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# Promoting Sustainable Development and Responsible Education: Insights from PRME Event

### By Shreya Rao

Woxsen University in Hyderabad recently hosted a PRME City Chapter event on October 12, 2023, bringing together professionals from various sectors to discuss sustainable development and responsible education. The event shed light on the challenges posed by consumerism, the importance of preparing students to tackle sectoral challenges, and the critical role of higher education in creating a sustainable future. This article provides a summary of the key discussions and initiatives highlighted during the event







Challenges of Consumerism and Waste Management:

Prof. Bhavannarayana discussed the challenges of consumerism, particularly in waste management. He shared insights into the "Wealth out of Waste" project undertaken at their college, emphasizing the importance of preparing students to address such challenges.

#### Sustainability and Inclusivity:

PP Sreyash highlighted the theme of sustainability through inclusivity, focusing on the influence of G20 on people. He emphasized the need to address social aspects alongside sustainability and questioned the progress towards the 2030 vision. Sreyash praised Woxsen University's initiatives and suggested that schools and universities should take responsibility for preserving nearby environmental areas.

#### Importance of Responsible Education:

Panel discussions emphasized the significance of imparting responsible education in higher education institutions (HEIs). Dr. Anuradha Sharma introduced the 5P principle - "People, Planet, Profit, Peace, and Partnership" - highlighting the need for holistic development and sustainable growth in all sectors. Dr. Manuel Rincon proposed incorporating corporate social responsibility (CSR) classes into the curriculum, while Dr. Donkor Nawaah stressed the importance of open discussions and faculty-student engagement

#### Telangana's Sustainability Journey:

Dr Rajat Kumar, Special Chief Secretary for Irrigation and CAD in the Government of Telangana, shared insights into the state's sustainability journey. Telangana achieved remarkable environmental stewardship by planting 2.5 billion trees and

completing the Kaleshwaram project. Dr. Kumar emphasized the role of empowering women in the workforce and promoting gender equality. He also highlighted the importance of educational curricula focusing on social and environmental studies.

### **Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods:**

Various HEIs and NGOs showcased their initiatives during the event. BVRIT University's intervention in handicrafts aimed support to sustainable livelihoods for over 1000 by insufficient affected women rainfall. IMT Hyderabad's "Literacy Camp" targeted underprivileged children to bridge the literacy and computer skills gap.











The PRME City Chapter event at Woxsen University highlighted the importance of sustainable development and responsible education. The discussions emphasized the challenges of consumerism, the need for inclusivity, and the role of HEIs in preparing students for sectoral challenges. The event showcased innovative initiatives promoting sustainable livelihoods and bridging educational disparities. Overall, the event emphasized the collective responsibility of individuals and institutions to drive positive change towards a more sustainable future.











# **Alumni Relations**



# Design Alumni Reconnect: Woxsen University Welcomes Back Graduates

By: Vedehi Parashar

In a small but gladdening reunion that bridged the gap between the past and present, three esteemed School of Art & Design Alumni of Woxsen University, Mr. Rohan Mandala, Ms. Pragnya Sindhu Alay, and Ms. Oorja Shettigari, recently paid a visit to their alma mater after graduating a few years ago. For these alumni, their odyssey when they set foot in Woxsen University again was not just a trip down memory lane but also a moment where they got to know their junior batches through "Rachanarambh" - a true ode to 'the beginning of creativity.'

After graduating, the alumni trio has since carved impressive careers in their respective fields. Oorja is now a Textile Designer at TWorks, Pragnya is a proud Founder of Luxe Stories Design Studios, and Rohan is a Senior Product Designer at Feqma Tech. They were here on a purposeful endeavour to impart practical knowledge and share experiences from when they were students at the university. Their visit to campus was arranged by the Alumni Relations Committee here at Woxsen University. The day began with an informal gathering at the university's Admin Area, where the Alumni were greeted by the Alumni Relations Head- Vishal K, and his Executives. The Alumni were further accompanied by the executives on a campus tour, which was the most nostalgic for them. They had an interactive session with the Cohort of 2027 from Woxsen School of Art and Design, wherein the students asked them interesting questions! Additionally, during the session, the trio spoke about their struggles in the pilot stages of their career & how perseverance and a solid foundation in design principles, instilled at Woxsen, played a crucial role in their success. They highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration, design thinking and problem solving skills in the field of product design, along with an emphasis on the significance of staying updated with the latest design trends and technology without forgetting about the classics and timeless elements or trends of the industry.



Woxsen University's commitment to fostering a strong alumni network and facilitating interactions between current students and graduates is evident in initiatives like this. The insights, experiences, and practical knowledge shared by these successful alumni left an indelible mark on the students who will soon be budding

designers. It also reaffirmed the university's commitment to nurturing not only academic excellence but also a keen sense of community and mentorship. As the alumni bid farewell, they left behind a motivated and inspired group of art and design students, ready to embark on their own journeys into the world of design armed with newfound wisdom and enthusiasm

# Alumni Stories: Rishit Sarkar - Bridging Design and Business Success

By: Nethra Ishwar



Immediately after completing his studies at Woxsen University, Rishit Sarkar entered the workforce as an interaction design intern at Fountane, LLC. He demonstrated his skills in user-centred design throughout this three-month internship by turning difficult ideas into simple user interfaces.

Rishit started a new chapter in June 2020 when he established Rishit Portable Spaces Pvt Ltd in Vadodara, Gujarat. His business specialises in building flexible, mobile places, meeting both the demands of contemporary life and the emerging industry of sustainable travel. He has transformed the appearance of living units and expanded them into different sectors, such as farms, kitchens, and tourism. They have established a leasing model for these services, all the while enhancing client relationships through creative design strategies. Rishit took yet another entrepreneurial risk when he co-founded BrewBoxCafe in January 2023,

Brewbox is a passion project that will be established in industrial regions in order to create an industrial network among them and establish

solidifying his reputation as a visionary in both

business and design.

a new standard for holding meetings there (there are no meeting spaces in industrial belts). Rishit Sarkar acts as an example to budding designers and businesspeople today by proving that one can achieve their goals with hard work and a good education.

## **Woxsen Alumni Homecoming 2023** By: Ujesha Sharma

The Alumni Relations Committee recently planned and executed the highly anticipated "Alumni Homecoming" event on the 14th of October, bringing together alumni from across the world for a day filled with fun, nostalgic moments, and celebration. The event commenced with an informative session led by the deans of various schools, who shared the latest advancements, initiatives, and noteworthy accomplishments at Woxsen. This session served.

las a valuable platform for alumni to stay connected with their alma mater, ensuring they were well-informed about the progress and developments in their respective fields of interest.

Following the informative session, alumni had the opportunity to stroll down the memory lane and revisit their favourite spots on campus. The excitement and nostalgia were palpable as graduates reconnected with the familiar sights and experienced the remarkable changes that have taken place since their time at Woxsen. The tour fostered nostalgia, reinforcing the deep bond shared by all alumni with the Woxsen family.

The alumni luncheon added a delightful touch to the event. Attendees were treated to a scrumptious feast, featuring an array of mouthwatering cuisines that allowed everyone to relish diverse flavours. The event also

included screening the highly anticipated India-Pakistan cricket match for the alumni. As alumni came to watch the intense competition, the exhilarating environment was filled with excitement, nostalgia, and friendly banter. The attendees felt a sense of solidarity and camaraderie due to their shared experience with the game.

To further enhance the Homecoming experience, alumni engaged in various captivating activities and interactive games. These provided not only moments of entertainment but also valuable opportunities for alumni to network, collaborate, and explore potential partnerships. The event was a perfect platform for alumni reconnecting with old friends and making new connections. Alumni from different batches and programs gathered, sharing stories, laughter, and creating new memories. As they reminisced about their time at Woxsen, the bonds of friendship and camaraderie were strengthened, forming an even tighter-knit Woxsen community. As the event concluded, alumni departed with a renewed sense of pride and gratitude for their alma mater.

Here's to the next Homecoming, where memories will be revisited, friendships will be rekindled, and the spirit of Woxsen will shine brighter than ever before

### Alumni Awards 2024?

As the academic year ends, the Alumni Relations Committee of Woxsen University hopes to honour and give back to their wonderful alumni, with an award ceremony and much more. Stay tuned for more details on this event!



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# **BOLLY TOLLY FEST: "Where Tradition meets Celebration"**

### By L. Mary Aishwarya

Bolly Tolly Ethnic Fest was recently celebrated at Woxsen University. The event took place on the 4th of October 2023 hosted by our Cultural Club – Jashn. The Entire theme of this event was "Ethnic" and the students were dressed up in Indian Traditionals.

This Vibrant event kicked off with the very famous Music band in the State. Threeory, one of the most influential and popular bands made the entire stage lively with their enthralling music performances.

A little snippet about the Music Band –Threeory is an experimental fusion band that blends Indian classical with different sub-genres of world music. This nine-member rock band is known for their blend of jazz, pop and Carnatic genres. This band experiments constantly and performs different adaptations of both English and Hindi tunes. They also perform covers adding some local flavour to them.

Followed by Threeory's Sensational live performance, the DJ kept the energy soaring throughout the night of the event. The Students danced their night away to the groovy beats by the DJ. It was a non-stop celebration of music and culture!!





