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I never knew I had the skill until I tried writing. It is the case of every one of you. Writing is an art. It requires the creation of your world. You must build your world of words, craft it to beauty and present it to the readers. No one is ever perfect in writing. Writing requires persistent practice, tireless efforts and innovative thinking. Mastering the aforementioned makes you the best.

The Crescent Writers Guild is an amazing platform where you can begin writing. It's a club for you to express your ideas through words. We are here to motivate your interests in writing. The monthly edition of our E-Magazine brings an enormous amount of readership to your beautifully written works.

I, Irfanuddin taking charge as editor in chief for this academic year request you to try the art of writing. Who knows, your writing skill can become your career. I wish you all the best for the academic year.

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ADIOS SENIORS !

“A thanking note, behalf of your beloved Juniors”

With hearts filled with hope, eyes filled with dream and with the excitement of the unknown, we entered into our next walk of our life, our college life, with many desires and anxiety. Initially, it seemed like a pretty long journey, but, it is going to end before we could even realize when it all began. These beautiful days of college life gave us lifelong cherishable moments. Above all, the friends we made during these days, is the best, one can get. Regardless of the year in which a person studies, the friendship cross the boundaries of age, thrash the barriers of nativity and sow the seeds of an everlasting relationship. Such is the relation between our seniors and us.

You welcomed us with warm smiles and together our journey began. We became so close that the difference as seniors and juniors withered, and a new leaf of fraternity blossomed. You've always involved us in activities and made us feel the belongingness. You've encouraged us and created a zone of comfort for ourselves. You were always ready to help!

Be it rebelling against the mess food or rocking the competition stages, we did it all together. Late night fun and hangouts, surprise birthday parties, symposium preparations, working for the open house and what not, we never missed an opportunity to stay together and enjoy. You always gave compliments and encouraged us to achieve further. You've helped us excel in every aspect.

Besides, various fests like Orion, CresHunt, Vaanavil, Cresphoria, Creseves, etc., brought us closer. You organized every event with utmost sincerity and responsibility, to make our somniferous college days energentic.. You've thought us a lot. You showed us how to have fun without failing in our responsibility.

When the world looked new and when it all looked blank, you gave the guidance and support. Though the time had passed, and it forced you to leave the college, the impact you made on us will never be forgotten, and it will be given to our juniors by us as your legacy.

You gave us wonderful memories to take away with us when we leave this beautiful garden of B.S. Abdur Rahman University. We are happy to get you all as our seniors and We wish you all success in their life!

Thank you for everything you've given us.



To Those Of You Starting Your First Job Or Interning Somewhere,

By Nandhitha Hariharan

Breathe.

The first time you start a full-time job or enter the corporate world, there is a good chance that you will feel like an idiot. You will think that everyone except you knows exactly what is going on.

Give it time. You will eventually realize that nobody knows too much anyway. Play along and if you still think you are lost, use words like “Strategy”, “Learning curve”, and “Performance”, A LOT!. You need to get used to it.

Imagine walking up to your professor and saying “In order to streamline ourselves with the vision of the college, I suggest you give me more exciting assignments that help develop my learning curve and enhance performance”.

Yeah, right.

Remember to use words like “Opportunities” “Team” “Values” and “Feedback” if you want to get out of trouble.

You will keep hearing about how your company values “young people”. Being a twenty something old in the corporate world is kind of hot because they love you, pamper you and believe in your potential.

This is mostly a great thing except when they get into the “You are twenty and you are supposed to conquer the world” mode.

It is hard to explain to older people that you are just a young person and not a constant enthusiastic bubble of energy.

Respect experience and remember that people who have been around longer than you have can teach you a lot of things.

Generation gap is very real which is why when someone asks you where they can find “The Drop-box”, rolling your eyes is not a good idea.

Stay humble and try not to complain too much. Respect your job, your pay-checks and all the perks it brings along.

You will meet lots of people who think that they are over-qualified to be doing the job they currently do, but that is probably because they are angrier at the situation than at the job itself.

There will be days when you feel that the espresso machine at work is your only real friend, but it is on those days that you should remind yourself to stay patient.

Nobody will give you their biggest clients or a million dollar deal on the first day of your work. Or the first month. Or the first year.

If you know otherwise, call me.

