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Editorial

We did it! Our second issue is out now. It has been quite the roller coaster ride these past two months—from selecting and finalising the typefaces to be used, the font sizes, certain formatting styles etc. We hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we have enjoyed working on it.

In these two months we learnt a lot about the importance of time management. Time during exams and vacations seems to work differently than during regular working days. The other problem that we faced was hardware requirements—not all members of the design team have access to the software and more importantly the minimum hardware requirements to run said software. Time to write a budget proposal to the finance department for a fairly powerful computer system in the college. Donations for a SCOSA computer are welcome too. Wink.

Soon our releases will have content in Kannada as well. The design team is learning the intricacies of dealing with indic fonts like Kannada in Adobe software. It's fairly tricky, but the team is eager to work in Kannada as some of our alumni want to contribute content in Kannada. We have moved our feature spread to page 14-15 so that one could pull out the centrefold to use it as a poster. We plan to have unique designs for the contents page

every issue so that the team can explore a lot more in terms of design.

To best enjoy our magazine I suggest the reader to view it on the desktop with two-page view mode. This way you will be viewing the work in two-page spreads just the way the design team envisaged. The PDF reader should by default open it in spreads. If not one can change it in Adobe Acrobat or any PDF reader by going to *View>Page Display>Two Page Scrolling*.

I am ever grateful to Dr Anuradha Roy for her guidance and putting us in contact with various alumni and helping us build our network. I am thankful to our Principal Dr Meera H.N. for her constant encouragement. I thank Prof Satish N.S. for his valuable inputs on the magazine and the constant motivation to do more.

I thank the contributing editor for this issue of the magazine, Mr Bhagavan Halemane for helping the team. I believe it to be a good sign that a lot more old students are showing interest in this project—whose help we definitely need for the next issue as most of the members of the editorial team will be busy taking up their examinations.

I thank Mr Pranav Jagadeshan, Ms Shraddha Anil and Mr Vaishnav Sunil for the work done by them for this issue.

I thank the print team at Nethra Printers Pvt. Ltd. who did a wonderful job of

printing our previous issue in a very short time. It was indeed a wonderful feeling to physically hold the work that took 100 plus hours in our hands. Hopefully with more interest and more advertisements we can print every issue that we release.

I thank the members of the Magazine Committee—Mrs Tejaswini P. from the department of English for her support from the committee and Ms. Bhagya T. for collecting and organising photographs of the programmes conducted by the college. I thank all the members of SCOSA, and the teaching and non-teaching staff of Seshadripuram College for their support.

I hope you enjoy reading the wonderful photo essay by Mr Vikas Badiger and give the anime Monster a try after reading its review Mr Ayush Srivastava. Mr Sridhar's article on management lessons is a good example of how our teachers are able to showcase the theoretical in its practical application.



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Inauguration of the 2nd Student Council of Seshadripuram College

Student Council

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The Student Council with the dignitaries present for the Inauguration Ceremony.

Any ship needs a captain who guides the crew members and the ship in the right direction. It is the same with colleges. Colleges are, metaphorically, huge ships with many passengers helping them reach the destinations of their journey. This ship is directed in the right way by a group of captains ranging from the Principal of the college to the teachers and the council of young student leaders. On the 10th of February 2021, our college had an infusion of fresh blood into this Student Council.

The event started off with Nikita Holla who was the MC for the programme,

where she welcomed all the dignitaries and introduced them to the audience and started off briefing everyone about the event and the audience about the student council and also talked about the screening process the college organizes in order to assign the candidates with their respective posts. Moving forward we had the invocation song performed in true Seshadripuram style, the rendition which was appreciated by all the dignitaries and the audience. It was so pleasant to the ears that the audience genuinely hoped that they could get one more rendition. After the invocation song we had the Student Council President Neha Paleja

welcome the guests with her speech. As a part of our college tradition before starting the event we had the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries along with our Principal Dr. Meera H. N.

It was followed by felicitating the Rank Holders and Gold Medallists of the 55th Annual Convocation of Bangalore University. The rank holders were each given a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 and the best part was seeing how happy their parents looked when their children received the prizes for their achievements. At the end of the day all the success you are able to get in your



The Rank Holders and Gold medalists of the 55th Annual Convocation of Bangalore University being felicitated (from the top, left to right) **Sanjitha**, First Rank in MCom(IB); **Vidya N.**, First Rank in MCom(FA); **Ritu Nair**, Fifth Rank in BCom and Gold Medal in Cost Accounting; **Ranjith K.P.**, Gold Medal in Cost Accounting; **Benakesh R.**, Gold Medal in Cost Accounting. (absent) **Annapoorna**, Third Rank in MCom(IB)

schools and colleges is nothing but the combined effort and support of your teachers and parents. The rank holders and their parents were then felicitated by the dignitaries. After the distribution of awards, the rank holders were given the opportunity to share their experience. So to start off we had Vidya's speech who had secured second rank in MCom. She narrated how exceptionally amazing

her journey was in the college and also conveyed special thanks to all the teachers. After that, we had Sanjitha R. who had secured first rank in MCom who highlighted in her speech about how you never know the value of a moment unless it becomes a memory and also thanked all the teachers who helped her excel academically. Then we had Ritu Nayar who had secured fifth rank in

BCom and with her speech she definitely was nostalgic when she went ahead and mentioned how she still remembers her first class in Seshadripuram College was English where she recognized Mr Allan as her first English teacher and also remembered Dr Sapna's classes. The rest of the rank holders were also given the chance to share their experience to the audience.