# HIT, SMASH, HUSTLE! -Woxsen Badminton Championship by Krida

### By Sai Vyomini Patamsetty & Sindhukavi S.

The extravagance of the Sportx Badminton courts came alive through the vibrance of the Woxsen Badminton Championships that commenced in the early weeks of October. With over 200+ teams actively taking part across the five categories, it is rather needless to state the enthusiasm and vigor at which the tournament took place.

Success in badminton comes to those who hustle, hit, and never give up! Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it. With a wonderful start the badminton championship, witnessing such a diverse range of players competing against each other was truly mesmerizing, slowly progressing to the finals. There were 5 matches held, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, men's singles and mixed doubles in the finals. There was exceptional display of skill, technique, and agility by the

players. It was evident that years of rigorous practice, training, dedication, commitment and determination had led them to this moment. The audience was captivated by the game as the athletes pushed their boundaries, defying physical limitations to win every point. Witnessing such commitment and talent was truly inspiring.

Each player had a unique style of playing, showcasing their individual strengths and strategies. From swift smashes to cunning drop shots, the competitors left no stone unturned in an attempt to outmaneuver their opponents. One of the most memorable matches of the tournament was the final showdown between Aman Reddy Pogula and Sujal Gattu (Men's Singles). The intensity of their game and the sheer determination on their faces left the spectators in awe. The rally exchanges were fast-paced and intense, with each player pushing their limits to outwit

the other. The precision and accuracy with which they executed their shots were a sight to behold. What made the tournament even more special was the camaraderie and sportsmanship displayed by the players. In between matches, players would shake hands, exchange encouraging words. This sense of respect and mutual admiration among competitors added a touch of maturity and class to the tournament. The entire championship displayed the power of sports to bring people together, forging lasting memories of triumph and camaraderie. Despite the intensity of the matches, I witnessed exemplary displays of fair play and respect among the players. They applauded one another's exceptional shots, offered words of encouragement, and extended handshakes after each match. It was refreshing to see that the value of sportsmanship and mutual respect was held in high regard, even during such heated encounters. It served as a reminder that, in the world of sports, winning is not everything; rather, it is the journey of competing and the relationships formed along the way that truly matter.

In the end, there could only be one victor. However, regardless of the outcome, all participants could hold their heads high, knowing they had given their best and contributed to the overall success of the tournament. Sports can transcend individual achievements and serve as a platform for personal growth, teamwork, and unforgettable memories. Songa Kiranmai won the Women's Singles, Aman Reddy Pogula and Sam Kamalesan bagged the gold medal in Men's Doubles, Amrita J and Songa Kiranmai won bagged the gold medal in Women's doubles, Aman Reddy Pogula won the men's Singles, Aman Reddy Pogula and Sai Vyomini Patamsetty bagged the gold medal in Mixed doubles. I would like to conclude by saying that Success means doing the best we can with what we have. Success is the doing, not the getting; in the trying, not the triumph. Success is a personal standard, reaching for the highest that is in us, becoming all that we can be. It wouldn't have been possible without the organizational skills, efforts and teamwork of Krida-Woxsen Sports Club, their hard work in making WBC a grand success.











# Rang Rasia: Weaving Cultural Threads at Woxsen University

### By Shreya Rao

In the heart of the vibrant and culturally diverse campus of Woxsen University, an event known as "Rang Rasia" recently unfolded, hosted by the university's dynamic dance club, "Just Naach." This exuberant dandiya event took place on the 19th of October 2023, bringing together students from various backgrounds to celebrate and immerse themselves in the rich tapestry of Indian culture. Rang Rasia, a name deeply embedded in tradition, is a window into the essence of dandiya and its significance in Indian culture, as well as an emblem of how this event promotes cultural inclusivity on campus.

Dandiya is a lively celebration that originates from Gujarat, embodying the values of life, love, and devotion. It is a symbolic representation of Lord Shiva's dance, which is performed in pairs to create a harmonious rhythm. This festive tradition teaches us to find beauty in disorder and cherish the joys of being together. One of the most remarkable aspects of Rang Rasia is its ability to bridge cultural gaps. This event, Rang Rasia at Woxsen University

provides a platform for students from different parts of the world to come together and enjoy the richness of Indian culture. It showcases the university's dedication to promoting inclusivity and recognizing the cultural diversity that makes it unique.

Rang Rasia broadens horizons and fosters empathy by uniting students from diverse backgrounds. The event includes mesmerizing dandiya and garba dances and a mehndi session, promoting the beauty of self-expression and celebrating diversity. The mehndi session provided an opportunity for students to not only decorate their hands but also learn about the significance and symbolism behind the different patterns and motifs used in mehndi. It's yet another instance of Rang Rasia broadening its horizons and enriching the cultural experiences of its participants. Rang Rasia reminds us that the world is a better place when we come together to celebrate and appreciate the beauty of our diverse traditions, creating a tapestry of shared experiences and memories.



# VALORANT GAMING

### By Dawn

September saw the School of Arts and Design collaborate with Skoar, an Indian technology journal that has been a forerunner in the field, to organize the eagerly awaited Valorant tournament. Riot Games' Valorant is a well-known tactical shooter game around the world, known for its very competitive gaming community and devoted player base. All attendees were guaranteed an engaging experience that would leave a lasting impression throughout the one-day event.



This exciting event invited everyone to experience the latest trends in gaming technology, providing them with access of highend gaming laptops, the newest PS5 console, and an immersive VR experience area. Its goal went beyond the epic gaming conflicts to instil ambition and creativity in the school body, creating an atmosphere full of energy and imagination. In addition to drawing a record-breaking number of attendees and

registrations in comparison to other institutions, the event's overwhelmingly positive audience response confirmed the continued attraction of competitive gaming in the educational setting. Attendees were kindly given free Mountain Dew as a way to further uplift the mood, which increased the excitement and energy of the day. This occasion was a powerful example of the School of Arts and Design's dedication to provide its students cutting-edge and interesting experiences. It also highlighted how important gaming and esports are becoming to modern culture. Essentially, the partnership between Skoar and the School of Arts and Design, along with the attraction of Valorant, produced an incredible occasion that had a lasting effect on the student body. This tournament's record-breaking participation, encouraging comments, and unforgettable experiences demonstrate the growing impact of esports and point to the possibility of future partnerships that will continue to foster creativity and ignite passion.



# Poets' verses at dusk

### By K.Geetha Sahithi

"Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the in both positive and negative spectrums. They used beautiful thought has found its words," said Robert Frost. Like he said there are many thoughts that might have found its words but not a place to share. Poetry slam is one such event where poets recite their poems to the audience and fellow poets. It is a safe place for every poet to showcase their work.

Poetry Slam is a once-in-a-month initiative by the Literature Club. It aims to create a community where people can freely share their poems. It is not only for those who write poetry but also for those who enjoy it. This month's poetry slam was conducted on the 18th of October 2023 in the library premises at dusk.

The evening started with many poets reciting their poetry based on their thoughts, feelings, instances, expressions, and beliefs all

metaphors from real life to share the message conveniently. The audience was very interactive and was immersed in the event.

All the poems were tailored in a perfect way that shared the message pretty loud. There were poems that discussed unspoken words while others spoke about the misfits of the world. Some other poems that day were a reflection of their memories and, lessons, conversations they had, and about some people they met.

The best poem was determined at the end of the event on a voting basis. All the poets and the audience voted and the best poem was awarded to Prithivi Pingali from BTECH 2nd year. This winning poem reflected on the enduring presence and the

impact of grief in the speaker's life. The speaker describes a deep and intimate connection with grief, using vivid imagery to depict it as a heavy, desolate force. The poet personifies grief and questions how many lives it has touched. The poem uses metaphors to emphasize grief's persistent and integral nature. It explores the relentless and lasting effect of grief, leaving the speaker curious about how much it could have suffered. The poem conveys the enduring heaviness and complex relationship between the speaker and grief. It is a beautiful poem that expresses grief not only as a source of pain but also as something more complicated, the poem personifies grief, giving it a grotesque face and questioning how many lives and souls it has touched.

In the end, poetry slam is an exciting event for all of those who can put their thoughts into words and also for those who cannot express them in words. For all those who could not display or recite their poems this time, Poetry Slam is a great platform for them to share them next time.











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# PEACE, AND HARMONY DO THEY EXIST?

### By Sai Vyomini Patamsetty

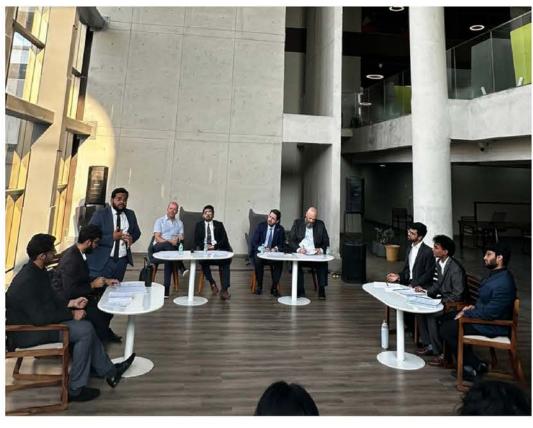
#### "War does not determine who is right - only who is left." - Betrand Russell.

On 18th October, at 4P.M Woxsen's Debate Club in collaboration with Centre for International Relations, organized a debate on the topic -"Should the focus be on achieving a Two-State Solution or a One-State Solution in the Israel-Palestine Conflict." The Israel-Palestine conflict was the center of this debate, which was held inside Library. The struggle for land and self-determination began back in the early 20th century and involved multiple wars, uprisings, and peace initiatives.

