



Batch of 2020 is ITS champs ! Batch of 2020 wins third time in a row; beats 2021 by 2 points

— Aditi Parida —

Spread across four days and three different campuses, In True Spirit or ITS is SCMC's very own intra-college sports fest. All three batches, 2017-20, 2018-21 and 2019-22, competed against each other from 22nd to 25th January. Every batch participated in the various sports which included- volleyball, football, throwball, athletics, tennis, badminton, swimming, basketball, football and table tennis. After intense games and on-ground banter, the batch of 2020 emerged victorious for the third time in a row. All three batches left no stone unturned to generate hype off the field by creating content for the social media accounts of ITS. They had hashtags such as #FierceComesFirst, #ZiddiHaiHum and #HaarNahiManenge. With content that included spoofs of famous film scenes and a twist on famous memes, the batches managed to create a lot of buzz even before the tournament started. The table tennis matches took place on



Students of Batch 2020 celebrate their ITS victory

16th January in the Symbiosis A Wing Girls Hostel where batch 2021 emerged victorious. On the following day, the teams went to the Lavale campus for the badminton matches where batch 2022 won and swimming which was clinched by batch 2020. The rest of the matches took place in the

Symbiosis New Viman Nagar campus where the teams were cheered on by their respective batches. Amidst slogans and chants, all matches took place according to the schedule. All third year teams were given guards of honour after their matches with the junior batches to show respect. The final day also witnessed a cricket

match between the faculty and the students which was won by the faculty team. As always, after the last match of ITS which was a basketball match between the men's teams of batch 2020 and batch 2021, there was a sense of sadness because it was batch 2020's last ITS. But everyone cheered and encouraged each other to enjoy the spirit of the sports fest. The felicitation ceremony took place on 27th January where the best player from each batch was announced and so was the overall winner. Tanaya More from batch 2022, Riya Rohatgi from batch 2021 and Raghendra Chouhan from batch 2020 were the best players. After tallying the points, batch 2020 secured the first position by a margin of 2 points from batch 2021 who were the runners up. **ITS SCORECARD ON PAGE 4**

Anukram tries to define millennials

SCMC's annual media seminar bridges the academia and industry gap

— Rupal Jhajharia —

Much awaited after its success in previous years, SCMC organised the third edition of its annual media seminar, Anukram on February 1st. Media professionals, experts in their own fields, some of whom the students have worked with during their projects and internships shared their insights and experiences in the ever growing media industry. The theme for this year's Anukram was centered around millennials- 'Millennials are impossible to define but essential to understand for the media industry.' Spread across two days, with the first day devoted to Journalism and the Public Relations specialisations, the first day was largely successful. Director, Sreeram Gopalkrishnan welcomed the guests with an enlightening address and opened the platform for presentation and discussion. The chief guest for the event was Mr. Anant Rangaswami, editor,



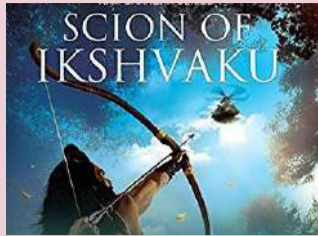
L-R: Parthip Thyagarajan, Siddharth Sikchi and Amanat Khullar during a Q&A session

WION. He spoke to the students about journalistic duty as opposed to content in the contemporary age. His address was followed by a really insightful presentation of Amitabh Sinha, Editor, Indian Express, Pune on ways to break news and attract audience credibil-

ity in the age of immediacy. With his witty take on how social media and content curation go hand in hand, Siddharth Sikchi from Dentsu Webchutney, Bangalore made everyone nod and grin in agreement. The post lunch slots had Amanat Khullar, news curator, Quartz India

and Parthip Thyagarajan, CEO of India's leading wedding media company, Wedding Sutra. They shared great experiences and anecdotes to help understand news packaging and Indian wedding business better respectively. Throughout the event, student films and projects were screened to establish what the institute trains them the best in. Advertising films, nonfiction documentary, awarded degree film- 'Pata' were a few of them. First day was concluded by a question and answer round with all the speakers addressing the doubts raised by the students. This Open Forum was excellently moderated by Pratikshya Mishra and Akshay Thimmaya, final year students of Journalism and Public Relations respectively. The first day of Anukram was filled with discussions, laughter and learnings and left everyone longing for more.