(top) The new Student Council takes their oath, led by Principal Dr. Meera H.N.
(left) The Chief Guest, Dr. Ramanan C.V. addressing the gathering.



culture. He went to describe how much he appreciates the hospitality which he was given at our college. The traditional song was also much appreciated by him. He went on to speak about how the world will have a complete transition especially the working sector and how robots will take over millions of jobs in the market but later on mentioned that how a positive mind will always find a possibility in any problem and connected it on how humans won't lose their jobs even if the working sector will

be acquired by artificial intelligence. He also spoke about how change is the only constant and advised everyone to always know more than others, work more than others and always expect less than others with this he concluded his speech. His speech surely must've left an impact of positivity to all the people who heard it.

This was followed by a speech by the President of Seshadripuram Institutions Shri N.R. Pandit Aradhya who spoke about how important culture stands in our life and how we should always keep it

Once all the awards were distributed to the rank holders, the dignitaries inaugurated the Student Council and also the members of the Student Council were given their badges by the dignitaries followed by which the members took an oath led by the principal. Once the elected members of the student council were announced after which we had the speech by our Chief Guest Shri Ramanan C.V who, while addressing the gathering, spoke about how it feels like home at Seshadripuram College and describes how rich the college stands in its

The Dignitaries release the first issue of the Seshadripuram Monthly.



in high regard. He also spoke about how there are three gods to every person's life and mentioned that the first god is the mother, the second god is the father and the third god is the teacher. With all the kind words he shared, it brought in a spirit of enthusiasm among the audience and without any doubt would be considered as a very good session.

After his speech the brand new monthly magazine by SCOSA *The Seshadripuram Monthly* was launched by all the dignitaries present and each of them were given the exclusive first edition issue and to describe our magazine in a few words our chief guest mentioned he could only reckon with the tagline

'Learning must Continue' as to how good the magazine was.

To conclude with, Hon. General Secretary of Seshadripuram Institutions Nadoja Dr Wooday P. Krishna delivered a speech. He appreciated the launch of the magazine and also said how it is important to work as a team in order to succeed and also told how you should never compare yourself to anyone and he also advised on how should always aim at being a continuous learner to lighten the environment he told that BCom means nothing more than 'Be Calm' and MCom means 'Maintain Calm'. He concluded his speech by telling how life is nothing but mind and its control and

also how you should always learn to live with people you don't like because they will always focus on your flaws and how it will lead you into becoming the best version of yourself. Altogether the speech instilled a lot of good thoughts into us. The event was then concluded with the vote of thanks. It was a very successful event which wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of the teachers and students. ■

From the Secretary of the Student Council

"If someone offers you an amazing opportunity, and you are not sure you can do it, say yes-then learn how to do it later."

—Richard Branson

Opportunities are little gifts in disguise, but these little gifts are hard to find. Taking an opportunity and utilizing it is a big task. They go either of two ways—you take it and make something out of it or you miss it. The real challenge with opportunities is, identifying the right one for you. Choosing the right opportunity and making the best out of it changes you from within. It helps you grow and pave the way to what you want to be.

One of the main reasons I am where I am today, is because of the opportunities provided by the college. Be it writing

speeches, or participating in fests and attending conferences, the college has given me the opportunity to identify my strengths and to work on my weaknesses. Being a person who got all the jitters while presenting in front of a crowd, the lecturers' constant encouragement has helped me become a bold and an outspoken person. Ambiance created by the staff and student community is in perfect harmony, for any student who is willing to take up a challenge and grow in life.

Life outside college is competitive and harsh. The college acts as an incubator for us to develop and nurture our ability and to prepare for what life has to offer. If we are not well equipped to handle the various challenges thrown at us, life is

going to be hard and gruesome. On that note, I encourage you all to make the best out of the opportunities provided and also urge you to convert the challenges you face into new opportunities. Only so long will you be in a sheltered environment. You utilizing these small opportunities provided is what will shape and brighten your future. ■



Nikita Holla
Secretary, Student Council

Special

MANAGEMENT LESSONS

from the

India–Australia Test Series 2020–21

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INDIA HAD AN INCREDIBLE SERIES VICTORY IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED TEST SERIES DOWN UNDER. WHAT MAKES IT MORE INTERESTING IS THE WAY INDIA BOUNCED BACK AFTER THE HUMILIATING LOSS IN THE FIRST TEST MATCH. WE CAN LEARN MANY MANAGEMENT LESSONS FROM THE WAY INDIA OUTPERFORMED AUSTRALIA THROUGH ITS STRATEGIES. A STEP TOWARDS WINNING THE SERIES WAS NOT A CAKEWALK TO INDIA, IT HAD TAKEN LOT OF PLANNING, ORGANIZING, DIRECTING, CONTROLLING, COORDINATING, COMMUNICATING AND THEN EXECUTING THE PLANS INTO ACTIONS.