Some key issues include the status of Jerusalem, borders, refugees, and security. Israel, established in 1948, seeks to maintain its security and sovereignty, while Palestinians seek their own state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Peace efforts have been hindered by deep historical and religious divisions, as well as competing national aspirations. The conflict has caused immense human suffering and remains unresolved, with

more workable approach and attempts to solve the urgent problems that Palestinians are facing. It does, however, prompt worries about the possible deterioration of Israel's identity as a Jewish state.

Coming back to the event, the Jury for the debate consisted of the esteemed dignitaries Mr. Manuel, Mr. James Weichert, Dr. Joshua Dalrymple and Mr. Chahat Mishra. The participants were Aaman Bhimani, Nawaz Asif Ali, Zayaan Mobeen (One state), and Maaz Khan, Zia, Vasim Hunani (Two state). The advocates of the one-state option passionately stated their position, going into great detail to support their opinion in a way that was both sympathetic and reasonble. They argued that the key to fostering long-term prosperity and peace between the Israeli and Palestinian people was the one-state solution. They drew comparisons and gave the example of Hyderabadi Muslims and





sporadic violence and tensions. Many frameworks for resolving the Israeli-Palestinian issue have been offered, with the Two-State Solution and the One-State Solution being the two most popular possibilities. Israel would be the autonomous state for Jews, and Palestine would be the state for Palestinians, according to the Two-State Solution. This approach, which has the backing of international organizations like the United Nations, seeks to establish distinct governments, boundaries, and security arrangements for every state. The two countries' peaceful coexistence is the main objective.

The One-State Solution, on the other hand, calls for the creation of a single state in which Israelis and Palestinians live side by side with equal rights and representation. It has been suggested as a these various groups together under a same political framework would force them to form amicable relationships, especially for the benefit of coming generations. Interestingly, they both condemned and expressed disapproval of the violence committed by members of their own faction.

On the other hand, the other side passionately opposed the onestate solution, basing their argument on the long-standing hostility between the Israeli and Palestinian parties. They emphasized the Palestinian people's steadfast devotion to their identity, which extends to their readiness to give their lives in order to protect it. They also highlighted the glaring disparity between the established state of Israel and the Palestinian people, who struggle to meet even the most basic needs like food, clean water, and shelter, in terms of resources and international support. They further charged that their colleagues' expressions of regret for the deaths of innocent people in incidents like hospital bombings were not sincere. Team two provided well-reasoned and verified counterarguments, systematically dismantling several of Team One's claims.

The main discussion carefully considered the advantages and disadvantages of both, offered remedies, and illuminated the complex views and situations of Israelis and Palestinians. As always, the ultimate goal was to find a peaceful way to end the fight and minimize more casualties and damage.

After careful deliberation and assessment of majority of the public's opinion that crowded on the library staircase, in the context of Israel-Palestine Conflict, the two-state solution was one that was regarded with more acceptance. And so, with the awarding of the best speakers being Nawaz Asif Ali, Vasim Hunani, Zia, the heated debate came to an end. Lastly it wouldn't have been possible without the time and wisdom of jury members, who played an integral role in the debate by providing their invaluable insights and the hardworking and dedicated team who displayed amazing organizational skills.







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# For The Students, By The Students

# Psychology is the key to success.

### By Jessica Karthar Singh

"I am Subha, Subha Minz. Joined Woxsen on the 22nd of June this year. So roughly around three and a half months old. Before this, I worked with Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani, and ISB, BITS School of Business, and then took up the responsibility of Graduate Program Manager and Assistant Professor at Woxsen University, I am a psychologist by qualification. Did Triple majors in psychology from Christ. Did a Master's with Tata Institute of Social Sciences."

Just by hearing her say all this, we knew she was someone worth writing on. We had an amazing time interacting with her and when asked about her further studies she said, Then went on to do another Master's from London School of Economics in Organizational Psychology. I'm in the final stages of my PhD in Gender and Leadership from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

again. Interests are varied, but mostly I'm into research and commentary on gender and understanding the women's diaspora in India and South Asian countries."

Among all the places she could have been with that sort of passion and degrees, what made her look into Woxsen University, not to say it's not worth looking at but we can't remove the fact that we live far away from the city, so considering all the factors, why woxsen? She states, 'I was given the vision or the understanding that this institute, which I still believe in, has great potential to rise above if the processes in certain systems are set right. Later, we put forth a general question that the majority of the humanities students face which is their journey in getting into this stream, with STEM courses being the reasons to survive in this world, students taking up Psychology, sociology, etc have quite fewer opportunities mainly in the Asian countries so with all of this in mind we posed a question 'Could you tell me your journey of how you found your passion in psychology and also who supported you? What did you have to go through to get a major in psychology, she responded to this by saying 'I was out and out an economics person. I knew I wanted to do a degree in economics, particularly health economics from LSE. That was my dream since I was in the 7th grade.



**Subha Minz** 

The first book I stumbled upon was in my 9th grade. It was a book on Free Your Mind (she tried recollecting the authors' name which didn't work and so we moved on after she said 'I don't remember.') That's where psychology struck a chord with me. Then Tuesdays with Morrie happened, and Then A Bird Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest happened (a wonderful piece of art). That changed my entire perspective on the trajectory of my career. In high school, I took up psychology as an additional course in my boards. There was no looking back from there, I was really intrigued by personality theories. There were many articles at that point in time during the whole period of the Great Resignation, and a lot of people wanted to take up start-up as their career option. There were a lot of arguments being placed on how each personality s

hould be in a particular career. That intrigued me. I went on to do a major in psychology from Christ College, Bangalore.

I would call myself a privilege because my parents always supported my every decision. Economics was a more celebrated subject or a well-paying subject in terms of India but my parents have always backed me. One thing followed the next. I was doing my triple majors over there which were psychology, sociology, and English. I realized I was very interested in industrial psychology a bit more than the clinical aspects.

My final year specialization of the triple majors was in industrial psychology. I went on to do counselling psychology with a major in industrial counselling. I was not very happy with the course. The first master from TISS, Mumbai. I went on to do organizational psychology at London School of Economics. I was very happy with the course. I transformed into an OD professional which was the natural progression. Again, very much supported by my parents.

However, I did not find my calling in the corporate world and that's where my education kept going. That's very interesting."

Would you like to tell us about your family and the surroundings that you grew up with? Also, you mentioned that your interest from the beginning was economics.

She straightened her body and her hands gave a bit more gesture when she said "you'll be very surprised to know I was born out of doctor parents.

So, economics was never close to me. My parents always thought that because it's in my blood

I'll end up doing biology and become a doctor just like them. My dad is a triple MD. His specialization is surgery, medicine, microbiology, and paediatrics. He just went on to study on and on... My mom is a gynaecologist and a public health specialist. I have an elder brother. He's also not a doctor. He's a mechanical engineer and a finance major, which is a risk management finance major from one of the lvy Leagues. Again, my sister-in-law is a very close part of the family, it would be wrong not to mention her, she's also an engineer and a DSAI specialist and her parents are also doctors. So, I think it runs in our blood that none of us wanted to be doctors (says that with a huge chuckle). Extremely supportive parents. Extremely compassionate parents. And a very, very empathetic surrounding.

She continues to say, that's how I grew up. That is all that I knew in my early stages of life. That you're not going to study for the sake of a job in the end. You're going to study for knowledge in contributing back to society. Economics, particularly health economics was my main interest as I would like to visit African nations and work with their economy and do some just to my existence and give meaning to my existence for them. That's how economics was in the picture. But then psychology happened and I was honestly head over heels in love with the subject. And there was no looking back.

But the purpose of giving back got refined year after year. After my first stint of job in London, I came back to join a CSR in the education vertical. And then I took up higher education because I always thought India has great potential. About the topic of why Indian youth are not able to find their place here and plan to go outside, we think we could have a long conversation about that alone. This can go on for days.

Well, as much as we enjoyed talking to her, we had to bring about the final question: What advice would you give to students who want to pursue psychology?

She takes a deep breath and says, 'You've got to be very passionate about the subjects, you can do a normal degree in clinical psychology, become a counsellor somewhere. But that's not what psychology is all about. There are different branches of it. You can have several occupations if you've studied psychology. So, it's not about following the trend. You can explore. I have friends who have done forensic psychology and they are working with the CIA right now.

# SO BE EXPERIMENTAL. EXPLORE YOUR HORIZON.

Psychology is the key to success. We ended the interaction with this statement that brought a huge smile to our faces.

"If you deliberately plan on being less than you are capable of being, then I warn you that you'll be unhappy for the rest of your life." –Abraham Maslow.

# Self-sacrifice - does it make us selfish?

### By Mehreen Abid

We're all aware of the inevitability of meeting death at the crossroads; the question of whether we are prepared to face it or not is something that can't be answered lest we come to accept the feelings of deep-seated anxiety, mystery and at times - awe that come along it. Because of the unavoidable facet of the nature of death, it's widely argued that it shouldn't come to be feared, rather it strives to give a purpose, a meaning to the abstractness that compiles life.

It is precisely that meaning that makes individuals overcome the barrier of looking onto death as an end, but rather something that enforces you to uphold your principles. The responsibility of searching for something that asks for utmost commitment falls heavy on the shoulders of an individual, but it also makes you consider - is any responsibility, whether it be a moral or ethical obligation to yourself, the society, or anyone around you, more important than death?

