

SCMC alumnus shines at Zomaland

—Madhavi Jain—

SCMC's alumni Siddharth Gupta from the AV Batch of 2019 was selected from among hundreds who auditioned to work alongside well known comedian Tanmay Bhat. On 1st February 2020, Siddharth performed with Bhat in front of a crowd of about 10,000 people at Zomaland, Bangalore - a grand food and entertainment carnival hosted in major Indian cities.

The opportunity to work with Tanmay Bhat was open to musicians who could double up as guitarists and songwriters and also had a knack for comedy. Siddharth, who was head of the Theatre Club of SCMC, and had won accolades at several singing competitions during his time in Pune, was perfectly cut out for this role. Siddharth admitted to being nervous in the beginning but built up confidence after the crowd constantly supported them. "Once



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Siddharth (left) with Tanmay Bhat, as they get cheered on by the crowd

we started our set, everything stopped for a second. In an open-air stage, it is difficult to crack the audience at first because audience reaction and feedback does not get to you instantly, but we managed to get through the initial block and they loved us," said Siddharth.

After Zomaland Bangalore, Siddharth went on to perform with Tanmay at the Under 25 Summit, held the very next day. He also performed at India My Valentine - a charity event organised by actress Swara Bhaskar on 16th February, where Tanmay and Siddharth shared the stage with legends like Ratna Pathak & Naseeruddin Shah and Rekha and Vishal Bharadwaj. Then, he performed at Zomaland, Hyderabad which was also a path-breaking gig. He also performed at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata on 28th February and you can catch him at Zomaland, Mumbai on 21st and 22nd March.

World Dhaba: food, fun, frolic

—Aditi Parida—

The 6th season of the much-awaited World Dhaba, Pune's Favourite Food Festival took place between 15th and 16th Feb 2020. Organised in the Balkrishna Lawns, Koregaon Park, the festival's basic entry fee was 150 INR.

There were multiple food stalls, catering to a myriad of cuisines ranging from the Mediterranean to south Asian- all in one place. In addition to this, both days ended on a high with live performances by Nikhil D'Souza and a stand-up comedy act by Gaurav Kapoor.

Gaurav Kapoor hails from Delhi and balances a retail job along with his stand up gigs. He has a sharp wit which has helped him win many open-mics including the Big Mic and Canvas Laugh Club. Nikhil D'Souza is a singer, songwriter and guitarist from Mumbai who is now signed to East West Records of Warner



The crowd enjoying the 6th season of World Dhaba.

Music UK. He was the South Asia Soloist Winner at SUTASI '09.

The lawns were buzzing with people from all age groups, enjoying kebabs, Chinese cuisine, kheer, and other different delicacies.

"The extent of the choices available made it rather hard to decide what to eat, especially when you want to eat everything you possibly can," said Dhruv Sheoran, a first-year BBA student. Robin

Singh Bamel of Symbiosis Law School, Pune said, "With cuisines from all over the world coupled with musical performances, it was a cultural melting pot. The handmade chocolates were the highlight of my evening."

In addition to the food stalls present there, there were also a couple of start-ups that had put up their products. These included an elderly couple, selling handmade chocolates.

With the wide array of food choices, they had ensured that there was something for the entire family and boasted of 50+ curated food stalls, food trucks, home cooks and a separate vegetarian zone.

This food festival was sponsored by Oxyrich, Socks and Shoes, Laughing Lion and Bira.

A place where all foodies of the town could come to enjoy, this edition of the World Dhaba also proved to be a success.

SCMC alumni attend annual dinner meet

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to the alumni were also played on the occasion. This time, the alumni meet was organized outside the campus with the view to conduct the dinner in a corporate ambience with music and a dance floor.

The occasion also provided the college the opportunity to present awards to the winners of the AEP (Academic Excellence Programme) at the hands of the alumni.

Notable among those who attended were former SCMC HOD for PR Prof. Dr. Ananya Mehta who is currently Dean in Parul University, Vadodara, and visiting faculty for AV Prodn Prof Yogesh Mathur.

Present among the alumni were Dipankar Kapoor of the first SCMC passing out Batch of 2011, and Bebasis Basak of the last SIMC Batch of 2008 who passed out from the Viman Nagar campus before SIMC shifted to Lavale in the outskirts of the city.

SCMC publishes its first book on millenials

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opinions. The book was put together and edited by the journalism students of SCMC's batch of 2020, with a foreword from the Director, Dr. Sreeram Gopalkrishnan. It was launched at SCMC's annual media seminar, Anukram, in the company of the Chief Guest, Mr. Baradwaj Rangan as well as other guests from the industry. An essential handbook for professionals as well as aspirants of the media industry, "Media Through the Millennial Lens" stands as a one-of-a-kind anthology that marks the evolution of media and the role of millennial in it.

SCMC students select Germany, Spain for semester exchange

—Gunjan Hariramani—

Five students from the Batch of 2021 are presently attending the semester abroad programs facilitated by the Symbiosis Centre for International Education in Germany and Spain.

Saundarya Bhagatani, Simran Soni, Anushka Mehra and Shreya Chowdhary are pursuing courses in International Business and Media Design at DHBW, Ravensburg, Germany, while Jaskirat Dhillon is pursuing a mix of Journalism, Management and Technology and Culture Studies at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain. Along with studying in a different education system, the program is beneficial for them as they get an opportunity to explore a different country altogether with its culture.

"It was overwhelming at first. However, it's now been a month since I arrived, and

I feel like a part of the culture. It's easier to talk to people and make friends, and I learn something new every day by talking to students from all over the world," said Jaskirat when asked about her experience so far.

There are many activities organized for the exchange students by the university as well as the Erasmus Student Network in Europe. Shreya and Saundarya who are studying in Germany feel that the program is very well distributed and the emphasis on practical learning has been very effective.

They also appreciate how health has been given top importance. The leisure time that they get on weekends is usually spent on travelling and exploring the nearby cities, and interacting with the students from other countries.

The program of three months in Ger-



Jaskirat Dhillon at Temple De3 Debod in Madrid, Spain.

many ends in late March whereas the one in Spain is spread across five months until the end of May. The students feel that they would want to inculcate the values learnt in these foreign countries in their daily practices once they are back.