Going into the Australian Test series as underdog, no cricket pundits had thought India would finish 2–1 after being all out for 36 runs in the second innings of the first Test. After the first Test India lost the service of their captain, who went on paternity leave. The road to victory after the first match did not seem easy as there were a lot of gaps in their batting, fielding, bowling and wicket keeping. Many players in the team were playing in the Australian conditions for the first time. The mission

seemed impossible as they were playing without their important Test players like Virat Kohli, Ishant Sharma and Mohammed Shami.

What happened after the first Test is history, which witnessed one of the greatest Test series victories India has won away from home. “Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom” said George S. Patton.

From this incredible Test series, we can draw some management lessons.

LEADERSHIP

“The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things” said Ronald Reagan. After the first Test, Indian captain Virat Kohli was to leave the team on paternity leave. He is one of the most successful Test captains of Indian and also a major pillar of India’s batting. The vice-captain, Ajinkya Rahane took guard as stand-in captain for the next game to lead the team in an exceptional manner. After the



Image courtesy of ICC Media Zone

second Test victory the leadership style and the crucial decisions taken during the match by Rahane had impressed the cricket experts and fans. “India is lucky to have a standing captain like Rahane” said Former Australia captain, Ian Chappell.

STRATEGIC DECISIONS

“Strategy is a commodity, execution is an art” said Peter Drucker. Once Virat Kohli left the team after the first Test, the road ahead was not so easy for India going forward in the series, one of the major decisions was to be made on who would be replacing Virat Kohli for the second Test. Most of them had thought a pure batsman would be a like for like replacement for Kohli’s place considering the first Test’s batting collapse. Indian team management took a strategic decision to play Ravindra Jadeja, an all-rounder to replace Kohli. This decision was a master stroke as Jadeja contributed significantly in India’s win in the second Test with bat, ball and not to forget his contribution in fielding. The decision to replace Jadeja in the place of Kohli gained a synergy benefit to team India in the second and the third Test matches.

SUCCESSION PLANNING

“Succession planning helps build the bench strength of an organization to

ensure the long-term health, growth and stability” said Teala Wilson. In modern day cricket teams expect wicket-keepers to be a handy batsman as well. India got one of the best wicket-keeping all-rounders after a long wait in terms of M.S. Dhoni. When Dhoni was at the peak of his career, everyone wondered if India could ever get a like to replacement for Dhoni. Rishab Pant was expected to be the wicket-keeping successor for M.S. Dhoni. As he was replacing Dhoni the expectations were more but Pant did not have immediate success both with the bat and wicket-keeping in his beginning days. In spite of Pant’s failures team management gave more opportunities and time to Pant. Pant was very impressive with his bat in his first Australian tour in 2018–19, becoming the first Indian wicket-keeper to score a century in Australia. In his second series in Australia in 2020–21 also Pant was very impressive with his performance becoming one of the major contributors to the historic series victory against Australia.

Grooming a player like Pant and backing him every time in spite of few failures, believing in his ability was what made Indian team management to find a right replacement for Dhoni’s place in the team.

TEAM WORK

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself” said Henry Ford. One of the crucial factors which led to the series victory against Australia in the Test series is India’s coordination and collective work as a team. The team does not mean only the playing eleven, it consists of coaches, support staff and extra players. India showcased how important is teamwork in achieving greater results. Even though they had many young players touring Australia for the first time as well as a couple of players debuted in this series, the coordination among the senior players and the youngsters was impeccable.

FUNCTIONS OF MANAGEMENT

“If you don’t know where you are going, you will probably end up somewhere else” opined Laurence J Peter. After the first Test debacle team India has worked hard in their board room in order to bounce back strongly in their forthcoming matches. The functions of management viz., planning, organising, directing controlling, co-ordinating, communicating etc., were very well executed and the result was evident in the remaining matches after the first Test. ■

Napkin Economics

Economics

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The election campaign debate compilations of Donald Trump from the 2016

Presidential Elections of the United States of America are a hilarious lot to go over and waste a sleepless night. These videos range from “Donald Trump Savage Moments” to “Donald Trump singing Never Gonna Give You Up”. Keeping these hilarious lot aside and putting the full debates on the table for close analysis, something we will find common from the 2016 speeches of Trump are about how he sees Mexicans as some sort of ‘alien’ population trying to infiltrate their way into the United States for purposes that are against the law of the country.

