



OUR GIRLS ARE CHAMPS

SCMC girls' volleyball team wins SIU trophy 3rd consecutive time



The SCMC girls volleyball team: From L-R (Standing) Riddhi, Tshewang, Ishi, Vandana, Vaishali, Passang; (Sitting) Aditi, Tanaya, Tammana, Vidushi, Mitali.

— Ishaan Bhattacharya —

The girls from SCMC have done it again. A third time, to be precise. Heading into the 2019 SIU Volleyball tournament, SCMC were two-time defending champions. The legacy was continued, especially after masterful performances by Mitali Dhar, Aditi Parida and Vidushi Jain. Mitali was awarded the best SIU Volleyball Player for her efforts, a trophy that she has won three years in a row now.

The annual SIU Volleyball tournament was organized by Symbiosis Law School, Pune (SLS-P), in association with University Sports Board from 26th to 28th August 2019 at New Viman Nagar Campus Courts. There were 22 men's teams that participated and 15 women's teams. The mens' tournament was won by SIMS and the womens' tournament, as already

mentioned, was won by our very own SCMC. The best player from the men's tournament was Himanshu Pandey from SIMS while the best player from the women's tournament was Mitali Dhar from SCMC.

The tournament took place over three days. The women of SCMC had to fight through the three days to come out victorious. In their first match, they trounced SSE 25-15 and 25-21 to qualify for the semi-finals. Their semi-final matchup saw them face SLS-H in a drawn out three set game. They prevailed, defeating SLS-H 25-15, 15-25 and 15-9 to book a berth in the finals. They faced another group of law students, taking on the team from SLS-P. They beat them convincingly, winning both sets 25-19. Can SCMC make it a quartet of trophies next year? We sure hope so!

Mitali is best player yet again



Mitali Dhar with best player's medal.

Mitali has been an outstanding sports person all her life. Her specialty though is volleyball, in which she has represented Jammu and Kashmir at the sub-juniors volleyball tournament and juniors volleyball tournament at the national level. She has also served as the captain of her State's volleyball team for four consecutive years apart from which, she has also won the CBSE Volleyball Nationals. She hasn't slowed down since joining SCMC either, and proof of this is the fact that she has been felicitated as the best SIU Volleyball player for three years in a row. Apart from volleyball, Mitali also excels at the national level in boxing, taekwondo and wushu.

MAADHYAM ROCKS!

And the winner is Batch of 2020

— Rashi Bhattacharyya —

Maadhyam, Symbiosis Centre for Media and Communication's (SCMC) inter-batch Literary and Debate fest, took place on August 23 in the SVC auditorium. Organised by the Journalism Batch of 2020, this year's edition was also won by the batch of 2020. With the help of the cultural team, events teams and various clubs, a combination of four off-stage and nine on-stage events took place.

The fest saw enthusiastic participation and nail-biting competition from all three batches. The off stage events began with Blackout Poetry on July 24. The batch of 2022 left no stone unturned and took up the top two positions. A similar scenario was seen in Teleprompter as the batch of 2021 took the top medals home. Judge for Teleprompter, Nilesh Mondal praised the participants and called the entries 'a compelling read'. Even though the off-stage events were dominated by 2021 and 2022,

on the day of the main event, Batch of 2020 took the stage by storm. Out of the nine events on stage, 2020 won six. While Ivan Coelho's poetry piece 'Minority' left the audience reaching for tissues, 'Rajneeti' by Rupal Jhahria won everybody's heart. Parth Rahatekar's impersonation of Karan Johar in Shipwreck and Akshay Thimmaya's two sided views on Dhinchak Pooja garnered the biggest laughs.

In the much-anticipated team events, the Pop Culture Quiz and the newest addition, Parliamentary Debate, Batch 2020 struck again and took the titles home. Batch of 2021 gave a close competition to the winning batch with an early win in Just a Minute, with Parvathi Sajiv emerging as the undisputed winner. Devil's Advocate saw Priyal Yadav win against crowd favourite Prof. Amitabh Dasgupta, as they discussed the legalization of marijuana. Batch of 2021 bagged the top honours in Spell Bee.

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The organizing committee of Maadhyam 2019 with Professor Amitabh Dasgupta.

2020 bags Parl. debate too

— Aditi Parida —

Maadhyam 2019 witnessed a host of debating events, one of the most highly anticipated of which was the Parliamentary Debate. Conducted for the first time ever in SCMC, it was judged by Angad Mathura who acted as the adjudicator.

Batch of 2021 had put up a good show during the preliminary rounds where matters such as the two child policy and Article 370 were discussed in great detail. However, after rigorous rounds of debate held off-stage, two batches, 2020 and 2022, emerged at the top and then battled it out on the final day.