And if you still think that you are only making photocopies, there is always a choice. The greatest irony of work-life is that nobody will be there to watch you work hard and leave late. Leaving early from work on the other hand is the high-school equivalent of dating your best friend's boyfriend. If they find out, you are bound to get dirty stares.

I like my job, but I cannot suppress the reflex need to stick my tongue out at people who always claim to work late and look down on those who don't clock long hours.

It is mostly because harsh reality is that, no matter how good you are, it takes less than two weeks to replace you at work. On the other hand, you are irreplaceable as a son, a daughter, a best friend or a girlfriend. Never let yourself lose sight of this simple truth.

I could tell you that **dating at work** is not the greatest idea, but trust me when I tell you that all it takes is a handsome boy with a charming smile to make financial statements read like a Jane Austen novel and to make my statement completely irrelevant.

Don't ask me how I know.

"Never date at work" is a cliché that you will hear a lot.

Good advice for life should read "No footsies during conferences" and as much as I believe in the healing powers of healthy flirting, DO NOT flirt in front of your boss.

Or with your boss, for that matter.

Stepping into the corporate world or starting your first job is scary but it is also one of those things that will shape your future to a great extent.

The only real advice I can give you when it comes to being prepared for the corporate world is that core competency has nothing to do with your abs and it is not okay to giggle when someone says "touch-base".

Apart from that, the rest is for you to figure out!

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BLOODY FISTS

By Irfanuddin, ECE 4th Year

“Wrapped in wounds, drowning in blood, gaping holes letting it all out, no more I am known to be solid. At school, they taught us that our body had warriors within. But I wonder; where are the warriors now when I have no one besides me?”

The excerpt you just read above would be one of the questions of a child living in those ruins. They are younger than us, and their tiny fingers haven't touched the luxuries that we are clinging onto, their mouths haven't tasted the delicacies that we have, and their bodies have never been covered with the brands we boast about. Too soon, they are going away.

The entire world talks about something called 'security.' Religion, race, ethnicity and everything else matters when a person of the so-called higher social hierarchy is harmed. But, is the entire world blindfolded when innocent kids, women and men die? A part of the world sheds blood for no reason, not a few lives are ruined, but millions. Nobody stops it because it is just for the sake of the resentful nation's security.



How can a nation's security be assured just by killing innocent children who haven't begun to live yet, when pregnant mothers are shot right through their bellies; killing two at a time and when hopeful fathers who wait for their sons and daughters to grow up to make them proud are shattered forever?

They say that they are discussing the issue and justify their cruel acts. Everyone believes as they claim that they attacked the other nation because they harmed a few of them. A few led to the killing of millions of lives. No count, no individuality, no voice, no love. Just orphaned souls.

The so-called civil war that's ruling the world today has set its limits to be beyond the sky and grabbing the lives of innocent people have just become a cakewalk. Wealthy countries and organizations are apparently running out of funds to lend a helping hand when the New Year fireworks are booming over their tall towers!

Torture is just a cruel mean to satisfy the hunger of losing a few by killing masses and is not justified in the least to safeguard the nation. When a nation tortures the other for protecting itself by slaying innocent ones; even the rocks would crumble into dust on

seeing them, but NOT us.

A fact that none of the booming nations want to address is the injustice done to those innocent people. True, some of the cruel hearts have hurt them, but will harming those blameless ones mercilessly help them in anyway; except for quenching their hunger for revenge? Will their reprisal policies warn the harmed ones or will aggravate their anger? How will the wailing parents stay calm when they see their children dying in front of their own eyes?