This infiltration that is economically termed “Migration” has been a hot topic when it comes to any political debate. This topic takes up a huge part of the limelight in politics and news media. Majority of the politicians use this as a topic to gain votes by portraying how this affects the economy badly and the wages of the native people. It is not just Trump who is famous for abusing the statistics of migration. In the 2017 French Presidential Elections, Marine Le Pen frequently claimed that 99%



Nobel Prize winners Esther Duflo (left) and Abhijith Bannerjee (right)

of immigrants were adult males while, in reality, only 58% were. It was also claimed by the same person that 95% of the migrants who settled in France were taken care of by the nation because they were reluctant to work in France. But, reality shows that 55% of the migrants were part of the French labour force. It is absolutely safe to say that these blatantly false claims and accusations made by the politicians have taken a toll on the perspective people have on migration. A survey of 22,500 natives from 6 countries (France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, United Kingdoms, and the United States) clearly revealed this fact. Some of the findings of the survey include, for example, the average migrant population in Italy being

10% while the perception of the natives is that migrants take up 26%. The respondents also overestimated the Muslim migrants. The educational level and skill levels of migrants were also underestimated by the native population.

But what does the term “Napkin Economics” have any significance here? To understand that, we need to know why the facts stated above are ignored by the public and why people blindly follow whatever information is spoon fed to them through

the politicians. The simple reason or so called logic that the politicians use when talking about this is that migrants come from poorer countries to grab the jobs the natives hold. When they migrate to the country, there will be an excess supply of workforce. When there is an excess of supply of workforce, the wages fall. The fall in wages is obviously hurting the natives who used to earn better before migration. We should also account for the faith people have in the basic demand and supply rule we all learned in high school. The simplicity of the law is what has made the arguments a seductive syllogism. The logic is so simple that it can be easily drawn on a piece of napkin and people would still believe it. This is how it got the name “Napkin Economics”

which was initially beautifully used by the Nobel Prize Winner Economist duo Abhijith Bannerjee and Esther Duflo.

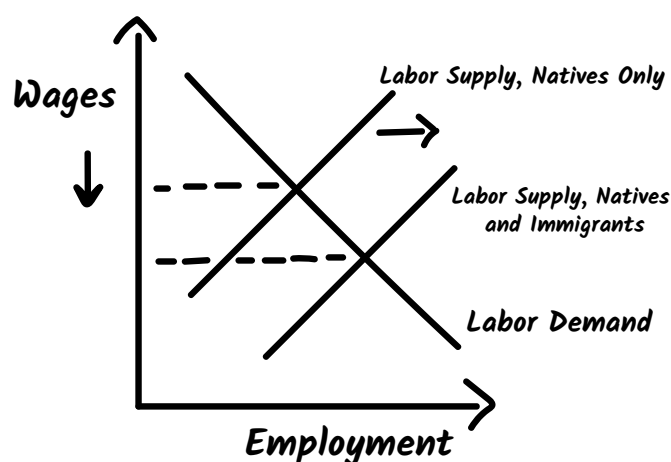
Why is it wrong? Everything sounds picture perfect when we come to think about it. But the ignorance of us humans again takes over. We have many instances right in front of us which have proven this logic to be flawed and wrong. Experiments done in various countries including Bangladesh have proven that people do not move out of their countries unless they are in a situation where their own country is not helping them improve. The older generations who have adjusted to the situations and are not aware of opportunities beyond their charcoal fuelled fireplace of homes made of mud and straw opted to stay back while the younger generations who are more informed and more open minded decided to take the risk of migrating for a better living. This proves the statement made by arguers against migration that all the people from poorer countries file in through the borders to steal the work and wages of the natives. It is also seen that the migrants do not chase after every dollar they can get. They settle for anything they get because it is usually way higher than what they used to get and

experience in their natives.

Another argument raised is that there is excess supply of cheap work force which affects the wages of the natives. Again a real life scenario proved this wrong. When Fidel Castro encouraged the migration of people from Cuba, many boarded boats to the United States. All of these boats came to the Miami coast and the people settled right there. This created an increase in the Miami labour force by 78%. But what happened to the wages? To understand this, an economist David Card compared the rates of employment and wages of prior residents in four other “similar” cities, namely Atlanta, Houston, Los Angeles and Tampa. Card found no difference, either immediately or a few years later the arrival of migrants. The wages of the natives were not affected. As a matter of fact it was found on closer analysis that the natives started getting better positions in jobs. This is because the migrants took up the low level jobs which the natives were hesitant to do themselves. Now that those spots were filled, there were more openings in higher positions which were then offered to the natives. So this, in a way, is a positive effect on the wages of the natives. It

was also proven in the same study that the production and output level of the economy from the state of Miami showed a good increase post migration. This same situation can be extended to the Czech migrants in Germany and the migrants from Nepal going to other countries. All these real life instances prove the logic we hear repeatedly being used for the sake of votes is incorrect.

