Free Education in the Presidency Schools, College and University have always been extended by Dr. Nissar. Dr. Nissar Ahmed also has established the Philanthropic arm of the Presidency Group, Presidency Foundation which is focused on extending Employment-generating Vocational and Skill-Inducing Training to Underprivileged Youth in and around Bangalore, through a few Skill Development Centres.

Believing in the intrinsic value of an efficient and effective Human Capital Base, Mr. Nissar Ahmed built a dedicated team around him and is indebted to one and all right from the Students to the Parents, not mentioning the Teachers and other Employees.

Under the astute leadership of Dr. Nissar, all the Group Institutions have been bestowed with Accolades, Recognition for Excellence and Awards, National & International.

For his tireless efforts to provide affordable gender egalitarian Pre-School to Ph. D Education in India, and for the inclusive culture he has instilled in the Presidency Groups over the past five decades, Mr. Nissar has been bestowed with many awards and accolades.

This is testimony to the contributions of Dr. Nissar Ahmed to the USD 5 Trillion Global Economy





Congratulations



Ms. Nafeesa Ahmed,
Director, Presidency Group of Institutions and
Presidency Group of Schools,
 who has been conferred with a Ph.D., Philosophiae Doctor Honoris Causa (HC) in Education Management by Ecole Superieure Robert De Sorbon (ESRDS), France, Europe. The Doctoral Degree was awarded by Dr. John Thomas Prade, President of Ecole Superieure Robert De Sorbon (ESRDS), at The House of Lords, London, on December 15, 2023.

Congratulations



Professor Jagdish H. Godihal, who delivered a guest lecture on January 10, 2024, at the School of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia, as part of a collaborative teaching initiative for the Master of Construction Engineering. The lecture, centered around "Construction Waste Management: Emerging and Sustainable Issues," was a key component of the ECM 737 course during the Oct-Feb 2023 semester. The session involved stimulating discussions with students and faculty, exploring policies and best practices in C&D waste management, with a specific focus on India and Malaysia.

Congratulations to Professor Jagdish H. Godihal, Department of Civil Engineering for being recognised by the Elsevier Journals Leadership Team.

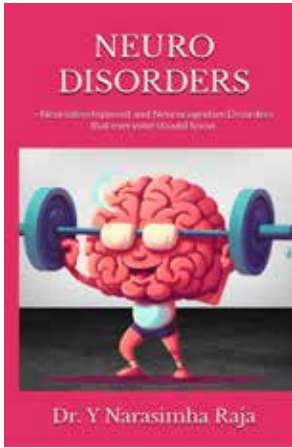
2023 Journal Highlights

Thanks to your contribution as a reviewer, the median review time has improved by 13% since 2022.

Congratulations to Professor Jagdish H. Godihal, Department of Civil Engineering for publishing an article on Sustainability Analysis of Hollow Concrete Blocks Manufactured Using Recycled Concrete Aggregate and Fly Ash as an Eco-Friendly Construction Component in the Journal of Architectural Engineering published by the American Society of Civil Engineers(ASCE).



Congratulations



Congratulations to Lt.(NCC) Dr. Y. Narasimha Raja, Assistant Professor, School of Management, for bringing out his eighth publication, a book titled "Neuro Disorders." The book was launched by Shri. Ramalinga Reddy, Hon. Transport and Muzrai (Endowment) Minister and Chairman of KSRCTC, on January 6, 2024.

Congratulations



Dr. Shwetha. A., Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, for having been awarded a fund for the FDP on Beyond the Horizon: Innovative Engineering Practices with Drone-based Surveying and Digital Mapping by VGST, Govt. of Karnataka. The total grant amount is INR 3 lakh.

Congratulations to Tanish Agarwal, a second-year BBA student at Presidency University, for having been invited as the Chief Guest for the National Youth Day at NIT Arunachal Pradesh, as part of the Government of India's Think India Program.

Tanish, the founder and CEO of JP Designs & Prints, is recognized as the "Youngest Entrepreneur of Assam." His outstanding achievements include seven awards and a place in the India Book of Records.





Congratulations

Dr. Vinodhini Chinnaswamy, Associate Professor of English, Department of Languages, for participating in the 42nd Dakshina Karnataka State Masters Athletics Meet held at Mangalore on January 13 and 14, 2023. She has won first place in the 80-meter hurdles, second place in the high jump, third place in the discus throw, and third place in the 400-meter relay.



We would love to hear from you.

Please send your feedback to
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The Presidency Alumni



ALUMNI CONNECT

Each month, Kaleidoscope features an exclusive section dedicated to Presidency University alumni.