These are some of the questions that were disputed, discussed and reflected over in the Colloquium held on 9th of October. The Centre of Strategic Innovation, in an attempt to engage students in critical thinking with the help of the Vice President, Dr. Raul, had arranged for a formal dialogue for the students to help them think more freely.

In a fascinating conversation with Shivendra Sai Nutalapati, he discloses that prior to the colloquium, Dr. Raul presented him with a choice: either delve into topics connected to artificial intelligence or venture into a more philosophical discussion. Given the overarching theme of this article, it's clear which path he chose to follow. "I had a conversation with a friend on "Fight Club", the movie, and the philosophy behind (it).

That was the first time I've seen 15-20 people in my friend circle actively engage in a conversation at once...that's when the idea struck," he recollects. "Maybe I could take the cinema and...try

getting student's view points on it. Ever since then, the engagement has been really nice."

When asked about his personal opinion on the topic - should duty be upheld over an individual's death, Shivendra questions who ultimately should be given the authority to decide who lays down who's life, and for what purpose? It is true dying a warrior's death is seen as honourable in the eyes of few, and this willingness to sacrifice one's life for a greater cause can be seen as the highest expression of one's commitment towards duty. But considering the selflessness of the act is not enough, as you will eventually be reduced to another name on the list of martyrs, especially when your life could have served towards a better cause someplace else."It's very harsh, but I think most sacrifices are pointless." Though, some might disagree with the ground Shivendra stands on, as death towards a cause you believe in can be viewed as a noble offering.

It implies that your determination to contribute something towards a purpose is so substantial that you would stop existing to take even a single step closer to it.

The perspectives on such a topic are limitless, just like the range of philosophical dialogues. What one believes in, could be



drastically opposite to what the other person believes to be right. However, that's precisely the mission of the Centre of Strategic Innovation - whether it's engaging in discussions like the ethical implications of future genetic engineering or delving into the concept of war, twice every month of the year, they enthusiastically tackle pressing issues to encourage individuals to expand their thinking horizons.

# Instigating a Bibliotheque Culture

### By Sindhukavi.S

As the indisputable quote goes "Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary" by Jim Rohn the first ever lecture series hosted by the Vithalbai Gandhi center along the lines of "Reading for pleasure, Library is a treasure" was organized on the 18th of October 2023. The event primarily conducted to instigate the culture of reading amongst the Woxsen Community, mustered up an audience of both faculties and students summing over a crowd of 30.

The event witnessed two talks on the critical aspects of reading; one being Library:Quiet time of intellectual ability by Dr. Indira Das Molugumati while the other delved into the topic of Bibliotherapy: Exploring the Therapeutic aspects of reading in present times by Dr.Antarleena Basu. The event was graced by the Vice President, Dr.Raul Rodriguez who iterated the significance of reading and fostering reading within Woxsen. The panel of guests also included the Dean of School of Liberal Arts, Dr.Satyaprasad.

Furthermore, an interesting segment that was introduced to inculcate reading within the library was the Best Library User Awards for the academic year 2022-23. This recognition was awarded to three students based on parameters such as the number of books borrowed, the frequency of library usage and code of conduct. The student awardees were Asha Rallapatti from BA Hons (2022-2025), Nikhil Gupta from MBA (2022-2024) and Nischay B.Tech (2021-2025).

The lecture series proved to be an instantaneous success which would not have been possible without the efforts of the chief librarian Dr.T.Rajkumar and his team. The MCs, Assistant Librarians Neethusha and Muhamad Ansar brought out the bibliotheque spirits of the crowd through their lively anchoring. Overall, the first ever library-led lecture series was commemorable and commendable.

We wish them the best of wishes to continue the initiative with continued success!







# "Self-care is giving the world the best of you, instead of what's left of you."

### By -Manogna

A proper self-care begins with a healthy mindset which is often a struggle to find and maintain. To raise awareness on mental health, the World Federation on Mental Health (WFMH) marked the 10th of October as World Mental Health Day to remind everyone that mental health is as important as physical health. Woxsen University has conducted an event with it's motto being, "Spreading awareness about mental health and art activities to achieve mindfulness". This sundry range of activities provided each individual to express themselves and to emerge in positive self-affirmation. At the heart of this event were many activities for every person to explore themselves. One such was the Art expression on canvases, it held a unique and profound meaning that might go unnoticed. When the participants were asked to paint on the canvas, they were not some silly brushstrokes but this was their outlet, for their emotions. Let it joy, sadness, anger or any unsaid pent-up emotions were brought onto the canvas in an artistic form.

Pebble painting was another delightful activity. This seemingly simple task had a significant therapeutic value. t demanded focus, patience, and attention to detail, allowing participants to immerse themselves in the creative process and temporarily disengage themselves from the stresses of daily life.

The event added a fresh dimension by including an affirmation mirror. This practice was a powerful exercise in encouraging participants to cultivate positive self-affirmation, a healthy self-image, and self-esteem. The event aims to nurture and reinforce sentiments of self-worth through this simple yet deep gesture, hence boosting mental well-being. It served as a reminder that self-compassion and self-reliance are critical components in the journey towards improved mental health and a more positive self-perception. The event also provided temporary tattoos and face painting, which, while appearing to be a frivolous activity on the surface, served a more serious purpose. This joyful and creative outlet allowed people to reconnect with their inner child and celebrate their individuality. Participants got the opportunity to express themselves in a quirky and light-hearted manner by displaying a temporary tattoo or vivid face paint.

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# Artificial Intelligence and knowledge processing Conference

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Dr. Hemachandran, the esteemed Director of AI research center, recently shared his insights on Artificial Intelligence and knowledge processing Conference which featured ingenious approaches. This event was organized in collaboration with Sanit Thomas University, from the United States. It demonstrated the program's dedication to developing knowledge in this quickly changing sector. During the conference, Manjeet Rege, an established Professor in academia who holds the coveted posts of Professor and Chair within the Department of Software Engineering and Data Science of Saint Thomas, delivered the keynote address and shared his invaluable insights.

This event was a watershed moment in the realms of information exchange and AI growth, with Professor Rege's speech serving as a critical moment of inspiration and learning for the audience. This event represented a significant step forward in the realm of knowledge sharing and Artificial Intelligence growth. Professor Manjeet Rege, in his keynote address has outlined the benefits of using ChatGPT in educational sector and about how AI technology may improve learning experiences by providing personalized support, easy access to knowledge, and adaptive teaching. His observations highlight ChatGPT's potential to transform education.





A panel of Dr. Ganesaraman K, Vice President of [24]7.ai, and Karthik Ramesh, President of TaskBench were put together to determine artificial intelligence's transformational potential in determining the future of education. The discussion focused on the important technological factors that must be addressed in order to properly assist this shift. This adjustment in panel makeup not only ensured a thorough study of Al's role in education, but also highlighted the versatility and resilience of our event design, underlining our commitment to offering useful insights into the developing dynamics of the educational world. The Panel discussed about how the use of technology for education and its function in enhancing the skills of both students and educators. The panel focused on the practical application of ChatGPT in the educational sector as a tool to facilitate students' development of advanced skills. They emphasized the significance of harnessing fresh technical components to create a more richer and flexible learning environment that benefits both instructors and learners. Dr. Hemachandran's insights during the panel discussion underscored the pivotal role of Prompt engineering, an emerging field with growing demand. Prompt engineering entails responding quickly and efficiently to real-time data and information, making it an important domain in the context of changing industries and technology breakthroughs. It is a field where quick, accurate decision-making and adaptation to changing facts are critical. He anticipates a large job market expansion, projecting a 1000-position increase by 2025, notably in Hyderabad. Given this forecast, he emphasized the importance of modifying educational techniques to appropriately educate students for chances in this industry.

Additional keynote talks addressed critical themes such as healthcare applications and deep learning, as well as discussions on integrating computer vision processes in the manufacturing industry took place.



It's worth noting that the conference garnered approval from a respected external party. In terms of intellectual contributions, 105 papers were submitted, with only 28 papers accepted for publishing in the CCIS conference due to an intense selection process. This illustrates the conference's dedication to providing high-quality information and promoting meaningful intellectual exchange. When asked how Chat GPT will bring a significant change in few more years from now, Dr. Hemachandran provided a forward-thinking perspective on ChatGPT's revolutionary potential in the future years. He emphasized that, while students may rely on ChatGPT for assignment help as of now, the actual influence of this technology will be felt when they enter the professional sphere. Dr. Hemachandran emphasized the importance of comprehending how to successfully employ ChatGPT. Students can not only reduce duties, but also adapt to the changing demands of the labor market by learning new skills and abilities. ChatGPT, in summary, has the ability to expand from a simple tool into a useful asset for both learning and professional advancement. Dr. Hemachandran mentioned a Chat GPT limitation, specifically the premium 4 version, which requires a considerable financial commitment. He emphasized the possible cost issue, as many students may find it difficult to invest such a significant amount of money for access to this advanced version, despite the various benefits it provides.