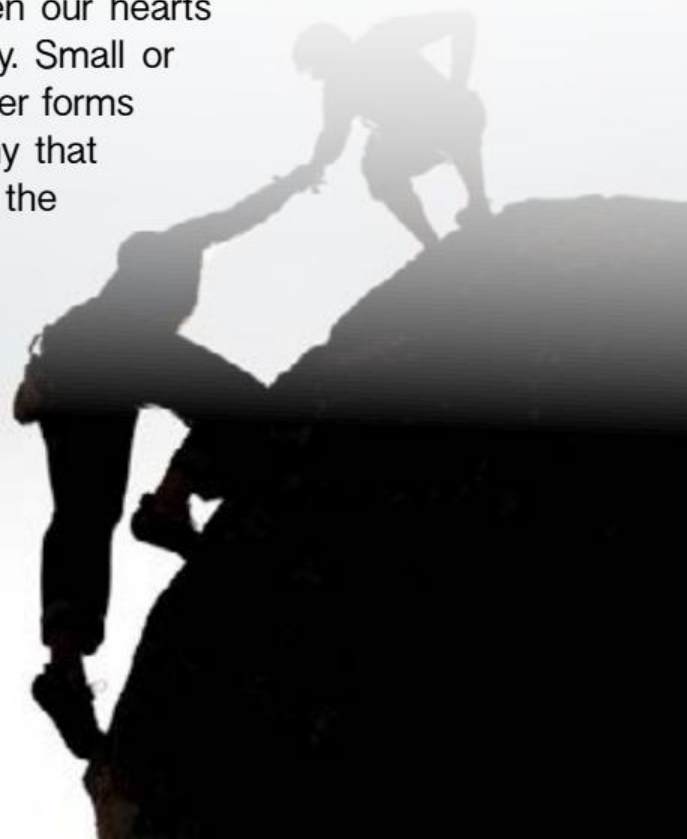
It is no child's play anymore. The issue is serious. With the increasing talks about humanity and feelings; we have gotten ourselves down to ground level that it exists no more. People are screaming out there; we cover our ears, people are begging on their knees for help; but we shut our eyes, people are pleading to speak for them; and we seal our lips. How long is our stubbornness going to live?

Unless the Nations agree to change the language of vengeance and agony to forgiveness and love, the world will continue to spin with violence as its companion. Martin Luther King Jr. once said; "Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love".

When world's most influential revolutionaries believed in silencing the raging wars by humble means, then where have we learned our lessons from? Truth to be told, the world was far worse when they fought for justice. Even then, they believed in courage, love, and humanity for peace. But now, the very humanity which strove to save every drop of blood has turned into a wrathful one to acquire happiness on seeing it being shed.

Now is the time to change. Let us learn to open our hearts and let forgiveness prevail to replace the agony. Small or big, our contribution matters, tiny droplets of water forms an ocean; and each one of us will form an army that marches forward for peace and love by giving the same to fellow earthlings.

"An eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind" - Mahatma Gandhi



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Bring the change you need

By Aslam Noorani



With progressive world, the education system of India must also change:

We are living in an age where people around the world are competing for development and starting organizations that could change the world. But here in India we are still stuck up with the rat races that ultimately yields nothing. Even our leading educational establishments like IITs are not listed among the top global educational institutes. It is because even their students focus on grades rather than a holistic development. Many students work tirelessly for two years, and some even take an extra year of coaching for joining into country's top universities. By joining into IITs, they believe that people who can help build a better future in their field of interest would come across. But, that's not the case. They get stuck with the bunch load of grade cravers who run behind marks to get a job that pays them well. In a country like India, students should be motivated towards entrepreneurship, because this is the thing that will teach the real essence of life. To bring this to existence we must change the thought process of the parents. It is them who are must be supporting their children even when the entire world goes against them. To alter the thinking of parents their children should take the initiatives. Students should explain their difficulties and interests to their parents. Nowadays schools and colleges are training us instead of educating us. So don't depend on the schools/colleges. Explore the world outside. Don't wait for change to happen, be a part of the change.

Roger Federer vs Andy Roddick: When the Game Turned Cruel

-A Classic Wimbledon Flashback

Turn the clock back to 5th July 2009. Revisiting 'cruel' happenings is not the most pleasing thing to do, but this match was an exception.

How many times has one wondered how nice it would be if tennis matches ended in a tie or a draw? The 2009 Wimbledon final between Andy Roddick and Roger Federer should have ended that way. It was a classic. It was a thriller. It was brilliant to say the least. It was beyond tennis.



The match started well with both players holding serve until the twelfth game when Roddick broke Federer's serve to take a one set to love lead. The second set saw no breaks of serve and went into a tiebreak. It was tight.

Andy Roddick's serve kept getting better and better. He was leading 6-2 in the tiebreak and had a chance to get one hand on the coveted Wimbledon trophy, but he let go all of his four set points. Federer took the set, carried his momentum into the third set and won it 7-5 in the tie break.

People who thought that Roddick had lost it mentally were wrong. He was serving at his best, broke Federer in the fourth game of the fourth set and went on to win the set 6-3. Things were getting tighter. The final set began. Both players were serving well.