The topic chosen for the final day after the coin toss was, "This house believes that censorship should extend to online streaming platforms such as Netflix and Amazon Prime given that an increasing number of its users are minors." Side

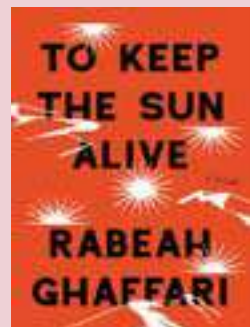
proposition was formed by Trisha Welde, Kanisha Shah and Adarsh Tripathi of batch 2022, whereas batch 2020 acted as side opposition and included Kryssanne Martis, Pratikshya Mishra and Ishaan Bhattacharya.

The audience cheered in unison when the opposition argued that they thought that "children need protection from sexual abuse, not sexual education". After half an hour of intense debate, batch 2020 secured the top place.



Parliamentary debate winners: L-R Kryssanne, Pratikshya and Ishaan.

TOP PICKS



To Keep The Sun Alive

— Passang Lhamo —

Bibi-Khanoom and her husband, a retired judge, grow fruit on their orchard in the small city of Nishapur, Iran. It is 1979, the eve of the Iranian Revolution, and conversations at family lunches are dominated by the country's impending crises. In her debut novel, Ghaffari addresses the political concerns of the period through an intense portrait of a family struggling against them.



Once Upon A Time In Hollywood

— Ashish Prakash —

A faded television actor and his stunt double strive to achieve fame and success in the film industry during the final years of Hollywood's Golden Age in 1969 Los Angeles. The ninth film from Tarantino features a large ensemble cast with multiple storylines and is a love letter to '60s Hollywood.



Momo's Corner

— Tshewang Choden —

Amidst all the happening in the city there is one such area where you can get almost everything apart from peace. Located just near Symbiosis College, the Konark Nagar area buzzes with life 24x7. One such thing the area is known for is its momos. The stall operates from 1-11pm every day. The menu consists of steamed/fried veg and chicken momo just like every other momo stall. However, they also serve paneer momos in various styles. With delicious taste and reasonable price that the place offers, you can't help but visit it again and again.

SID appoints students council for 2019-20

— Anushka Mukherjee —

With the onset of the new academic year, Symbiosis Institute of Design (SID) appointed Student Council 2019-20 on 23rd August, Friday. The investiture ceremony was held in the Amphitheatre, followed by a ceremonious 'ice-breakers' event for the juniors.

As tradition dictates, the dep. Director Sanjeevani Ayachit presented the outgoing batch of council members with certificates and appreciated them for their contributions throughout the tenure. Saranic Banerjee, the ex-council president then took over and thanked his dream team – after all, no events would have been a success without them.

Ms. Ayachit finally introduced the institute to the new batch of students and felicitated the exuberant bunch. The investiture ceremony ended with the eagerly-awaited announcement of the heads for the institute's annual fest, Fundamental. The most awaited event of the evening was the "ice-breakers" – a lineup of performances as well as games that helped break the ice for the newcomers, the first-year students.

The seniors led the evening into an excited atmosphere with their best dance, music and comedy routines. Finally, the crowd-favourite round of Tug Of War brought together students across the batches, as juniors fought against seniors over several rounds to win the trophy.

Over an evening of new beginnings, wonderful performances and breaking the ice, the students of SID set the pace for the upcoming year.



SID Director Ms. Sanjeevani Ayachit felicitates the new student council members. (Photo by- Jyotsna Ramachandran)

Symbi celebrates 73rd I-Day

— Ashlin Bangera —

Rain failed to dampen patriotic spirit at the SVC Campus. In order to commemorate the 73rd Independence Day, SID students and faculty members organized a well-coordinated event that was brimming with patriotism and pride.

Other institutes at the SVC Campus-SCMC and SCMS also came together to contribute to the event. The event started with Ms. Sanjeevani Ayachit, SID Director's speech in the presence of Dr. Sreeram Gopalkrishnan, SCMC Director and Dr. Adya Sharma, SCMS Director. This was followed by the hoisting of the flag by Col. Retd. C.V. Mohan, SVC Campus Administrator.

Mr. Vishal Wadaye and first-year SID students commenced the cultural programme singing a beautiful medley of patriotic songs. However, owing to light showers during the event, the dance performance had to be cancelled, which left the participants disheartened. Speaking to the SCMC Chronicle, Col. Mohan said, "It's heartwarming to see passion and love for the country among our students and staff. Being patriotic isn't just limited to being a soldier, everyone who fulfills his duty, irrespective of the profession contributes to the growth of the nation."

The event ended on a pleasant note with Col. Mohan distributing sweets to children present on the occasion.