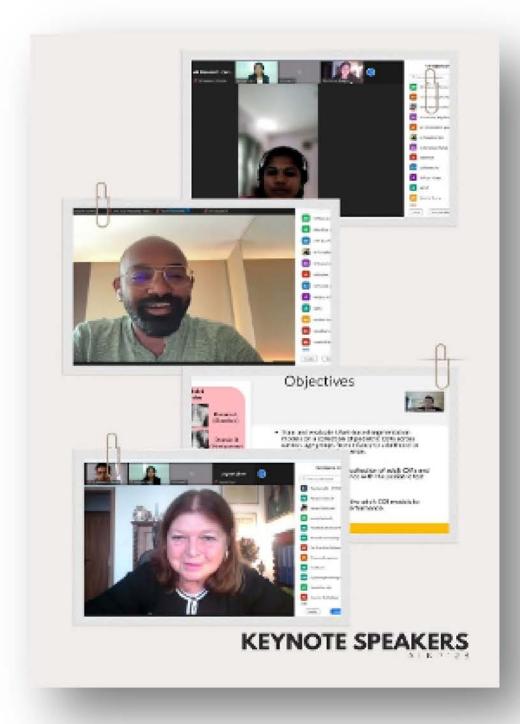




In summary, the incisive talks and keynote addresses at the Artificial Intelligence and information Processing Conference shed light on the promise of Al and technology in education, the dynamic field of Prompt engineering, and the expanding environment of information sharing. These discussions emphasized the resilience of event planning and adaptability in the face of unforeseen problems. It emphasized the university's dedication to providing useful insights, developing creative learning settings, and preparing students for a quickly changing professional landscape. The overarching theme was one of embracing technology and information to move education and industry forward, ultimately expanding intellectual conversation and paving the way for a brighter future for all involved.











# Student Thati Sai Priyatham: A Walking Film

### By K.Geetha Sahithi

"My movie is my baby," says Priyatham. If you have attended the recent film festival Kaledio then you would have definitely known Priyatham the director of the winning film. Being from a technological background he pursued his dream of being an actor all on his own.

"Without my friends, I would not have been where I am today, they are my greatest supporters. If I am talking this good or behaving this good, it's all kudos to them"

He is not only an actor but also a director, all of it started when he wanted to make videos and act but didn't have anyone to shoot so he slowly taught himself to shoot and edit with any resource he could get. "I am my own teacher, each and every day, each and every film, learning from my mistakes and getting better to where I am today.". In the process, he even started method acting, it demanded him to totally immerse himself in the character.

Method acting has taken a lot of him. He faced a lot of consequences that affected his mental, social, and personal life due to this. In the process of keeping those characters in his mind, he struggled to keep up with himself and his friends. He also lost some of his friends "Many times I lost myself and got addicted to unusual stuff and what's worse is losing people around me due to method acting but I'm really thankful to everyone who has been with me through all these characters"

His passion for direction and films even pushed him to learn languages. He speaks five languages and is still learning more. He also loves watching films. He loves observing minute details that share a story without words like the color, costume, tones, and music.

# I READ FILMS I DON'T WATCH FILMS!

"People watch what's happening but I see why it's happening. Many of these days' films lack these details, but in movies like Sagrasangamam, each and every scene has a detail in it" He believes layers of detail in films are necessary.

Movies played a very important role of his life. Both in shaping him and his passion. He believes movies do influence people and society a lot. He says that movies should know what they are teaching this society.

"I really feel unlucky that I wasn't born in the era of Satyajit Ray. It was a beautiful era. I would totally suggest everyone to watch his films."



Priyatham

Apart from acting and direction he also earns money for his production through small-scale wholesale business. He started it by selling aprons to students and expanded it. It is all due to his great communication skills and his charm. He is also a dancer" Dancing makes me happy" He says.

Balancing college is hard with assignment deadlines, internal exams, and everything, and with all of what he is doing, it is definitely hard to keep up with his academics. Academics are not my cup of tea "My friends were the backbone of my academics and without them, I would have had a lot of backlogs, one of my friends sat me down and explained the all topics and helped me understand each of them."

In our current era, circumstances often dictate that we may not always find ourselves pursuing our preferred courses of study. However, Priyatham serves as an excellent illustration of the idea that success ultimately hinges on the strength of one's goals. Regardless of their academic focus, individuals can attain their aspirations if they are committed to the pursuit. Priyatham, a third-year BTECH student, stands as a remarkable example. He not only directs short films but also independently funds their production through earnings from his own business ventures. . He likes breaking barriers. Be it film or life.

### School of Liberal Arts & Humanities

# Woxsen's Diplomats' Conclave

Woxsen University proudly hosted the "Diplomats' Conclave" on the 22nd and 23rd of September, bringing in former and retired ambassadors and civil servants to discuss current global issues, emerging trends in geopolitics and collaborations in the field of education and technology. The conclave was attended by distinguished diplomats, which included J.K. Tripathi, Ambassador (rtd) at Government of India; Srikumar Menon, Former Ambassador of India to Angola, South Sudan and Sao Tome & Principe; Suresh Chukkapalli, Honorary Consulate-General of Republic of Korea; Yashi Dhariwal, Author & Political Head at the Honorary Consulate of Cambodia in Bengaluru; and B.M. Vinod Kumar, Former Head of India Missions in Germany, Algeria, Malaysia, Uzbekistan & Azerbaijan. It was organized by Woxsen University with the active coordination of Dr. Junuguru Srinivas, Prof. Joshua Dalrymple, Dean School of Liberal Arts and Humanities Dean Dr. PV. Satya Prasad, Dean School of Law, Dr. Annamaneni Sreelatha and students, Diplomats Club. The sessions held over two days involved insightful discussions among the diplomats and also interactions with the students to destigmatize the topic of politics to the coming generations.

The first session was a round table discussion on the topic of the recently concluded G20 summit in New Delhi and India's role on the world stage going forward. The session was moderated by Manish Kumar Jha, Deputy Editor of Foreign Affairs at Financial Express and was a very productive discussion into India's goals and their progress at the summit. The speakers highlighted two main points: India's rise as a voice & leader for the Global South along with establishing themselves as a negotiator in critical situations. Mr. Vinod Kumar stated that this year's summit was successful due to its focus on global issues and not just restricting themselves to regional issues. All the panelists were in agreement regarding the inclusion of the African Union being the biggest achievement of India's presidency over the summit, giving the African cohort a global stage to present their concerns and voice their opinions. Despite all the positives from the event, India still does need to improve the socio-economic standing of its lower classes and green screens were being used around the city to mask the slums and hide the reality of most citizens in India. There was a consensus that India still had a long way to go to establish itself as a 'Vishwaguru' or a world leader.

Set in the evening was a panel on the topic, "India's focus on international educational collaboration", which was opened up to the audience. For this session, the panelists were joined by Mr. Suresh Chukkapalli. This panel was mostly interactive, with the panelists taking in questions from the students, seeing as they are the primary stakeholders in the field of education. They spoke extensively about the role of culture in attracting students to India and also accommodating Indian students in foreign countries. Ms. Yashi Dhariwal mentioned the 3 aspects that institutions can collaborate on: distant learning, faculty exchanges, events collaboration. The panelists also engaged in a long discussion about

how we leverage our soft power, that is the film industry, and this was solidified by personal accounts from the diplomats during their service abroad.

Day 2 started with the students from humanities and law interacting with the diplomats, where they addressed questions on corruption, education, technology and more personal questions like addressing prejudices during diplomatic dialogues. The emphasis laid on the emergence of technology in the previous session continued to the second session, led by Dhruthi Choudary, who is a senior associate at Altacit Global, a leading international law firm with offices across India. This session mainly focused on the influence of technology on international law & policy making and implementation. The key talking points were the issues of data privacy and the government's role in tackling it, while also addressing the disruptive nature of such technology, leading to rise in unemployment rates across the globe. They were opposed to the idea of jobs being made redundant by AI and technology, but believed that it would rather lead to the creation of new jobs, albeit in a different sector. Coming to the issue of data privacy, Mr. Tripathi believed that privacy, like freedom of speech, was not an absolute right but did agree with other panelists that better measures must be put in place to protect citizens and Europe is a good benchmark to follow.

For the second and last panel of the day, Dr. Ramu Suravajjula joined the conclave. He is a journalism educator, who is also a journalist himself. Dr. Ramu presided over the session mainly centered around the start-up ecosystem of India. The panelists were asked to compare the traditional business system and the start-up model, consequently pushing the panelist to talk about what India is doing to nurture its thriving startup culture. Amb Menon mentioned how startups are now a huge part of a person's everyday life, citing Uber and Flipkart as an example. He also focused on the government's role in fostering start-ups, by providing incubators to facilitate their growth. The panelists also went back and forth on various startups like Swiggy & Byjus, discussing their success stories. The startup industry cannot be discussed without mentioning the cities of Bangalore and Hyderabad, and so they did. The students saw the panelists discuss how much the location of the cities matter in the growth of the startup industry but also how much leaders matter in pushing or ideating these startups. The session ended with Dr. Ramu inviting the students to question the panelists on the topic. It was a fruitful session as we saw students integrate the diplomat's area of expertise into the topic of start-up.

The end of the conclave started with closing remarks from Dr. Srinivas Junnuguru and Dr. Josh Dalrymple, who thanked the diplomats for the presence and thanked the student body for their efforts as well. The curtains closed with the president of the Diplomat's Club, Riddhima Sharma, addressing the gathering, mentioning all the entities that helped in making the event a success.







# Woxsen Journalism Students undertake 6-day industrial visit to Delhi

Hyderabad: Hands-on learning is perhaps the best form of learning. Living up to this adage, the students of Journalism Major from Woxsen University's School of Liberal Arts and Humanities, accompanied by their Dean, Dr Satya Prasad and faculty Prof. Alison Nicole, undertook a 6-day industrial visit to major media houses in New Delhi from 26 September to 1 October.