Alumni News

The Alumni Association of Presidency University (AAPU) celebrated a significant milestone on January 5, 2024, as it formally introduced the newly elected Executive Committee members following the Alumni Committee elections held in December 2023. The ceremony was graced by Pro Vice Chancellors Dr. Muddu Vinay and Dr. Surendra Kumar, Dr. Sameeruddin Khan, Dean of SOCE and SOIS, Major General Gurdeep Narang, Dean of DSA and Chief Proctor, and Dr. Krishna Kumar, Associate Dean of SOM, marking the culmination of the election process.

The following are the newly appointed office bearers:

Pavithra K: President
 Rohit Ramesh Ramani: Vice President
 Mohammed Shahjahan: Secretary
 Jahnavi Lokanathan: Joint Secretary
 Mohamed Ahmed: Treasurer

Chosen through a democratic electoral process, the office-bearers are entrusted with the responsibility of leading the AAPU and fostering a strong bond among the alumni community. The election results were officially announced during the ceremony, emphasizing the commitment of Presidency University to transparency and inclusivity in alumni engagement.

The presence of senior university officers and Alumni Committee members underscored the significance of alumni involvement in the growth and development of the university. The program, skillfully convened by Mr. Sameet Joshi, Head of Alumni & ISR, with the valuable support of Ashwini R. and Roshni Raman, showcased the collaborative spirit between the university administration and its alumni.

The AAPU, under the leadership of the newly formed Executive Committee, is poised to create meaningful initiatives, strengthen alumni networks, and contribute to the continued success of Presidency University.





Alumni Thoughts

AI: THE FUTURE

All around the world, we could see emerging new technologies like AI, ChatGPT, robotics. It has become a necessary subject for every student to learn AI for the future. Why are we so dependent on AI? Is it taking away human jobs? AI is both a boon and a bane to society.

Benefits of AI

AI, 3D printing, and robotics would transform the construction industry into one of the oldest and largest industries in the world. AI assistance has inspired techgiants to build their own AI programs into their products; a recent example being Microsoft Word. Any person with a smartphone has access to AI, which performs tasks with speed and efficiency. AI technology is an easily available aid in our everyday lives, we can also see robots serving food in restaurants. AI can solve math problems and generate answers. AI also works with data with accuracy.

Problems faced due to AI

Artificial general intelligence (AGI): AI is equal to or superior to human intelligence, which will penetrate whole new sectors and replace human judgment. AI has the potential to make decisions that are unpredictable and uncontrollable, which could lead to unintended consequences. A recent example is the intelligence failure in Israel. Digital data or Digital intelligence enhances inequalities and exacerbates social disparities. It has also raised the issue of human-centric copyright. AI is dominating the IT sector.

We are not against the technologies, but against the opportunities we are lacking in the present times. A machine cannot act superior to humans. We are the creators of machines; we should not let machines rule the world. I would say it's a war between humans and machines, in the end humans should dominate.

Nandini P
ISE3 2023



Star of the Month

Likitha U.K., a B.Tech graduate of the computer science department from the Presidency University 2017 batch, is an illustrious alumna who has completed 21 years of dance training under her guru, Vidhushi Rekha Jagadish, along with which she also passed her senior-level Vidwath dance exam from KSEEB and diploma exams in Kuchipudi dance from AIMS University. As a dream come true for her, she started the dance institution “Nruthya Kutira,” where she trains young, passionate dancers.



Likitha is a recipient of the Vidushi title from the Karnataka state government, which is an honorary title for scholars in dance. Apart from that, she has also won many prestigious awards for her dancing skills, like the Kempegowda award from the BBMP, the Gulbarga University state award, the Aralu Mallige award, the Natya Mayuri title at the Dr. Rajkumar Karnataka state awards, etc.

Her contributions and the success she has achieved in her dance journey so far are a true inspiration for all. We wish her well to achieve more milestones in her dance career!

Dear Alumni,

If you would like to be featured in the Star of the Month column, please mail information about milestones, your professional, and extracurricular achievements to editor@presidencyuniversity.in and Kaleidoscope will feature them in the Alumni Connect.





Cloze Exercise

A cloze exercise is an assignment in which a portion of text is masked and the participant is asked to fill in the masked portion of text. Three types of cloze tests can be given in a competitive exam, these are word bank, partial words and a multiple-choice version. Candidates should possess strong vocabulary and spelling skills. These exercises also require students to think critically and analytically about a chunk of text.