The scoreboard read 6-6. Roddick had a slight chance when Federer was serving 15-40 down in game number 17 in the set. But Federer held on. It then became

10-10, and then 12-12. This was a point in the match when neither of the players deserved to lose. If only tennis had a tie or a draw, this should have been one.

And then it became 14-14. Federer has millions of fans around the world and in SW19, but one could just not stop loving Roddick for the way he was playing. Never before had we seen tennis of such high quality from him. He was at his absolute best.

But then something cruel happened. It was game number 77. Roddick who was holding his serve so well, let slip and what a slip it was! He was broken for the first time in the match and it cost him the title! Federer finally won 5-7, 7-6(6), 7-6(5), 3-6, 16-14 after 4 hours and 16 minutes.

Federer was elated; Roddick was devastated and understandably so. The way Andy Roddick played was commendable and defeat was a cruel result. He really deserved a title at Wimbledon that day.

The fact that the player on the other side of the court was Roger Federer made all the difference. With all due respect and credit to Roddick, there are moments in the sport when only players like Federer can make the improbable happen. He showed it when he fought back from 2-6 down in the second set tiebreak.

Federer has been a terrific player all these years, the most successful in tennis history. The victory could not have been sweeter for him with the likes of Pete Sampras, Bjorn Borg and Rod Lever watching the match from the Royal box that day.

What a final it was! So exhilarating, and the longest in Men's Grand Slam Finals in history at 77 games. It was a perfect match. Too bad that one person had to lose, but that is the way sport is. At times, it can be cruel.

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THE RHYMING PHRASE

By Umsr



*The roaring winds of reality
Shattered what once was my dream.
To recover from the calamity
is harder than it seems.
Words are unspoken
actions are undone.
From the stinging reality
no one can ever run.
Scars on hearts are carved
Which will never heal.
Bereft of any hope
the heart for the moment is sealed.
The bitter truth has struck, and now it's time
Wait till I find the next phrase to rhyme.*

WHAT DO YOU WISH TO ACCOMPLISH IN THIS WORLD ?

By Aamina Afshan, III year biotech

From a very young age, I found myself quite intrigued with the way the world works and how each and every single one of us, fail to understand our surroundings and fully acknowledge the existence of another human being.

We wake up every day, with a motionless and

repetitive routine, always clawing at us. We no longer know the meaning of hard work and what follows. We no longer take risks. Instead, we fall into a pit of anxiousness, stress, and disbelief.

As a human being, sometimes we get caught up in our desires and forget about our real passion. The goals we lay out for ourselves are set so low, because in our minds, accomplishing those goals are far out of reach. Materialistic choices and overdosing on the fact that money makes us who we are, blinds us with our choices, without even knowing it.

Whatever you wish to accomplish in this world, make that choice greater than yourself, believe that you can be where you want to be and never sacrifice your good will, to get there. Follow each and every day, by becoming a better version of what you were yesterday.



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Paint your life at the University

It's the same drill students get over and over again: join on-campus clubs. The reasons may change, but the fact of the matter is that ISTDC boasts an extensive list of clubs, tailored to meet the needs of every one of you, regardless of where your interest lies. By now most of us are beginning to question as to why we should even get out of bed in the morning. Well, college is the perfect place to explore your areas of interest and a place where you learn a lot about yourself! Then, my friend, why not dive into a little adventure of self-exploration?

ISTDC provides ample opportunity for students to play a role in the functioning of their chosen clubs. Not only are your achievements going to look great on your resume, but these clubs will be a fun-filled package that will open up a world full of opportunities, making you confident in what you do. ISTDC is the place where you learn to master the art of being yourself.

Here are the top five reasons as to why you should join clubs along with ISTDC on campus.

Find new friends

ISTDC Clubs can help you by connecting you with other like-minded people on the campus. Also, by just meeting more people, you would feel the essence of brotherhood/sisterhood. College wouldn't be a boring place to go where you bury your heads deep into the books anymore; it is going to be fun and just as fine or even better than your home!

Relieves Stress

Although it may not seem to make much sense, joining ISTDC clubs will help to reduce your stress levels. The fun activities of the various clubs will reduce the great amount of stress you would be subjected to after the learning that is done in classrooms. Using an escape from the grim reality surely wouldn't hurt, would it?