An effort to appreciate Hindi

— Kavisha Manwani —



VNWC organising committee members and guests after lighting the lamp.

Viman Nagar Woman's Club (VNWC) along with Prutha Foundation organised HINDI DIWAS in the SVC auditorium on 1st September 2019. This was to celebrate Hindi, the major official language of our country. The purpose was to encourage its use and appreciate those who are prolific with their efforts for the same. Ms. Neelam Jadhav, ACP PCMC Mr. Jagdish Mulik, MLA Viman Nagar and Ms. Usha Vajpayee, a renowned BJP worker graced the occasion with their presence.

Founded by Ms. Meenakshi Bhalerao, Prutha Foundation is a non-profit organisation based in Pune. On the other hand VNWC is a voluntary group known for undertaking social initiatives under the leadership of Mrs. Bobby Karnani.



SVC Campus Administrator Col. C V Mohan (centre) heads the security and houskeeping contingent at the Independence Day celebration.

'I do not see Israel as evil'

The SCMC Chronicle staffer **Gunjan Hariramani** interviewed Palestinian journalist Aziz Abu Sarah at the TED Summit in Scotland.

Aziz never worked as a full-time print journalist; he had multiple interests. He wrote for a newspaper in Palestine, established an online magazine for Israel and Palestine, hosted a radio show for 3 years, hosted an investigative web-series for National Geographic (Nat-Geo).

You left print and got into radio and then into online space. Why?

Newspapers have lost their legitimacy. You spend so much time and effort writing, but people in the Middle East don't read anymore. For a journalist to survive in the Middle-East, where the pay is not good, an additional job helps. You also get to reach more people. With the Nat Geo, I created four episodes of a web series that looked into the Israeli Palestinian conflict in an innovative way. It got over a million views on Youtube.

As a Palestinian, what are your feelings towards Israel?



I have mixed feelings. My brother was killed by Israelis. But when I was hospitalized in Israel, I was treated by both Israeli and Palestinian Arab doctors. My father's heart surgery was done by a Jewish doctor in Israel. Many Jews, including a rabbi came to wish him.

"I don't see Israel as evil, and I don't see Israel as great. Israeli policies are oppressive towards Palestinians. But there are many Israelis who are good people and are opposed to this oppression. So I am able to see the complexity in reality."

After devastating Afghanistan, and now wanting to disengage, the US is now in direct talks with the Afghan Taliban.

While in Kabul in 2010-11, I had worked with President Rabbani. He was already negotiating peace with the Taliban. It was during such a meeting that Rabbani was killed by a suicide bomber. Thereafter, the US took help of Qatar and UAE to reach out to the Taliban. Today, Pakistan is closely involved in these negotiations. You see, Afghanistan doesn't have a single national identity. It's divided into the Northern Alliance and the Pashtuns. So, instead of a federal government, I think the best way to resolve the conflict between them is to create two local governments.

How will the US disengage from Iraq? The US is tired of being in Iraq; but the problem is if they leave Iraq, Iran will take over, There are pro-US groups in Iraq, but they all hate each other. There are also groups supported by Iran. Iraq is more complex than Afghanistan.

Cameos from Maadhyam . . .



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1, 2, 3 & 4. Maadhyam 2019 was compered by Batch 2020. (From L to R), Ishaan Tewari, Rupal Jhahria, Aditi Parida, Ishaan Bhattacharya, Rashi Bhattacharyya, Pratikshya Mishra, Roop Sawhney, Aastha Aswal

5. Parvathi Sajiv (2021), the winner of Just a Minute (JAM) event asstounded the audience with her Queen's English.

6. Priyal Yadav (2021), won against the Devil's Advocate (Prof. Amitabh Dasgupta) by opposing the use of marijuana.

7. Kavisha Manwani (R) and Samidha Raut (both 2020) enthralled the audience with their nostalgic piece *Kuch Yaadein*.

8. Ivan Coelho (2020), won Spoken Verse with his piece *Minority*.

9. The Batch 2020 team kept the audience on the edge during the Pop Culture Quiz.

10. Poetry Club heads, Krysanne Martis (R) and Parth Rahatekar (both 2020) reciting *An Ode to Viman Nagar* that had the audience in tears.

11. Akshay Thimmaya (2020) delighted the audience with his wit and won Two Face.

12. Parth Rahatekar (2020) does an irreverant impersonation of Karan Johar and convinces ship Captains, Ishaan Tewari, Madhavi Jain and Akshay Thimmaya, and wins Shipwreck.