The first stop for the students was The Indian Express group of publications. Foreign Affairs, Assistant Editor, Mr. Manish Kumar Jha, briefed the students on the coverage of geo-politics and international affairs by the Express group. He went on to explain to the students the challenges faced in reporting foreign affairs and the extensive coverage the world media gave to the recently-concluded G 20 Summit held in the national capital. A brief history of the origins of the newspaper and the stellar contributions of late Sri. Ramnath Goenka to Indian Express newspaper in particular and Indian journalism, in general, were also highlighted.

On the same day, students also visited the Parliament TV also known as the Sansad TV located on the Rakabgunj Gurudwara road. Cameraman, Yogesh Aggarwal, explained the day-to-day working of Sansad TV and gave the students a tour of PCR (Production Control Room). He briefed the students on how Sansad TV exclusively telecasts proceedings of both Houses of Parliament and shares its feed with the national as well s regional TV channels across the country. MPs from the ruling, as well as Opposition parties, are regularly invited to the studios as part of the talk shows organised by the channel. Students also got to witness the live recording of a talk show which was in progress in the studios.

On Day 2, our students visited the Parliament House the historic edifice which has had it's own mesmerizing effect on them. The students walked through the corridors of the old parliament house where legendary leaders like Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhai Patel, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar once walked through. The functioning of the Lok Sabha as well as the Rajya Sabha were explained in detail which concluded with a visit to the Central Hall of Parliament where joint sitting of both the Houses is held.

Day 3 saw our students paying a visit to renowned NDTV 24x7 news studios in Greater Kailash. The students were given an extensive tour of the entire studios which also covered the PCR as

Day 4 we visited one of the oldest newspapers of India, The Hindustan Times. Managing Editor, Anup Gupta, gave us a bird's eye view of the functioning of the HT and highlighted the role played by the Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi as well as freedom fighter, Madanmohan Malviya, in the growth of the Hindustan Times. In keeping with the changing times, HT has also embraced the digital avatar and presently ranks among the largest circulated newspapers in India. This was followed by a tour of the editorial section comprising, the city desk, state bureau, regional desk, sports, entertainment, business and crime desks and the final stop was the copy desk.

This was followed by a visit to NewsX, one of the youngest news channels in Indian television history. Mr. Siddarth Regae, Output Editor, explained in detail the functioning of the PCR and the challenges that TV reporters face on the field particularly while covering sensitive news beats. The state-of-the-art infrastructure housed in the NewsX Studios was also very impressive.

The students were elated with the outcome of the tour and they summed up their observations in the following ways:

**Nethra Easwar**, said, "One may think that this industrial visit was

overwhelming, I am glad and extremely grateful for the exposure that Woxsen University, had provided".

**Navya Chowdhury**: "The trip was very educational and informative. We got to experience the mechanics behind what we see on the TV screens."

**Jyeshta M**: "Our journey to Dehi's media houses was transformative, where the ink of inspiration met the paper of reality. Exploring the heart of journalism, we discovered stories beyond headlines".

**Maria K**: "The industrial visit to Delhi's various media houses was an enlightening experience and the practical learning from this trip was tremendous"

**Vedehi P**: "The opportunity to visit different media conglomerates was an unforgettable experience. It provided me a sense of understanding of the realities of the field I am going to be part of in the next few years"

On the concluding day of the visit, the students took time off to visit Agra's historic Taj Mahal, which is acclaimed as one of the wonders of the world. The six-day industrial visit was indeed very productive and fruitful for the students of journalism Major from Woxsen University.











# Two-day International Conference on Governance for achieving Sustainable Developmental Goals: Policy Innovations and Challenges in its Implementation on 10th and 11th October 2023

Conference Convenors: Dr. Naveen Kolloju, Dr. Brundaban Mishra, Dr. Junuguru Srinivas. Co-convener: Dr. Siriman Naveen.

The School of Liberal Arts and Humanities in collaboration with Gandhi Research Foundation, Bruce Bueno de Mesquita Chair Professor of Behavioural Public Policy & ZIBS-WOXSEN China-India Centre organized a two-day International Conference on Governance for achieving Sustainable Developmental Goals: Policy Innovations and Challenges in its Implementation on 10th and 11th October 2023. The conference took place in Hybrid mode. A total of 49 registered participants attended the conference, with 40 paper presentations took place during the two-day conference. The keynote speakers included are Prof. Burce Bueno de Mesquita, Prof. Geetha Dharmpal and Prof. Rekha Pande. The conference has

come up with a very important theme, that is, Governance for achieving SDGs. A total of eight sessions were held during the conference, each addressing specific themes: (i) Global debates and issues in Sustainable Development (ii) Governance and Sustainable Development (iii) Climate Change, Natural Resource Governance and the issue of Migration (iv) Tribal Communities, Civil Society Organizations and the issues of Sustainable Development (v) MGNREGA and achieving SDGs (vi) Sustainable Development and Global Politics (vii) Technology, Digitalization and Sustainable Development (viii) Role of Microfinance & Financial Inclusion, Entrepreneurship and MNCs in Sustainable Development. All the sessions were highly successful, providing insightful perspectives on how to steer governance for achieving SDGS and what are the key challenges for policy implementation.









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# Poster presentation competition on Environment and Sustainable Development

Convenor: Dr. Naveen Kolloju, Co-convenor- Dr. Siriman Naveen. The School of Liberal Arts and Humanities in collaboration with Bruce Bueno de Mesquita Chair Professor of Behavioural Public Policy & ZIBS-WOXSEN China-India Centre organized a poster competition on Environment and Sustainable Development on 10th October 2023. A total of 10 posters were displayed in the competition, and 25 students from B.A. Semester-1 participated. The event focused on various sub-themes of Environment and Sustainable Development, including (i) save planet earth (ii) gender equality and sustainable development (iii) protect environment and natural resources (iv) solid waste management and sustainable

development (v) water governance and sustainable development etc. The panel of judges for this poster presentation competition consisted of Prof. Burce Bueno de Mesquita, Prof. Geetha Dharmpal, Prof. Rekha Pande and Dr. Naveen Kolloju. The poster presentation put forth many arguments and suggestions on how to make the planet eco-friendly and sustainable. The participants have come up with key policy suggestions on environmental protection and achieving SDGs. Following the conclusion of the poster presentation, the first, second and third prize winners were announced, and all the winners got their certificate of appreciation on 13th October 2023.



# Career Guidance for school students as part of Aspiration 2.0

A day-long career guidance programme was organised as part of Project Aspiration 2.0, run by the Centre for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion on 16 September 2023. Digvijay Singh, Assistant Professor, School of Liberal Arts and Humanities, delivered a talk on the career opportunities in social sciences as part of this programme. The audience comprised female 10th, 11th and 12th-grade students from a local school near Woxsen University. Digvijay Singh discussed in detail the career opportunities one can look forward to after choosing humanities and social science subjects

like Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, Journalism, English, Sociology and Anthropology. The students listened to the talk attentively and were allowed to put forward their questions at the end of the talk. This endeavour speaks about SOLH's commitment towards outreach and ERS activities. SOLH not only believes in successfully organising the ERS activities but also contributes to the best of its abilities to the events/activities organised by other schools or centres as well.





# PLANTATION DRIVE BY HUMANITIES STUDENTS

On 15 September 2023, students of Batch BA\_Hons2026 of the School of Liberal Arts and Humanities and Batch BA\_LLB2028 of the School of Law took part in the plantation drive organised by the School of Liberal Arts and Humanities on the sidelines of the joint orientation programme for incoming batches of SOLH and SOL. The plantation drive was organised as an ERS activity by Prof. Antarleena Basu and Prof. Digvijay Singh to inculcate in students from the beginning a sense of responsibility towards society and the environment. As environmental protection is a necessary component of the well-being of society, the students of social sciences must be able to fulfil this requirement expected of them as social scientists of this country. Students and citizens enthusiastically participated in the event and expressed their desire to have more of such events in the future.





# EVENT POSTERS GALLERY

















# **FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

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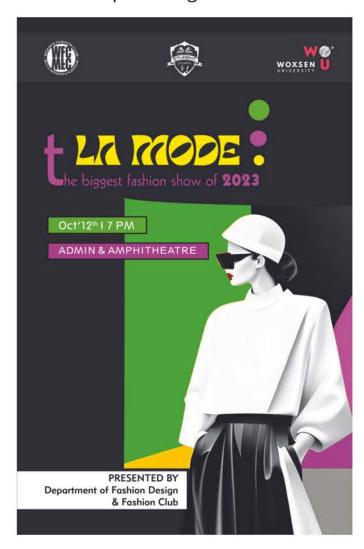




# School of Arts and Design

### "La Mode"

Celebrating the success of the two-day Gala Event by Woxsen Fashion Club and Fashion Design Department, this spectacular two-day event transcended all expectations, creative hands-on workshops concluded by the biggest fashion show of all time "La Mode", where the final year Fashion Design students showcased their amazingly brilliant work themed on "Fashion for a Cause", translating social values and responsibilities into fashion. This extravaganza featured live illustrations, a mesmerizing parade of pret', Experimented Avantgarde and designer wear, and an ardent commitment to promoting sustainable fashion.