Become more focused

When you join our clubs you would have a more structured schedule. You will know that you have to be at a certain place, at a certain time and it helps you to focus on your work during your leisure hours. High levels of concentration all the while having a great time, will assist you in being more focused on other essential areas of your life.

Meet people and network

As mentioned above, our ISTDC clubs are a great place to make new friends. Not only do the clubs assist you in making great friends, but also they can introduce you to some awesome people who will shape your career. Club leaders or other alumni are always interested in helping someone that they have met through a cohesive group as such. These connections can benefit students greatly when trying to get internships or jobs after college.

Looks good on a resume

Even though most jobs will be more interested in your professional experience, it never hurts to have a club experience that will relate to your future profession. For example, if you plan to go into photography it's probably good to have been in the photography club so you can brag about your experience. If you are the lucky one to have been a leader of the club, then we need not speak about the praises you'll receive! Employers love to hire young minds with intricate cognitive abilities and leadership skills. In our university clubs, you'll learn exactly that!

There you have it. Five good reasons why you should join an ISTDC club on campus. So what are you waiting for? Sing up!

Identify your clubs at the ISTD-C

| | |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Santhos | PRESIDENT |
| Supraja | VICE PRESIDENT |
| Mithun | CULTURAL SECRETARY |
| Gurucharan | CULTURAL SECRETARY |
| Rangarajan | EXECUTIVE SECRETARY |
| Sanjay | TREASURER |
| Irfanuddin | LITERARY HEAD AND EDITOR |
| Irfan | VARIETY HEAD |
| Sabari | MUSIC HEAD |
| Tariq | DANCE HEAD |
| Savitha | ART CLUB HEAD |
| Hussain | CREATIVE HEAD |
| Mozin | MEDIA HEAD |
| Salman | PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB HEAD |
| Ashik | PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB HEAD |
| Azar | PRO |
| Vijaykrishna | PRO |
| Sharuk | FASHION HEAD |
| Nijas | REPORTER |

Crescent Club of Photographers or CCP:

With its unadulterated passion for photography has been striving to seamlessly capture the precious moments in time on camera. The club has created a household name for itself by being the face behind every stunning photograph clicked in college events.

Crescent Media Club:

The club is dedicated to revolutionizing the world of media in their own way. The club manages to stand its ground as the fastest growing club in the college. With teams dedicated to direction, script-writing, editing etc., there is something for everyone who is interested in the world of media.

Crescent Fashion Team:

Ever since its inception, the CFT has gone on to become Chennai's No. 1 fashion team. Winning across various stages, setting trends and going places has been making waves in the fashion circles. If you're a fashionista,

then there can be no bigger claim to fame than a spot in the coveted team.

Crescent Art Club or Idea Archive:

Do you love portraying your thoughts on canvas? If so, the Idea Archive is meant for people like you with artistic instincts. Apart from conducting various competitions and workshops, the club focuses on fostering the spirit of creative thinking.

Crescent Writers Guild:

The Crescent Writers Guild backed by an outstanding Editorial Board, is one club that allows writers to unleash the true power of words. The club encourages interested writers to pen down their thoughts and works towards bringing out college newsletters.

Crescent Music Team:

If you can hit all the right notes then Crescent Music Team is the club to be in. The club has won a stream of accolades in various events across Chennai for their outstanding renditions of popular music. They have proved time and again that they can make anyone dance to the rhythm of their tunes.

Crescent Dance Team:

Dance is an art of expression that needs no music, no words. The team has made quite a name for itself with its spectacularly choreographed dance moves that are sure to leave one gaping in awe. With its ever expanding numbers, the team is all set to rock the dance floor across the city.

Crescent Team Dramatix

The CTD adds an entirely new dimension to variety entertainment. It is widely lauded as one of the best variety teams in Chennai, the CTD's witty repertoire, their satirical take on various issues have left audiences spellbound. Guest performances, appearances in television shows are quite common if you're in the shoes of a CTDian.

Crescent Literary Club:

The love for literature never seems to die with these bunch of enthusiastic students. The literary club has strived to explore and bring to light talented individual by hosting literary fests each year. Since time immemorial, it's one of the most popular clubs in the University.