TOP PICKS



Scion of Ikshvaku

Sharwari Kale

Part one of the Ram Chandra Series by Amish Tripathi, it is a fictional mythological book based on the heroic king of the Sapt Sindhu, Ram. The symbol of justice, truth, honour and law, his journey is doomed by tragedies, hardships and consequences. The story revolves around his journey that will lead him to be the Vishnu, the greatest leader to change the fate of Mother India, to destroy the evil and replace it with the system which sees everyone equal before the law.



Jamtara: Sabka Number Aayega

Kavisha Manwani

Jamtara, a recent Netflix series talks about the district Jamtara also known as the phishing capital of the world. The projection of a bunch of boys making calls and pretending to be bank officials only to steal money not only excites the viewers but also touches the serious issue with an ease. It makes you feel if the tale is being narrated by an insider in the town. Never does the director Soumendhra Padhi make you feel that he's delaying the inevitable. The show firmly sticks to what it wants to say and never indulges with its character establishment or over-simplifies the plot. It's never a battle between good and bad, it's more of a battle between the powerful and the vulnerable.



Shizusan

Passang Lhamo

Shizusan, a restaurant located inside Phoenix Market City, provides relief for tired legs and hungry tummies while shopping at Phoenix. I went to this restaurant mainly to try their *Jajangmyeon* and was craving for Sushi. The *Jajangmyeon* noodles with prawns is really good and yummy. Shizusan is where food reaches exalted levels, with the noodles and the beef among of the best dishes that I have had in Pune. Shizusan offers many pan-Asian dishes. Overall it was an amazing experience and a must visit restaurant to try pan Asian delicacies.

Adya Sharma touches hearts with "bohot dino ki baat hai"

Samidha Raut

The 71st Republic Day was celebrated with full fervour at Symbiosis Viman Nagar campus. With patriotic songs playing in the background, teachers, non-teaching staff and students arrived at the amphitheater, some dressed in tricolor.

Adya Sharma, Director of Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies (SCMS), hoisted the flag while campus administrator Colonel Mohan, Dr. Sreeram Gopalkrishnan, Director of Symbiosis Centre for Media and Communication (SCMC) and Sanjivni Ayachit, officiating Director of Symbiosis Institute of Design (SID) graced the event with their presence.

The Republic Day celebration started on a melodious note with first year students of SCMC, Siddhi and Mahika performing a duet medley of patriotic songs. Taking the sentiment forward, Adya Sharma delivered a heartfelt speech



The security and housekeeping staff of the Viman Nagar Campus, led by the Campus Administrator Col. CV Mohan, at the R-Day parade in the campus.

saying 'bohot dino ki baat hai' as she remembered her parents telling stories to her when she was younger.

She continued saying that those stories made her happy and that happiness is what will give us the courage to take responsibilities for this country.

Sharma encouraged the staff and the students to confront their difficulties and always remember the happy days of their lives. This was followed by a musical

performance by the teaching staff of SCMS. Songs like 'Ae Watan' and 'Maa Tujhe Salaam' were performed with the support of tabla and guitar.

To commemorate the efforts taken by the campus security and house-keeping staff everyday, Col. Mohan felicitated them while dignitaries and students applauded. The celebration ended on a joyous note as children and young students huddled Col. Mohan when he distributed chocolates.

Zomato acquires Uber Eats and leaves students fuming

Rhema Hans

In a move that has virtually created a monopoly, food delivery and restaurant locator giant Zomato acquired Uber Eats, the and third distant competitor after Swiggy, on January 21st this year.

According to official reports, the deal is nearly worth Rs. 2,485 crore or about \$350 million. Although this acquisition is predicted to help Zomato give a tough fight to its main competitor Swiggy, Uber Eats loyalists continue to share their disappointment with the deal, especially those people who live alone, like college students and hostellers with limited allowances.

"It was breaking news for me and my room-mate who is an IT professional, since we both order food from Uber Eats regularly, mainly because Uber benefitted me with 20 coupons a month on an average," said Govind Choudhary, student at Symbiosis Centre for Media and Communication.

"I remember when Uber Eats started in 2017, I used to get a shawarma for Rs. 11 with no delivery charges; and even when they increased their delivery charges over a period of three years it went up max to



Govind Choudhary, Student (SCMC)



Shraddha Beena, Student (SCMC)



Gokul Balram Resident (Viman Nagar)



Megha Hans Educator Essence Intl.

Rs. 15," Choudhury added.