The ignorance of humans is inevitable and dreaming of a world full of perfectly informed people taking the perfect decision is just dreaming about a utopian world. The emotions have always been famous for taking over our logical sides. But, you are an exception. The next time you see someone raising the same argument or see the same being talked about in a political debate, you know what perspective to hold and what facts or statements to be believed and what to be discarded. This same knowledge should be spread to other people. This call to action is not just for a bunch of academic economists who work hard and publish research papers that the general public bothers the least about. It is for all of us who want a better, saner, and more human world. ■



BLOOD DO SESHADRI



RIPIURAM

Feature

The Annual Mega Voluntary Blood Donation Festival saw alumnus and acclaimed Kannada actor Vijaya Raghavendra gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest and encouraging people to donate blood especially during these covid times.

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Photographs by **Balaji Sharma** (BCom 2008) actor, photographer



(top) The Chief Guest Vijay Raghavendra giving words of encouragement to all donors and a few lucky donors got certificates from the actor (right)



Blood donation is a small act of kindness that does great and big wonders. Every year Seshadripuram College organises a Mega Blood Donation Festival in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Late Shri K.M. Nanjappa. He was a former mayor of Bangalore and a former President of the Seshadripuram Educational Trust. This year it was on the 30th of January inaugurated by our college alumnus and acclaimed Kannada actor Vijay Raghavendra. Vijay who is the son of producer S. A. Chinne Gowda and nephew of actor Rajkumar.

Mr Vijay Raghavendra started his career as a child artist through the film *Chalisuva Modagalu* (1982) and won critical acclaim for his performances in *Chinnari Mutha* (1993) and *Kotreshi Kanasu* (1994). The latter film won him the National Film Award for Best Child Artist. He studied at Poorna Pragna school and later did his BCom from Seshadripuram College in the 2001 batch.

The camp was held in collaboration with Karnataka Red Cross Blood Bank along with many participating organisations such as Rotary Bangalore Centennial District 3190, Indian Red Cross Society Blood Bank and other units such as Youth Red Cross, National Service Scheme, Rangers and Rovers and more. This year, 581 units of blood were donated. Seshadripuram College thanks all of you who participated.

Along with the Blood Donation Camp, there was a Blood Donation themed poster competition and video-making competition. Students showcased their posters which were informative and creative. Students from our college and other institutions had gathered to stand a chance to be a hero in someone's life.

Everybody present there was enthusiastic to donate blood. For many, it was their first time and they were excited and nervous at the same time but our seniors at the help desk and the volunteers made it easy and simple.

There were a series of procedures to undergo before anyone could donate their blood. Starting from the first, they had to fill a form with important contents like name, address, blood type and health regarded questions.

The volunteers would then lead the prospective donors to the doctors present there who would check the pulse, body temperature, haemoglobin levels, blood pressure, weight and would also ask health regarded questions like if they had any major surgery, typhoid, dog bite and many more to make sure that a person would be

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The Dignitaries going through the posters made for the Blood Donation Camp.

qualified to donate. Any person with any restricted conditions would be rejected from donating.

The doctors, staff, teachers, students and seniors took necessary precautions right from wearing the mask, checking the body temperature to sanitizing the place and maintaining social distance.

The qualified students were asked to have breakfast and then the blood would be taken. Depending on physical conditions, 350 ml to 450 ml would be taken.

After donating the blood, many of them felt light-headed, dizzy and nauseous. So, to make sure that the donors would regain some strength and to feel better, the college offered delicious lunch and beverages.

The students were

really happy about being a donor and having a satisfaction that somewhere, someone would live a life that they wanted to because of them. The student donors were rewarded with a certificate, mask and a soap which were essential to protect themselves and others from the spreading Coronavirus. The presence of the students for donating blood during these difficult times was highly appreciated by everybody.

Donating blood just doesn't give you a sense of happiness but it also tends to improve one's emotional well-being. It has an impact on stress reduction. Above all, the donor has a physical benefit that is a lower risk of heart disease and it is an opportunity to get a free basic health check-up. Many of them who weren't eligible to donate the blood were disappointed but made their way to help and cheer up their fellow mates who were donating blood. Encouraging your friends, family, neighbourhood to become regular blood donors is a way of creating awareness and making people understand how crucial it is to donate blood. The greatest and the most valuable gift that you can ever give someone is the gift of life. Never feel yourself weak, you have the ability to save a life. Just donate blood. ■

The MAN who WALKED for PEACE

the E.P. Menon Story

Photo Essay by **Vikas Badiger** (BCom 2017)



“I was born in Kerala but moved to Bangalore when I was 24 years and this must be 1958, may be. I was really fond of Bertrand Russell’s ideologies. He was arrested by Brit government for actually telling them to eliminate nuclear weapons and 25000 students followed him and he spoke about this in Trafalgar Square. He made a statement from the prison ‘I want the youth of the world to rise up, unite and act, politicians will ruin the world’ and he was 91 years old at that time and those were the kind of statements he gave back then.”