FIVE MISTAKES IN A FRESHER'S CV

Come July and recruitment across engineering campuses in India warms up. Many things run in a student's mind. Brushing up of theory, boosting one's CGPA in the final year, getting a couple of papers published and that nightmare of cracking the campus interview. While we can hardly control the kind of interviewer that we are destined to meet, there are surely many things that we could perfect. One of them is the 'Facebook' of the candidate. The Resume.

Much as they say that the face is an index of the mind, a resume is a clear peek into the caliber of a candidate. It is absolutely important that we minimize our errors and be naturally ourselves as much as possible. Here are 5 common mistakes that freshers make while preparing a CV. Corrections that need to be made are also suggested.

1. Career Objective: The first two or three lines in a resume are intended to reveal the candidate's aspirations and the areas he or she is interested in. It is therefore important that we write our true objectives here. Unfortunately, many students conveniently take glossy statements from model resumes on the Internet and paste them here. Remember that an honest statement on career plans is a hundred times better. Students who are apprehensive of grammar mistakes in the resume can seek help from classmates or faculty members in correcting them.

2. References: A fresher need not provide any references. Let us understand that a reference is basically to enquire about the performance of an employee from his or her previous organization. In other words, it helps in taking a 'second opinion' before the company decides to hire. In the case of a student, the primary selection criterion is marks, and references are not applicable. The credentials a recruiter needs to know can also be made available by the college.

3. Declaration: A declaration is a statement of honesty from the candidate that he has provided true facts in the resume and has not fabricated or falsified any part of it. This again primarily applies to those with work experience. For a student the needed information is available in the mark sheet. Hence, a declaration and the accompanying signature are not required in a fresher's resume.

4. Areas of strength: If the career objective reminds one of Google, this one reminds us of Microsoft. Ctrl+C and Ctrl+V to be exact. If you believe you are unique, your strengths are unique too. Why waste an opportunity to mention what you are known for? Your strengths need not be team work, leadership or smart work. If everyone had these, the training industry would be out of business and corporate India would be close to perfection. Hence, reflect on your past successes and think deeply on what made you successful. The answers to your areas of strength lie there.

5. Achievements: One obsession that I see amongst campus interviewees is to load the CV with as many successes as possible. This includes accomplishments in areas that are neither academic nor extra-curricular and unconnected with the job that they are applying for. Winning dance competitions is unrelated but if areas of strength include confidence (derived out of numerous stage performances), there is a logical connect. It is therefore better if the achievements are mentioned according to their relevance to the job or chosen field of study.

To summarize:

1. Be yourself.
2. Do not borrow the contents from another's CV.
3. Write what is relevant and natural to you.

Happy learning!

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Students Achievements

Our talented bunch of students have brought glory to the university by showcasing their top-notch skills in various National and International Level Competitions.

Best Design Evaluation Award obtained by Automobile Students of BSA Univeristy

A team of 22 students from the Department of Automobile Engineering has designed and fabricated a “GO KART” vehicle. The team was lead by N. Sai Narendran - III year Automobile (Captain) and S. Jai Ganesh - III year Automobile (Vice Captain). The team later participated in the Dynamic Karting Challenge - 2016 organized by the Association of Innovation and Mectra Engineers (AIME). The grand event was held at Buddh International Circuit, Greater Noida at New Delhi. The team has won Best Design Evaluation and Best Autocross Awards were making the University proud.



*To feature an achievement, please send the details through Head of the Department to crescentwritersguild@gmail.com

ECE department students won II prize in the national level robotics competition held at IIT, Mumbai

ECE department students won II prize in the national level robotics competition held at IIT, Mumbai. A team of three students, M.RAGHUL, S.SARIGA and J.SAMAYA POORANI of III year belonging to the Hobby Electronics Club of the ECE Department have secured SECOND PRIZE and a cash award of Rs.8,000/- in the " National Robotics Championship" competition organized by ARK Technosolutions & Robokart.com at INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MUMBAI. The award-winning project was titled as "LINE FOLLOWER ROBOT". The competition was challenging with over 300 teams competing in the Championship.



The duo of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Students brought pride and name to the university with an achievement in an Electronic Car Competition.

The Loughborough University, the UK in association with The Chopras conducted an Electronic Car Competition called "The Gardon Lucas Engineering Competition." Two interdisciplinary student teams participated from the University. The team headed by Mohammed Shaukat Ali of III year Mechanical Engineering won the 2nd Prize.