The event left an indelible mark by offering insightful workshops on makeup and hairstyling, empowering individuals with the skills to express their unique styles. The highlight, however, was the fun-filled surprises, igniting joy and enthusiasm among attendees.

The fusion of creativity, craftsmanship, and sustainability not only showcased the industry's innovation but also inspired a newfound appreciation for fashion's transformative power. This remarkable event has undoubtedly elevated the Fashion Design Department and Woxsen Fashion Club to greater heights, setting new standards for the fashion world.

11.10.2023 - 12.10.2023

#### Department Mentors -

Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Program Director - Department of Fashion Design, SOAD

Dr. Sadhna

Prof. Anthima Ram

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Prof. Ashutosh Kumar

Prof. Sreeraghavi Mani

















### IDA Award - Woxsen School of Arts and Design

#### **About the IDA Awards:**

**INDIA DIDACTICS ASSOCIATION (IDA)** is the Trade Association for the Indian Education and Skills Industry.

It is the exclusive membership association in the country for the education & skills fraternity engaged in improving learning and teaching.

IDA is a conglomerate of all stakeholders of the education & skills industry in the country. It unites the government (centre & state level), companies providing products, solutions & services related to education & skills, and educators on one platform.

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About the Award that Woxsen (School of Arts and Design) Received

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The School of Arts and Design on receiving the IDA (International Design Awards) in the category of "Nurturing Students and Faculty Wellbeing" in the higher education sector! Being selected as one of the finalists among 200 institutions, including prestigious institutions like IITs, there are more than 55 jury members for this award curation.

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Accreditation Team, Prof. Kamalanarayanan K. and Prof. Haritha Ponapalli School of Arts and Design

















# School of Art and Design (SOAD) and INDQ - (MOU)

On October 13, 2023, a momentous event occurred as the School of Art and Design (SOAD) and INDQ, one of the leading Product Design Companies in the field of Medical Devices in India, joined hands. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signifies a promising partnership that opens doors for students to transform their innovative ideas into market-ready products and introduces real-world industry challenges into the academic environment.

An integral aspect of this collaboration is INDQ's commitment to establishing a state-of-the-art Medical Product Design Lab at Woxsen University, aimed at addressing the pressing needs of the medical industry and fostering a culture of innovation. This initiative promises to significantly bridge the gap between academia and industry, ultimately benefiting students and the medical sector.











## Workshop

# "Application of Photogrammetry in Digital Documentation of Built Environment and Heritage Conservation"

Department of Interior Design

09.10.2023 - 13.10.2023

Visual imaging, documentation, and interpretation are the critical tools in the process of digital documentation of Built Environment and Heritage conservation. This workshop will demonstrate the benefits of documenting heritage via scientifically viable photography methods. Understanding of scale, context, style, and elements, among various other information, is a part of the process. The course will explore how digital technologies present and curate heritage information to develop your practical skills in 3D modeling, mapping, scale-rectified imaging, virtual tours, and related visualization technologies. The components of the workshop are structured with lecture sessions, hands-on training, and fieldwork exercises.

Students Experience:

As students, we delved into the world of heritage preservation, recognizing the significance of visual documentation in safeguarding our architectural legacy. Immersed in interactive sessions and practical exercises, we honed our skills in 3D modeling and scale-rectified imaging, gaining a deeper understanding of context and style within the realm of heritage conservation. This collective journey fostered a shared appreciation for the transformative impact of digital technologies on our cultural heritage.

Workshop Facilitator: Maniyarasan R Workshop Organizer: Asst Prof. D Shivaram Reddy Participants: Interior Design students



















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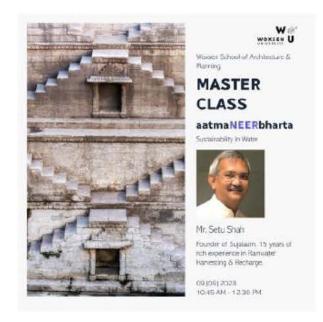
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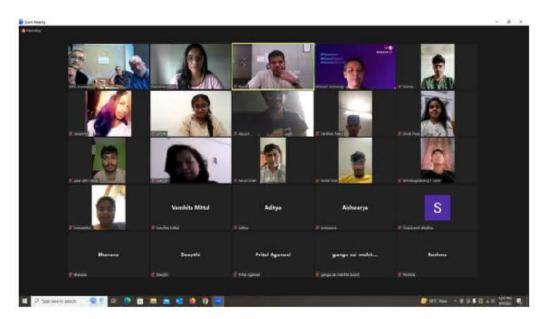
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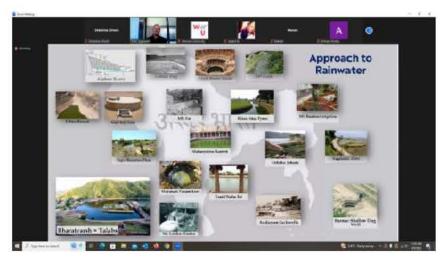
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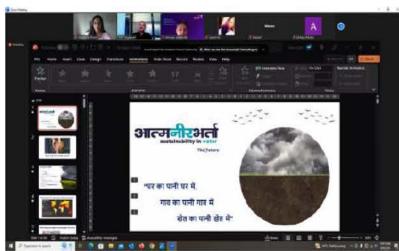
### Master Class on atmaNeerbharta

Students of School of Architecture and Planning, Woxsen University had attended a Master class by Mr. Setu Shah, Founder of Sujalam on 9th September, 2023. This class aimed at giving students an understanding of Sustainability of Water, RainWater Harvesting, Recharge and mordern ways to manage Water.









# **Vyakhyan 3 (Guest Lecture)**

The Vyakhyan is a series of guest lectures organized by the School of Architecture and Planning inviting professionals and master architects to the campus to give an insight of their field experience to the students. On 26th September, 2023 Ar. Sudheer Kontheti was invited to the campus who specializes in Planning, Interiors, Landscaping, Architectural Animations and Rendering. He had conducted a master class on Architectural Presentations, Rendering and sheet compositions to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year students.









### **Auroville Workshop**

Students of School of Architecture and Planning, Woxsen University participated in an exploratory and hands-on workshop in Auroville, Tamil Nadu during their Architectural study tour. In this two-part workshop facilitated by Studio Courtyard, they were introduced to concepts of Auroville, visited community projects to understand the philosophy and building process,

visited Earth Institute to study various earth technologies executed around the world and interacted with Ar. Manu Gopalan to learn about the life-cycle of materials in the first part. For the second part, students were involved in an intensive hands-on workshop learning alternative masonry techniques, Ferrocement slab with oxide finish and Rammed earth wall. The students were accompanied by Prof. Suganya Law and Prof. Gagan Jain.









### Pondicherry Trip Sem 5

Students of School of Architecture and Planning, Woxsen University visited Dakshinachitra, Mahabalipuram and Sadhana Forest as part of Architectural study tour. At Dakshinachitra, they observed and documented house types of southern states to understand the culture and lifestyle and it's architectural expressions in terms of spaces, structure and details. At Mahabalipuram - a place of historic importance, students examined the scale and various details of stone construction. Students explored the various facets of the Coromandel coast by visiting its different beaches. Students also visited Sadhana Forest, Tamilnadu for a guided tour on sustainable living, water conservation and reforestation efforts undertaken in a severely degraded land. The students were accompanied by Prof. Suganya Law and Prof. Gagan Jain.











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# School of Technology

# 'Changemakers of Tomorrow' - Shell India



School of Technology aims to provide an industrial exposure to every student. To fulfil it, Our Woxsenite from School of Technology Asha Sanjaykumar Bhola, B. Tech CSE (1s t year) got passes to attend this event at the Shell Technology centre in Bangalore.

The 'Changemakers of Tomorrow' event by Shell India was held from '10th to 12th October 2023' at the Shell Technology Centre in Bangalore. The event brought together industry leaders and aspiring changemakers in the energy space to be part of the journey to accelerate progress towards a sustainable, energy-rich, and lower-carbon future. The program offered participants a chance to be a part of a meaningful dialogue for change.

The event included inventions from STEM students, businesses, and engineering enthusiasts. Workshops, seminars, and lectures on technological breakthroughs provided an immersive experience for attendees, encouraging information sharing, idea exchange, and connection building. The event also showcased

innovations from STEM students, entrepreneurs and engineering enthusiasts. Workshops, seminars, and presentations on technology advancements offered participants an immersive experience, promoting knowledge sharing, idea exchange and relationship building.

The event was divided into four days:

- "Day 1 (10th October)": Paving the way for the next generation of innovators. The day brought together the Shell Eco-marathon community, Shell staff and their children, TKS members, and our young NXplorers students for a series of events designed to help them explore the world of STEM, digital innovation, and beyond.
- "Day 2 (11th October)": Step into the future with Futures Summit. Entrepreneurs and startups took the stage for a series of engaging events. The day also included Shell E4 Demo Day Net Zero challenge Shell.ai Hackathon Finale Shell.ai Futures Pitch Startup Showcase and Startup Networking sessions.
- "Day 3 (12th October)": Celebrate exceptional talent in the realms of energy and innovation on Finale Day. The winners of Shell Eco-marathon World Championship and the Shell.ai Awards were recognized.
- "Shell.ai Scientific Conference (4th 5th October)": This conference aimed to bring leading experts from domain sciences, experimentation, computations, and Al together to discuss and debate about the confluence of these emerging fields for accelerated energy transition.