“I was in Bangalore when I read the Deccan Herald where I saw Russell’s statement, I was 27 years old and I thought for the whole day as to what I can do for the world. I felt like something





should be done, I decided to take a walk to England and meet him at his prison. I decided to write him a letter about how he inspired me and asked him what should I do. In a month, I got a response from him saying 'This is wonderful, you must do things according to your conviction.' There was a man who opposed the government, got arrested and put in prison but I still got a response from him, I was on top of the world."

The planning

"I, in 1962 decided to go on a walk for peace. I had asked three people before I had asked Satish Kumar. I wrote to Satish Kumar and he was from Bihar, I had just met him a year ago. I wrote to him about my plan and asked him to come down to Bangalore. One month later he came down and we decided to do it but he told me there was a problem. His wife was

pregnant and it was just a year ago that he had gotten married and also told that it was a difficult task. We both decided to go and talk to her about this. I sat with the both of them and I told her 'Do you believe in stories from Rajasthan where the men went to war and the women put tilak on their forehead and sent them to the battle?' and I asked 'Your husband and I are going on a similar trip, would you put tilak on him?' she was shocked and this went on for three hours. She agreed but asked us to wait for five months as she was pregnant. We decided to wait for her baby to be delivered, we planned the trip and decided to start our journey on the 1st of June 1962."

"So, we both started from Delhi on the 1st of June 1962, one month later, we reached Wagah border and even after a month, I didn't have my

visa or passport. Two more days to go to Pakistan and journalists started asking me what we'd do. I said 'One thing I'm sure, I'll be in either Ayub Khan's jail or Nehru's jail'. Next day the Pak radio announces that they have granted visa for the both of us. It was just for the two of us."

Pakistan

"In Pakistan, we had to walk for a month from this border to the border where Afghanistan was there through Khyber Pass. The cops there told us that the pass was very dangerous for us and for this, the local inspector sent four men to walk with us. It was a 20 km journey and after a few minutes we asked the men to go back and told them nothing will happen to us and to be honest, they respected that and by the next day we reached Afghan."



Soviet Union

“It took us 10 months to reach Moscow. The route was Delhi, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran and then we reached the Soviet Union. The PM was Nikita Khrushchev and they were expecting us. They made our stay at a hotel and their secretary gave a message to us that they wanted the USA to respond to the Nuclear weapon ban agreement. They asked us to get Pres. John F. Kennedy and where ever they found him, PM Khrushchev would come and sign the same agreement. We told them, we were no one and asked them to give us a letter which would be delivered to Pres. John F. Kennedy.”

Paris to England

“From Moscow to Paris, it took us five months as we had to travel through the Eastern and middle EU. When we reached Paris, it was August '63 and by then we had made friends and they asked us to stay with them. We wanted to meet the president but it was two weeks and we couldn't even get to meet Franc Mitterrand. On the 16th of Aug '63, both of us went with a cut-out that said

‘Total Nuclear Disarmament’ and stood in front of Palace Élysée. 50 cops came and arrested us. By 4th day evening, the jailer called the Indian Ambassador and we all sat together and they told us that they will deport us back to Delhi but the ambassador suggested that we continue our journey and we were made to go to England on a midnight train.”

“We reached England and wanted to go meet Bertrand Russell. He was in a huge mansion and got to spend a week's time with him. He was 93 by then and we could speak very less in those few days but he gave us a copy of his book. From England we took a ship to New York and from NYC to Washington, it took us two months and while it was leaving South Hampton, we were in the largest ship in the world ‘Queen Mary’. We got into the ship and there were about 4000 passengers on that ship and it was maybe 12 noon when we get the news that US Pres. John F. Kennedy was assassinated. The food that was being served, was stopped because no one wanted to eat anything, we were just sad and shocked for the next five days on the ship.”

The US to India

“We wanted to walk from the UN HQ to The White House and it took us two months to do that. Once we reached the White House, the then president Lyndon B. Johnson discussed with his Disarmament secretary and we got to talk to them for almost three hours. We delivered the letter that was given to us by Soviet PM Khrushchev. President Johnson told ‘Please bring Khrushchev, we will sign the deal’, the same thing that the Soviet PM told. Though we travelled around the country, that the end of our story.”

“You know it is the question of your commitment and your concern through action. Why should we have so many boundaries in the world? National boundaries are one of the greatest enemies of humans. Break the boundaries. Sovereignty, nationalism is by and large, against humanity. What does matter whether you are in India, US, Japan or Russia. They are humans too; they treat you as human beings too. That's most important. *I am E.P. Menon.*” ■

Campus *to* Corporate

Alumni Experiences

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Placements, Recruitments, Hiring, Career, Posting, Appointment, Occupation —these are just some of the terms used by college students to express their idea of the “Modern-Day Slavery”. They study hard to earn their degrees, with a promise of life being better and free of burdens, to look for reputable and well-paying jobs only to realize that it’s not quite what they expected. A lot of these problems arise from the wrong expectations that are set (more about that later). The main question one must ask is why is it that year on year, students continue to enroll for jobs which supposedly curtails their freedom? It’s all for the experience. The experience we call “corporate life”.