The stories of people hunting down Pokémon on their office desks, in spiritual places, in hospital rooms, and even in bathrooms. The horrific news of finding a dead body while looking for Pokémon has caught our guts. Kidnappers and Robbers are already into thinking of exploiting this popular Video game.

Breaking everything apart! What really is Pokémon Go?

The popular cartoon of the late 1990s, Pokémon, took a new-life in this world recently with a bang. The storm like hit of the trending video game is Nintendo's biggest success of all time. This new game is available on both Android and iOS devices, and of course, we all feel sorry for the Windows Phone users.

A lot is happening in the background this fun filled game that literally makes your body fit and your mind go crazy. The Pokémon Go is a game that uses your phone's GPS, clock and camera to provide an augmented reality interface. The sensors detect where and when you are in the game and make a Pokémon "appear" around you on your phone screen. All you need to do is to run around the world to catch them all. As you move around, different and more types of Pokémon will appear depending on where you are and what time it is.

Enjoy the game, never get lost into it. Safety first! And if you have interesting stories about Pokemon Go, do tell us. Send your hilarious and fascinating stories to crescentwritersguild@gmail.com.

THE NEW AGE OF ART



Artists and painters beware! AI or Artificial Intelligence is coming for your paintbrushes. A new mobile phone app, called Prisma is everywhere in the social media. It uses deep learning algorithms to turn smartphone photos into stylized artworks based on different artwork or graphical styles. Send us your creative shots with Prisma filters applied at crescentwritersguild@gmail.com and get it featured in our next edition.

THE RAMBLINGS OF A FORLORN CHENNAIT

By Zimam Ghani, Alumni, year 2016



I leave my Halls Road apartment, running late for college and walk down the surprisingly well-paved footpaths, maneuvering my way through the people who've been squatting there overnight. I walk further, adventurously crossing the road, even when the pedestrian signal is red, pardon my Desi intellectuality. But following the signal doesn't mean you are safe. You never know when an over speeding SUV will knock you down and drive away like it's no big deal.

The large rusted garbage disposal bin is overflowing with trash dumped precariously by the fancy vegetarian restaurants around the railway station. The unbearable stench makes me bury my nose on my shoulders, smell the Hugo boss and find some comfort.

I walk through the crammed walkway. Just as I begin to pick up speed at the sight of an oncoming train, I accidentally hit a young woman with my shoulder. Before I could start profusely apologizing, she takes out the most dangerous weapon of modern times from her jeans pocket, a smartphone. And before things could become uglier I say a big sorry and she smiles and acknowledges it.

The train then crosses Chetpet, and as I'm deciding whether to take a nap or to read some Kafka, the stench surfaces again, this time from the mighty Cooum. With 16,000 buildings directly polluting it and 105 identified sewer outfalls (according to a media report), the blame cannot be placed on the authorities. The state of Cooum represents the collective failure of the citizens of the city.

The Chennai local trains are not as madly crowded as Mumbai's, but if you want to witness the population explosion in the city, just wait when a Chengalpet bound train reaches Guindy. You'll also find a lot of youngsters travelling on the footboards even when the coach is empty. There's some pride in it, they say. Stupidity is all I see!

I notice a young man in his late 20s, wearing the ID card of an IT company is reading a newspaper. The nosey uncle next to him who's been reading the newspaper all along calls him and says, "Look Thambi! Sundar Pichai is the new Google CEO! People like him and Satya Nadella make us Indians proud." I never understand this patriotism bug. Pichai and Nadella aren't even Indian citizens anymore. They don't even work for Indian companies. They did their masters in Stanfords and Whartons and instead of coming back and using their knowledge to find solutions to Indian problems, they stayed back. And for someone who's planning to go abroad for working after graduation - you're guilty as charged!