From morning breakfast to midnight meals, food delivery services like Zomato, Swiggy, Uber Eats, Food Panda and others have become indispensable.

Despite Uber Eats shutting down its former customers have continued to

create demand and competition for these food delivery companies.

"I always like more options to pick from, be it in a food menu or food delivery platform. So this acquisition has not affected me much since I have other food delivery services. But yes, this has certainly led to better offers on Zomato and Swiggy like the free Zomato Gold on Zomato for all the Uber Eats users who are now redirected to Zomato and Swiggy with its new discounts" said Shraddha Beena, student of SCMC.

Not only are students affected by this deal, but families too "I was mainly using Uber Eats for its high limit discount offers because the discount limit offered by Zomato or others were significantly lower in comparison. After the acquisition, my family and I frequently ordered food online. Now, however, I have limited it to weekends" said Gokul Balram a localite from Viman Nagar.

While Zomato continues to play strong against its rivals, the consumers are looking for more options to pick from. According to Megha Hans, educator at Essence International, this deal has created a scope for better food delivery services.

A life saved by music !

Audita Bhattacharya

Once upon a time, in another country, a young boy was left at a bus stop by his mother, who never came back. Based on this true story, UK-based Matthew Sharp, who the Daily Telegraph describes as an "extraordinary cellist, virile baritone and compelling actor", created a show, titled Tommy Foggo - Superhero. It was brought to Sudarshan Rangmanch in Pune on November 19 by QTP and British Council and played to a packed house that was, alternately, cracking or tearing up.

The protagonist is a boy who is abandoned by his mother at a bus stop



Matthew Sharp performing his one man show 'Tommy Foggo, Superhero' in Pune.

while he dreams of ice-cream. Three years later, Tommy finds himself on a bus to the seaside in hopes to find the long forgotten ice-cream. He encounters Geppetto, who gifts him a magical talking cello, Destino. Tommy and Destino dive into the depths of the ocean to rescue the lost queen of

Atlantis and defeat the Kraken.

"Our fantastical tale takes that poignant beginning and weaves a magical tale of rebellion, facing your darkest fears and eventually owning those dark shadows," says Sharp. With more than 41 years of playing the cello, Sharp created some of the most inspiring moments of sound during the performance. Tommy Fargo-Superhero is both ancient in form - it's bardic, like the strolling players or troubadours - and yet incredibly innovative. Moments of heartbreak mixed with hilarious episodes- **Contd. on page 4**

Pune's 172-year old library



Situated in heart of Budhwar Peth in Pune is the city's oldest public library – the Pune Nagar Vachan Mandir. Founded in 1848 by social reformer Gopal Hari Deshmukh and several other prominent citizens of Pune, it was rebuilt in 1879 after it was gutted in a fire. This 172-year old library, housed in a beautiful colonial style architecture building, has over 50,000 books, some more than 250-years old. The library has more than 30,000 registered members. Membership is a mere Rs 30 per month. Moving with the times, the library has gone online and offers home-delivery service. **TEXT AND PICTURES BY GOVIND CHOUDHARY AND MITALI DHAR**



1. The foundation stone of the re-built library mentions that its original name was The Poona Native General Library and it was partly funded by the British.
2. The façade of the library showing its ornate colonial architecture.
3. Among the library's prized collection is the 23-volume 'The Historian's History of the World' by Henry Smith Williams published in 1907.
4. And the oldest book in the library is the hand-written 'Hanuman Natakam' in Sanskrit dating back to AD 1600
5. The library caretaker displays two rare books – 'Samaj Swastha' by Maharshi Dhondo Kehav Karve and the 'Keral Kokil'.
6. The rear of the library which has now been sealed for use.



ITS-2020 final scoresheet

— Roop Sawhney & Vikram Varma —

The ITS Winners

Sport	Winners
Athletics	TY
Table Tennis	SY
Badminton	FY
Basketball	SY(M), SY(W)
Football	TY
Futsal	SY
Cricket	FY
Throwball	TY
Volleyball	TY
Tennis	SY(M), TY(W)
Swimming	TY

Abbreviations:

FY- First Year, SY- Second Year,
TY- Third Year, M- Men , W- Women

Sport	Men	Women
Athletics	Punyashloka Samanta	Amoli Birewar
TT	Sayanta Sengupta	Bavana Gone
Badminton	Atharva Agashe	Malavika Binu
Basketball	Anish Rao	Bavana Gone, Rajreeta Ghosh
Football	Adharsh Thangamani, Ritvik Gulati, Thinley Wangchuk	
Futsal		Mashatshila Longkumar
Cricket	Jainil Shastri	Mahika, Riya Rohtagi
Throwball		Pratikshya Mishra
Volleyball	Abhishek Anand, Raghvendra Chouhan	Aditi Parida, Mitali Dhar, Vidushi Jain
Tennis	Jainil Shastri	Martina Das
Swimming	Avinav Ghosh	Avdhi Bhalgat, Yukta Wane

On R-Day, Symbiosis celebrates its 49th Foundation Day

—Passang Lhamo & Tshewang Choden—

Symbiosis International University celebrated its 49th Foundation Day coinciding with the 71st Republic Day on 26th January. The event took place at the Dr. Babasaheb Museum & Memorial, Senapati Bapat road.

The celebration began with the flag hoisting ceremony by students from international countries followed by a welcome speech given by Dr. Vidhya Yeravdekar, Pro- Chancellor, SIU.

The event was also graced by the presence of Padma Shri Lila Poonawalla and her husband Firoz Pollawalla. Lila Poonawalla is the founder of Lila Poonawalla Foundation a non government organization promoting professional education among aspiring girls in India by providing scholarships and guidance.

In her address, Dr. Vidhya Yeravdekar stated that Symbiosis is entering the Golden Jubilee celebration. She acknowledged the effort put forward by the international students yearly to organize such events. She said “We built these leadership qualities and other qualities so that it’s not just that the foreign students come here and get education but more importantly their personalities are shaped.”

The Founder President of Symbiosis, Dr. S B Mujumdar, recollected how Symbiosis grew from a small International Culture Centre on Senapati Bapat to what it is today.

He said, “Education is a unifying force which brings international as well as national students together. For this reason, the culture centre was transformed into an International University on the principle of ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’ which means ‘World is one Family’. To inculcate the feeling of belongingness and togetherness Symbiosis Foundation Day is celebrated.”



Top L to R- Vice Chancellor Dr. Rajni Gupte, Pro- Vice Chancellor Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Padmashri Lila Poonawala, Firoz Poonawala, Chancellor Dr. S.B Mujumdar
Bottom - Students from Mauritius perform their traditional dance

The event kicked off with the award ceremony for winners of the intra institute sports competition under SIU which was held for the past one week. South Saudi stood first place in the men’s football competition while Sri Lanka bagged most of the awards.

Following which international students showcased their ethnic dance form via a cultural dance competition. Uganda bagged the first prize in African category and Nepal in Asia category.

In his closing remarks, Dr. S B Mujumdar said that a Medical College exclusively for women under the ambit of Symbio-

sis University is soon going to be opened. This he said is going to be the first such medical college exclusively for women at least in Maharashtra. “We have deliberately done it because the time has come to empower girls” he added.

Today, Symbiosis is a family of 46 academic institutions spread over ten campuses in Bangalore, Hyderabad, Nagpur, Nasik, Noida and Pune. The University offers a total of 109 programs at Diploma, Undergraduate, Post-graduate and Doctoral levels. Symbiosis International University caters to over 27,000 Indian and International students today.

A life saved by music !

Contd. from page 2- and loads of interactive madness along the way.

Sharp first toured India as part of the British Council’s 50th celebrations, 20 years ago. “I met Quasar Padamsee in Edinburgh 10 years ago and, since then, have had the enormous pleasure of returning to India a number of times, working on some fascinating and enriching Anglo-Indian collaborations and admiring the amazing projects that QTP and the British Council have generated,” he adds. Sharp also organized a workshop for young theatre makers so that he could get to interact with the budding talent of the city. “Working with younger theatre-makers is always inspiring and the opportunity to offer



Cellist, baritone singer and actor Matthew Sharp weaves a magical story.

them some fuel for their own intergalactic theatre missions is a huge privilege. I hope to feel refreshed and reinvigorated by our encounter,” he says.

Among the fans of the show was Girija Upadhyay. “I didn’t know what to expect. I loved the allegorical theme about demons within and demons outside. I just hoped the play had been placed at a venue that was more audience friendly for better exposure.” she said.

What’s next for Sharp? “I’ve got two cello concerto projects brewing - one with an amazing dance company and an orchestra, the other with electronics and projections. I’ve also started working on a film - think ‘Hilary & Jackie’ meets ‘The Bourne Identity,’” he says.