Spoiler alert: I love my job. Therefore, it might seem like this article is quite biased. The transition is quite fascinating. To be honest, one gets to execute bits of what they’ve learnt in college. One has an opportunity to be more organized because there are always possible yet strict deadlines. The insinuated pleasures of working always relates to self-respect,

self-sufficiency and a chance to meet people from around the globe. Sure, one probably must work harder than they did in college, but I think that’s just common sense to realize that there are more expectations from one as life proceeds. You get to earn your own money, make your own decisions and learn to be financially responsible. There can be no bigger freedom than this.

What most people don’t realize is that a job is just a job. It’s not an embodiment of their life. Not every job can necessarily embrace everything one holds dear. There are always parts of a job that won’t be liked by most only because they are monotonous. However, it’s perfectly fine to feel that way. One must understand that the job is being done to earn an income and not for satisfaction which can be done with hobbies and personally liked activities. The concept of job satisfaction has been viewed wrong. It’s all about having a rewarding job – something that doesn’t make you feel like you’ve worked hard for nothing and is not (like what most people think) about something that you consider a hobby. Fortunate

individuals may have the opportunity to work in their area of interest which might not be an option for everyone.

Addressing the students reading this article, I’d like to revisit the earlier stated point about wrong expectations being set. Your corporate life is part of the journey, not the entire journey. You have a whole life outside work just like you do now outside college. Don’t believe for one second that college and your work are any different. They’re just tools to make your life better. You must maintain your sense of individuality. Use your experiences in college, personal or professional, to navigate you through the transition. The only thing that you need to keep in mind is that you are a part of something bigger than yourself or any other individual. An organization that you will help build with your determination. The idea of a modern-day slave will only exist if you choose to believe that you are unhappy. Find the small things that make you happy like they did when you were in college. Your experience will be merrier and worthwhile. ■

Naoki Urasawa's MONSTER

Review

Anime Review by **Ayush Srivastava**, II BCom F

I HAVEN'T WATCHED MANY anime. But among the ones I have, Naoki Urasawa's *Monster* easily tops the list. Now this is a kind of anime which might not be liked by everyone. It's very hard to find people who have watched it. There could be various reasons for it being highly underrated such as mellow animation, doesn't involve any kind of superpower, no 15 year-old saving the world. It, instead, could scare you to a point where you start getting nightmares. Basically it's a show which constantly forces you to question human ethics, morality and their sense of justice. The series also continuously stresses over the question "Are all lives created equally?" This is going to be a spoiler-free review of this anime except for the first 4 episodes which will be discussed in order for the readers to understand the premise.

Dr Tenma is a renowned neurosurgeon of Isle Memorial Hospital in Germany. He is regarded as the best surgeon in hospital and is respected by everyone. So taking in consideration the times we live in, it's safe to say that any organisation would want to put their asset to the best use in order to generate maximum profit with

not much care about morale and general good.

Hence the time came when Dr Tenma was ordered by higher ups to perform the surgery on the Mayor instead of a young boy, named Johan Liebert, who was brought in the hospital first. The goal behind prioritising the operation of mayor while the kid was also on the deathbed, was to create a better image of the hospital and garner more publicity. But Dr Tenma, a man of culture, believes that all lives in this world are equal and everyone deserves an equal right to be saved. So he performs the surgery on the kid instead of the mayor as he believes that the one who is brought first shall be treated first and not based on their money, power or fame.

Dr Tenma was successful in saving the life of Johan Liebert. Unfortunately, his choice of following his heart and doing what seemed justice to him ended up shattering his life professionally and personally. It caused him to lose his social stance in the hospital, his promotion was cancelled by the director, and his fiancé left him who also happened to be the director's daughter. However, with

the mysterious death of the director and other two doctors, Tenma's position was restored and he was made the Chief of surgery, the position he deserved.

Nine years later, there is a killing spree going on in town and police are investigating to find the mysterious killer. Dr Tenma is seen to be treating a criminal who is injured and accused of one of the murders that happened recently. One day he found that the patient was missing from his room so he started looking for him and after following his screams he reached an abandoned building where the patient was standing fearfully in front of a mysterious young man. During their conversation we find that the young man is the mysterious killer and he had hired the patient to do the murders and now was here to kill him because he was caught. His patient was killed right in front of Tenma before he could do anything to save him. The mysterious killer didn't even flinch before shooting the patient, it meant nothing to him, he seems emotionless.

Then the killer walks towards Tenma and tells him "Thank You" and it's because of him that he is standing here today. It

is revealed then, the mysterious killer is no one but the very boy Tenma saved nine years ago by going against authority and almost destroying his career. It was Johan Liebert. This is the point where Tenma's belief is shattered. Johan is not just a criminal but a literal Monster. We as humans fear nothing more than death. And anyone's death affects us in some way or the other, either it be a dear one or a stranger, a friend or a foe. But Johan doesn't feel any of those emotions, he is not a human anymore, he is the most inhuman character in the show.