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Piyush, Anchal swim to victory

Sharwari Kale

Symbiosis International University's Inter Institute Swimming Championship was held at the Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies. Organised by the Department of Sports Recreation and Wellness, the Tournament took place on 22nd and 23rd of August 2019. The Championship was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Mr. Tapan Panigiri. Mr. Tapan has headed as the coach of India's Swimming Team.

With a total of 15 teams participating, there were 24 categories. Few of them being 25m Freestyle Men, 25m Backstroke Women, 100m Freestyle Relay Women, 100m Individual Medley and many more.

With around 20 participants for every category, it was a tough fight. The competition was so intense and cutthroat that every millisecond mattered and decided your win. SCMC won 100m Freestyle Relay- Women. Best Swimmer Men went to Piyush Kumar (SCMHRD) and Best Swimmer Women went to Anchal Thakur (SIT). With overall Winner for Women Category being bagged by SIT, overall Winner for Men Category was Bagged by SCMHRD.

Yukta Wane of SCMC, Batch 2020 has been selected for the SIU Swimming Team that will represent Symbiosis International University at an inter university level.



Best swimmer (men) Piyush Kumar (L) of SCMHRD seen with Mr. Tapan Panigiri, the chief selector for swimming

Gyalam, Anagha are SIU TT champs



The TT team from SSSS, Pune bagged the first position in both categories.

Ashlin Bangera

The 3-daylong Inter Institute Table Tennis Tournament commenced on 21st August at the Symbiosis School of Banking and Finance, Pune.

The event was organized in association with the Department of Sports Recreation and Wellness at the SIU Lavale campus and saw the participation of 19 teams from various institutes of the Symbiosis family. The chief guest for the competition was Dr Nayana Nimkar, Director of Symbiosis School of Sports Sciences (SSSS).

The tournament, brimming with enthusiasm, provided several nail-biting matches to the audience. The home team of SSSS

WINNERS		
Rank	Men	Women
1	SSSS, Pune	SSSS, Pune
2	SSE, Pune	SIT, Pune
3	SLS, Hyd	SLS, Hyd

was the overall winner of the Table Tennis championships in both divisions. The Best Player in the men's class was bagged by Gyalam Vamsi Krishna of SSSS, while Anagha Krishna of SLS was named the Best Player in the women's category. All teams showcased commendable performance and displayed good sportsmanship.

Neerathon: 300 run to conserve water



Over 300 participants ran the Neerathon to support the cause of rainwater harvesting, conducted by ExploreiT

Mitali Dhar

On the morning of 25th August, runners from all across Pune came together to support the cause of rainwater harvesting at the Neerathon 2019: Run for Reality 2.0 conducted by ExploreiT.

The event witnessed over 300 participants. Enthusiasm filled the air as the event saw participation from all age-groups ready to test their fitness.

The marathon was graced by the presence of our Colonel Shashikant Dalvi, National convener for water conservation, Climate reality project India; Mr Anirudh Todkar, owner of maps rainwater har-

vesting company; Shirin Shikalkar from SCOPE, a constituent of Symbiosis International University; Mr Niranjan from Envision Consultants and the Military Intelligence team.

The pre-marathon activities started out with a Stretching Session by Tapisha Jain, a physiotherapist. The session was followed by a round of Zumba carried out by Infinity Dance and Fitness Club that kept the runners' spirits high while sports enthusiasts and hundreds of citizens lined up on the entire route.

The race was flagged off at 6:30 am at the Symbiosis Viman Nagar, Football Ground. The participants ran across three

race categories: 12 km, 6 km and 3 km. The winners from each category were presented with trophies and free Gym memberships from Fitecity. The marathon ended with the push-ups and plank challenge, the winners of which were also awarded a Gym Membership by Fitecity.

It is a proud moment to see so many runners turn up for the marathon which depicts that the city is climate conscious. Citizens in Pune have been suffering for decades from the scarcity and inequitable water distribution. Despite the recent floods in Pune, 24X7 water supply still a distant dream for Pune.

Rotaract V'Nagar installs new team

Arpan Cheema

Installations play a very significant role in a Rotaract year. It is the time when the presidents handover their year to the new president and awards are presented for the outstanding work done by Rotaractors during their tenure.

Rotaract District 3131 completed its twenty second installation of the newly Chartered Club of Viman Nagar on 30 July 2019, under the presence of DRR Akshay More. Also present were dignitaries, Professor Amitabh Das Gupta, AG Rotarian Niraj Mehta and Rotarian Pramod Sharma.



Rotaract District 3131 completed its 22nd installation

An address was made to Immediate Past President Kavisha Manwani and her team for the inspiring work they had done for community development in & around Viman Nagar with a special mention to their contribution to the Mahatma Gandhi school.

President Rtr. Saloni Hindocha, along with the new Board of Directors took the oath to work for the betterment of the society.