In a small _____ (1) village that exuded peace and quietude, nestled between rolling hills and dense forests, lived a community that cherished _____ (2). Neat rows of tea bushes stretched across the hillsides. Each morning, the villagers would gather in the central square, sharing stories and laughter as they sipped on warm _____ (3). The heart of the village was a centuries-old oak tree, standing tall and wise, serving as a meeting place for celebrations and _____ (4). As night fell, the sky would be painted with a myriad of colors, casting a tranquil glow over the close-knit _____ (5).

1. a) bustling b) serene c) vibrant d) crowded
2. a) tradition b) progress c) technology d) change
3. a) tea b) cocoa c) coffee d) juice
4. a) gatherings b) conflicts c) discoveries d) journeys
5. a) hamlet b) metropolis c) suburb d) enclave

Answers

1. b) serene
2. a) tradition
3. c) tea
4. a) gatherings
5. a) hamlet



From gothilla to gotthu (don't know to know)

From the Department of Languages, Kannada, for non-Kannadigas to make yourselves at home in Bengaluru. Happy learning.

Vocabulary

Jaane- smart (female)	Aadre- but
Jaana – smart (male)	Maathra- only
Hecchu- more	Innu - still
Kadime- less	Cikkavanu – younger (male)
Chikkamma- Mother's younger sister	Doddavalu- elder(female)

Conversation

Namaskara Madam

Chennaagiddiraa?

Aa vyakthi yaaru?

Daaktar makkalaa?

Haudhu Madam

Niinu Gopi alveno?

Alla Sir Naanu Binu

Gopi nanaginthu doddavanu

Avanigintha doddavanu Ravi

Ivanu ninaginthu chikkavanu.

Ramaa Ninna thangi alvaa?

Ayyo, alla sir

Ramaa namma thaayiya hesaru.

Nimma chikkamma hesaru Enu?

Nanna chikkamma hesaru Uma.

Seema nanna thangiya hesaru.

Avalu thumba jaane alva?

Haudhu Madam

Claasalli avalu ellarigintha jaane

Nimma mane yaavydu?

Post office pakkadde namma mane.

Thumba Doddadaa?

Good morning, madam.

How are you?

Who is that person?

Are they doctor's children?

Yes Madam.

Aren't you Gopi?

No, sir, I am Binu.

Gopi is elder to me.

Ravi is elder to him.

He is younger than me.

Isn't Ramaa your younger sister?

Oh, no sir.

Ramaa is my mother's name.

What is your aunt's name?

My aunt's name is Uma.

My sister's name is Seema.

Is she not very smart?

Yes, madam.

She is the smartest in the class.

Which is your house?

The house adjacent to the post office is my house

Is it very big ?



Claasalli avalu ellarigintha jaane
Nimma mane yaavydu?
Post office pakkadde namma mane.
Thumba Doddadaa?
Nimma maneyashtu doddadalla.
Aadhre baadige matra nimma mane
gintha hechu.
Nimma gadiyaara thumba chennagidhe.
Adhu hosadhaa?
Adhu hosdhalla?
Aadre nimma gadiyaarakkintha hosadhu
Yaavudhu ii ooralli dodda maduve
mantapa?
Nithyothsava ii townalli dodda maduve
mantapa
Allondhu dodda mara idhe
Presidency university ellidhe?
Raajaanukunte hatthira idhe.
Alli ondhu smaraka idheya?
Haudhu idhe. Raajanakunte emba
hesaralli.

She is the smartest in the class.
Which is your house?
The house adjacent to the post office is my house
Is it very big ?
It is not as big as your house
But the rent is more than that of your house.
Your watch is very nice.
Is it a new one?
Not so new
But it is newer than your watch.
Which is the largest choultry in this town?
In this town, Nithyothsava is the largest choultry
There is a big tree there.
Where is Presidency university?
It is near Raajaanukunte.
Is there a memorial there?
Yes, there is. A memorial in the name of
Raajanukunte.



The 'greatest light show' on earth

Trivia



The Northern Lights or the Aurora Borealis in the Arctic has been termed as the greatest spectacle of light show on earth. The southern lights in the Antarctic has been described as the most intriguing natural phenomenon due to its unpredictability. These are natural light displays occurring in the polar regions caused by particles from the sun that enter the earth's atmosphere and collide with gas particles, such as oxygen and nitrogen. This phenomenon confined to the poles is now becoming increasingly visible in other parts of the world. The observatory in Ladakh captured the first sighting in April and a second one in November. The red aurora was seen due to solar flares which increase or decrease during a eleven-year cycle. Astronomers predict that there will be more such in the coming year too. Sky watchers are indeed in for a celestial treat.



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