It's great to witness that Asha found the event inspiring and optimistic about the future. Thank you for sharing your experience with us!

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Oriental Institute of Science and Technology, Bhopal National Level Hackathon 2k23 -

Oriental Institute of Science and Technology, Bhopal organized a 2-day National Level Hackathon 2k23 on October 13 and 14, 2023 in association with Cybrom Technology, Bhopal. A total of 111 teams from across the country registered for this event.

On Day 1, October 13, PPT presentations and project demonstrations were conducted. 45 teams out of 111 went to the Challenge Round on Day 2, October 14.

The Chief Guest of this event was Mrs. Tanvi Sundriyal, CEO, MPRRDA, Govt of MP, who motivated the students and emphasized the use of ChatGPT and evolving technology. She praised the participation of students in such great numbers and appreciated the organizing team.

The winner of this event is G64, Amritesh Hiras from Woxsen University, Hyderabad, who received a cash prize of Rs. 51,000/-. In this competition where Woxsen University proud to congratulates the students who are for their outstanding

congratulates the students who are for their outstanding achievements at the National-Level Hackathon hosted by the Oriental Institute of Science & Technology, Bhopal.

A big round of applause to Amritesh and Team Bhuvin sai, Akshith Mynampati, Aditya Jayaraman, Karthik vikranth Naidu for securing the top spot! First prize!! Their exceptional talent and dedication are truly remarkable. Special thanks to their mentor, Dr. Purushottam M, for guiding them towards victory.

Best Demonstration won by Kudos to Renuka Oladri and Team avula jhansy, Sindhu Priya Bodapatla, Sai Sri Laxmi Kommineni,

Suchitra Sekhar for their exceptional demonstration skills. Their ability to showcase their innovations is truly commendable. Credit goes to their mentor, Dr. JASWANTH NIDAMANURI, for nurturing their presentation skills.

Best Implementation award won team got Huge congratulations, SURE NICHITH and Team Bandla Kavya, Yuktha Mukhi Nadella, Charan Teja Kondamuri, Srikar Tadakamalla for their exceptional implementation of cutting-edge ideas. They've set a high standard for innovation. A special shoutout to their mentor, Dr. JASWANTH NIDAMANURI, for his guidance and support.

Best Innovation award It's a moment of pride as we celebrate Adip Krishna Guduru and Team Vaibhav Ponnapalli , Abdullah Harris , Ashish Gattu , Srikanth Gangishetty for their groundbreaking innovation. Their creativity and vision have shone brightly. A heartfelt thank you to their mentor, Dr. S. Bhanu Prakash, for fostering innovation. These achievements exemplify the dedication, hard work, and passion of our students and mentors. We are immensely proud of your accomplishments and your commitment to pushing the boundaries of technology.

This is a testament of the development to the world-class education and mentorship that Woxsen University provides. Our students continue to make a mark in the world of #technology, and we couldn't be prouder. We are proud to be a center of opportunity for so many people. We are committed to providing quality education and research, and we are confident that our graduates will make a positive impact on the world.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our Dean School of Technology, Dr. Kiran Ravulakollu





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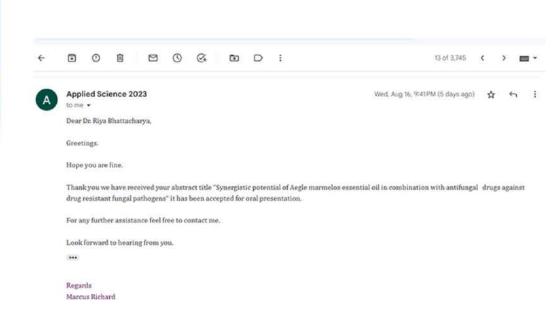
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# **FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

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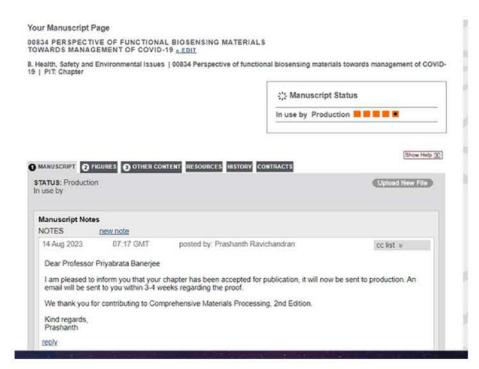
Abstract: "Synergistic potential of Aegle marmelos essential oil in combination with antifungal drugs against drug resistant fungal pathogens"

Date: 26-27 September, 2023

Venue: Paris, France.

# DR. RIYA BHATTACHARYA, School of Technology DR. DEBAJYOTI BOSE, School of Technology





Abstract accepted for publication:

Abstract: Perspective of Functional Bio-sensing Materials towards Management of COVID-19.

Journal: Comprehensive Materials Processing, 2nd Edition.

### DR. PRASHANT KUMAR



Participated in the 9th International Symposium on Hydrogen Energy, Renewable Energy and Materials (HEREM 2023).

**Oral Speaker** 

Date: 13th October, 2023.



Participated in 1st IEEE Conference on Multidisciplinary Research in Technology and Management – MRTM 23.

Date: September 22-23, 2023.

Venue: New Horizon College of Engineering, Bengaluru.

### DR. PURUSHOTHAM MUNIGANTI





Paper: Detecting DDoS Attck using Multi-

agent System.

Journal: International Journal of Scientific Research in Engineering and

Management (IJSREM)
Date: August 2023



International Journal of Advances in Engineering and Management (IJAEM) Valume 5, Issue 8 Aug 2023, pp. 322-336 www.ijaem.net ISSN: 2395-5252



#### **Published Paper:**

Paper: A Review of Agent-Based Programming for Multi-Agent Systems. Journal: International Journal of Advances in Engineering and Management (IJAEM). Date: 20th August, 2023. **Book Published:** 

Book: Hands on Data Visualization using

Python.

Publisher: Scientific International

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### DR. SARAH MARIAM ROY



Invited as a Speaker for Guest Lecture. Topic: Workplace Communication Skills.

Date: 2nd October, 2023.

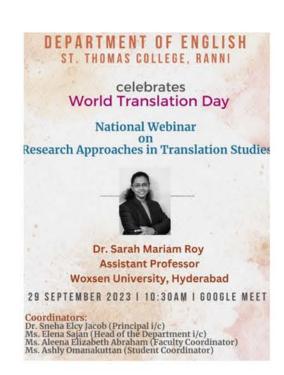
Venue: VIVA Institute of Pharmacy



Presented a Paper in the Two-day International Conference on Governance for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Policy Innovations and Challenges in its implementation Paper Title: Quality Education as a

Sustainable Development Goal: Empowering Global Progress through Effective Communication.

Date: 10-11 October, 2023.



Invited to be the Resource Person for World Translation Day Celebration.

Topic: Research Approaches in Translation Studies.

Date: 29th September, 2023 On Google Meet at 10:30 am.

# DR. AMLAN HALDER School of Technology







Article

# Solutions of Magnetohydrodynamics Equation through Symmetries

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Title: Solutions of Magnetohydrodynamics Equation thorough Symmetries. Journal: MDPI (An open access journal), symmetry.



# DR. DEBAJOYTI BOSE School of Technology

Letter of Acceptance

Dr. Debajyoti Bose, School of Technology, Woxsen University, Hyderabad, Telangana, India.

Eurasia Conferences cordially invites you to attend the "4th World Conference on Chemistry and Chemical Engineering (WCCCE-Bangkok-2023)", which is scheduled during November 13-14, 2023, in Bangkok, Thailand. We believe that your participation will enhance value for the conference in making a fruitful discussion.

We are pleased to inform you that your abstract entitled "Biofilm composition in Microbial Fuel Cells and Bioremediation potential with Bioelectricity production" has been accepted for presenting at the "4th World Conference on Chemistry and Chemical Engineering (WCCCE-Bangkok-2023)". This prestigious global conference will provide a series of talks, poster presentations, discussions and networking events will keep you abreast of advancements and engage in learning and making new connections at this conference.

For more details about the conference please visit our website https://eurasiaconferences.com/events/bangkok/2023/chemistry-and-chemical-engineering/

Looking forward to seeing you at Bangkok, Thailand.

With Thanks,

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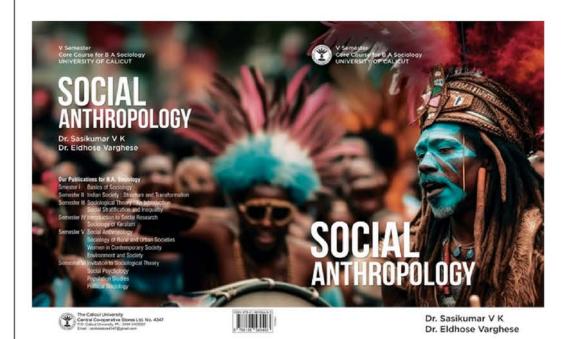
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Abstract: Biofilm composition in Microbial Fuel Cells and Bioremediation potential with Bio-electricity production

# DR. ELDHOSE VARGHESE School of Liberal Arts & Humanities



Book Published:

Title: SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Core Course for B A Sociology, University of Calicut.

Publishers: The Calicut University Central Co-operative Stores.

# DR. SHANKAR RAO MUNJAM School of Technology



Invited as a Keynote speaker at The World Intellectual Property Right Conclave 2023.

Conducted on 6th October, 2023 at Arya Auditorium, New Delhi.

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