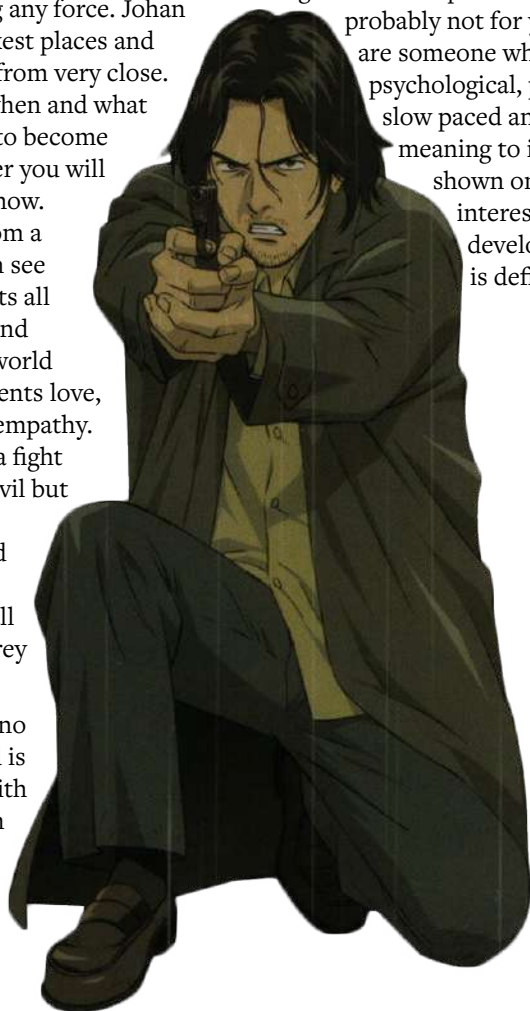
Now that Dr Tenma feels responsible for creating a monster so he embarks on a journey to end it all which he started, by killing Johan Liebert, but as he is the one who believes that all lives in this world are created equal, Johan believes that they are equal but only in death. I want to emphasize on one thing, Johan is perfect in all aspects. The way he speaks, interacts, walks etc. And he can easily manipulate humans in doing what he wants without using any force. Johan has been to the darkest places and seen inner demons from very close. For knowing how, when and what exactly caused him to become such a dark character you will need to watch the show. If we look at this from a broader view we can see that Johan represents all the evil, negativity and destruction of this world while Tenma represents love, emotion, hope and empathy. On the surface it is a fight between good and evil but if we go deep in this show we understand there is no absolute black or white and all human beings are grey in nature.

According to Johan no human in this world is entirely good and with a little manipulation we can easily bring out the monster in any human

being and to prove this point he tries to manipulate Tenma throughout the show in order to have him commit a murder and prove him wrong.

Many characters will be introduced in the story and by many I literally mean "many". In every episode we will see different characters and their story. And even with very less screen time these characters will have a deep impact on you. But it's not all useless, each and every episode of it is important. All the different stories act like pieces of a puzzle which ultimately comes together and gives us a really great ending for this anime.

Overall I just want to say that Monster is not for everyone, but if you try it do not throw it away if the first few episodes fails to impress you. Watch it till the episode 17 or 18 and then you can decide for yourself. If you are kind of anime watcher who loves watching really fast paced shows with a keeping you on the edge kind of suspense then monster is probably not for you but if you are someone who appreciates psychological, philosophical and slow paced anime with a deeper meaning to it than what is just shown on the surface with interesting character development "Monster" is definitely for you. ■



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Alumn-eye

BCom Batch of 1991 Reunion



In the photo seated from left to right—Dr N. Geethacharya, Dr Ramesh S., Prof. J. Parameshwaraiah, Dr Radha Krishna, Prof. M.V. Satyanarayana, and Prof. N. Byre Gowda

Mr. Muniswamy (BCom 1991) always wanted to express his gratitude for his teachers. He had been planning to thank all his teachers right from primary school up to degree lecturers. This get-together has been more than 3 years in the making and the best part is that it was a surprise. Mr. Muniswamy organised the get-together for both teachers and students, but all the old students were kept unaware of their teachers also attending. “I wanted to surprise my friends,” said Mr. Muniswami. The get-together was a success as Mr. Muniswamy was able to contact around 75 of his classmates and 65 people attended, some with their families. Mr. Muniswamy also wanted to celebrate the fact that all of his batch-mates had turned 50 in 2020-21.

Congratulations



Mr Prathap Lingaiah (BA 2002), Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (Non-core), has been appointed as the **Karnataka State NSS Officer, Ministry of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Government of Karnataka.** Mr Prathap Lingaiah will

be in charge of programme planning, preparations and funding for NSS units in 56 universities, and 10 private universities in the state.

We wish him the very best.



Mr Mahesh G. (BA 2015) was awarded the First Rank in Masters in Physical Education in the 55th Annual Convocation of Bangalore University. He has also received 3 Gold Medals. This is what he had to say—

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