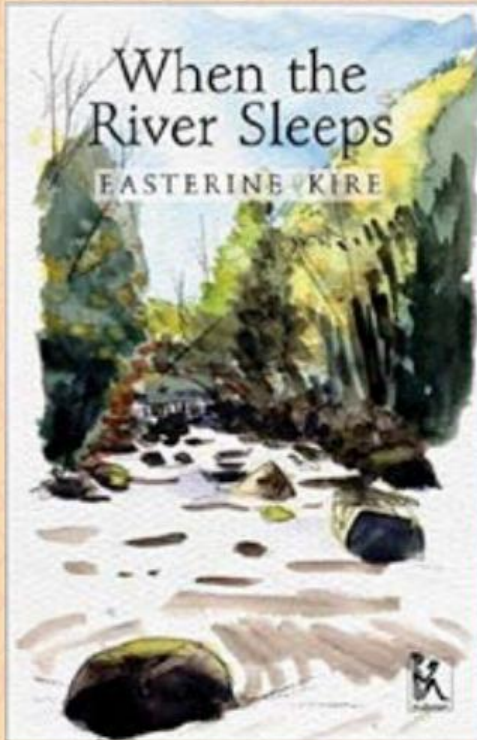
I disembark and change the mode of transportation. The time by now is 9.30, and I will not be allowed in class. I go to the one place where I find nirvana, the library and pick up a hardbound, sepia-hued book from the 80s. My peace is suddenly disturbed by a group discussing and ogling at a picture on Chennai Times. The obsession with cine stars has reached dangerous proportions.

Some say people like me worry too much about the environment, the future. They call us paranoid. They say we do not enjoy the subtleties of life. We do. The long aimless walks in the night and the aura of calm and the gentle marina breeze kissing your face is what we fear to lose. While the city has lost its charm to the vagaries of time, it still retains some of its old magic that continues to intrigue and delight.

Every day can turn out to be an adventure, it's up to us to choose how we play it!

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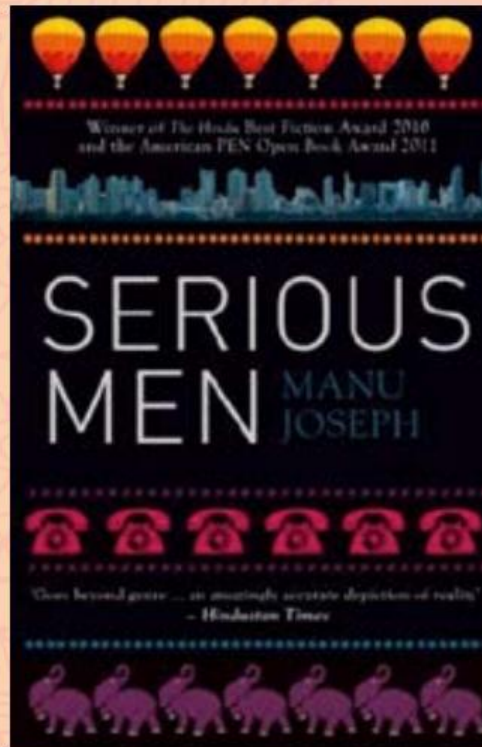
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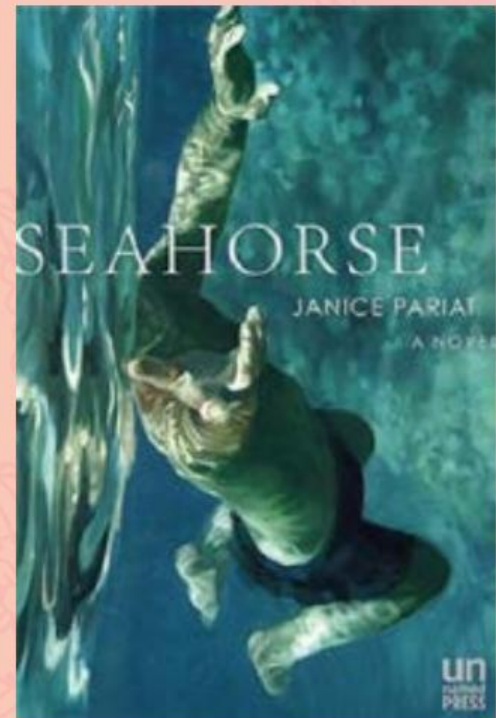
The winner of The Hindu Prize, 2015, this is a lucid novel with little in the way of grand ambition that taps into the myths of the North East, unveiling the closely-linked tapestry of nature and man that defines that culture. There are elements of fantasy and mythology, but the tale of the hunter Vilie is one of the eternal link we have to the earth we inhabit. This is an essential addition to Indian fiction writing, where interesting and multifaceted descriptions of the North East and its culture are often woefully inadequate. If you like your fantasy with a personal touch, this is a must-read.



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