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*In Medias Res*

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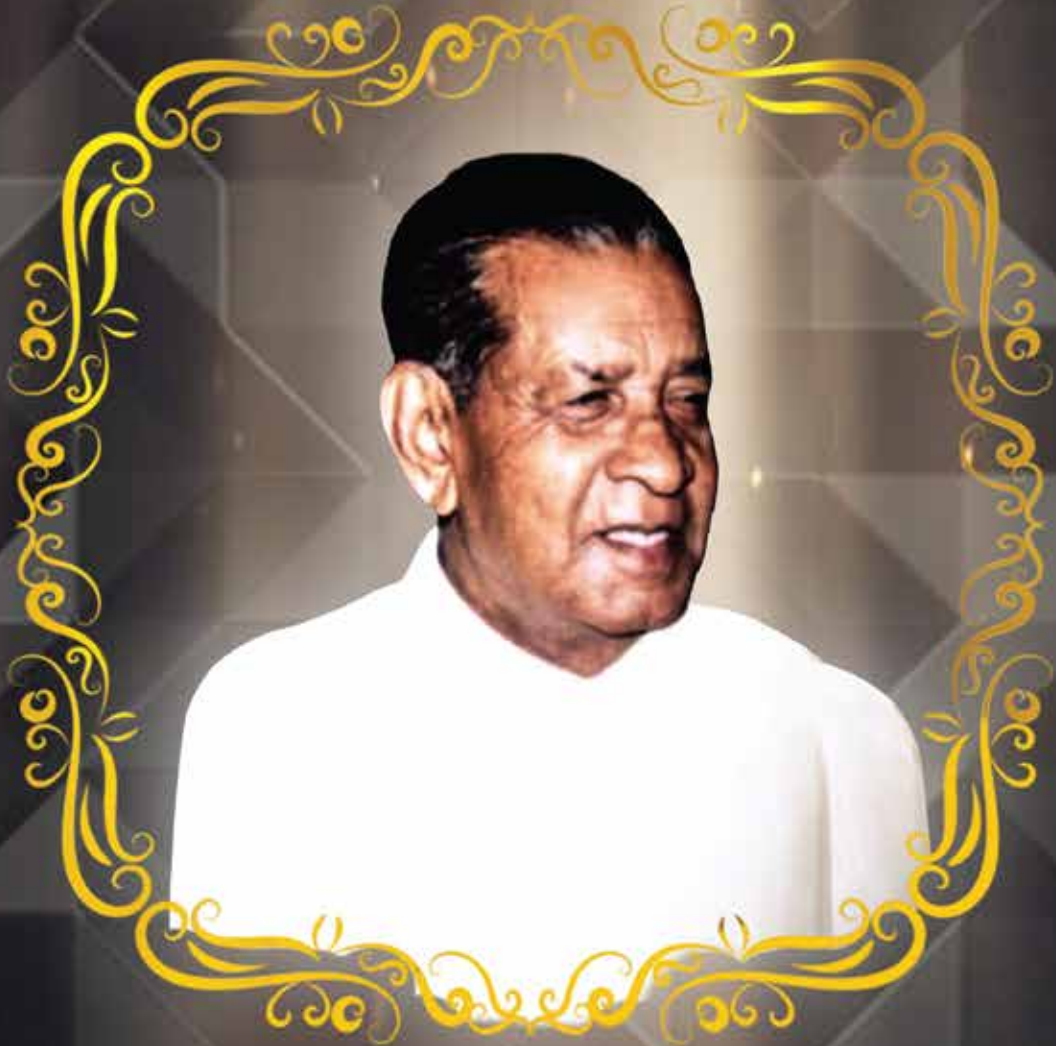
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# *Our Founder*



*Dr. M. S. Ramaiah*

What we have done for ourselves  
— alone dies with us —

What we have done for others and the world  
remains and is immortal



**RAMAIAH**

College of Arts, Science  
& Commerce

## VISION

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To prepare men and women for the  
service of the country

## MISSION

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Ramaiah College of Arts Science and commerce  
will deliver global quality education by nurturing a  
conducive learning environment for a better tomorrow  
through continuous improvement and customization

# GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



**Sri Vajubhai Vala**

**“I am happy to know that Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Bengaluru is bringing out an annual college magazine, “Gangothri 2020” which is an arena for students and staff to exhibit their literary and artistic talents.**

**I wish the organizers, editorial team and students a grand success.”**

# MESSAGES



## Dr. M R Jayaram

Chairman, GEF

Season's greetings!

It is a matter of great pride for me to acknowledge the fact that RCASC has taken upon multifaceted roles, ensuring the development of the society while imbuing the students with human values. This is my firm belief that the rich values and traditions that students imbibe here would stand them in good stead in the fiercely competitive world of today.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Principal and the magazine team for bringing out Gangothri-2020 in a new format. I also congratulate the students for their various achievements in curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular activities. The sincere and immense contributions of the faculty members towards facilitating the holistic development of the students are indeed quite commendable. Best wishes.



## Sri M R Seetharam

Vice Chairman, GEF

I take this opportunity to congratulate and wish all the very best to the graduating students of Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce.

“So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become achievable. Life is simple - make the right choices and back them up with plain old hard work”.

I appreciate all the efforts put in by our Principal, faculty, administrative staff, and students in bringing out the college magazine “Gangothri” in 2020.

Best wishes & Warm regards

# MESSAGES



## **Dr. M R Janakiram**

Director, GEF

I am pleased to know that the forthcoming issue of RCASC College Magazine, GANGOTHRI 2020 is ready for publication. I take this opportunity to applaud the editorial team for coming up with this all-new issue, In Medias Res. It is indeed a mélange of various happenings in the college for the last one year and a treasure of memories that the students will cherish for their lifetime. I take this opportunity to congratulate the Principal and the editorial team for their relentless efforts. I extend my full support to all the endeavors aimed at the advancement of student community. Let us strive together to promote an education that commensurate with social, cultural, economic and environmental realities of the nation and the world.



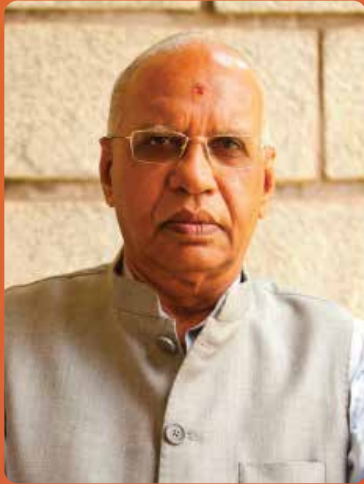
## **Sri M R Kodandaram**

Director, GEF

From its inception in 1994, RCASC has come a long way. It is indeed a moment of pride for Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce to complete glorious 25 years, achieving excellence in diverse areas of higher education. Though this is no mean feat, it is not so surprising to me as RCASC is the kind of institution which has its edifice built around quality education and value system.

I would like to congratulate the new creative team of Gangothri for their enthusiasm and dedication in bringing out the 2020 issue, IN MEDIA RES with freshness in approach and adherence to real quality. I am happy to acknowledge that RCASC is raising the bar higher and higher, every passing year which is supposed to be the hallmark of any professionally competitive establishment. I wish the Principal and the editorial team all the success in their future endeavors.

# MESSAGES



## Dr. M R Ramaiah

Secretary & Trustee, GEF

RCASC is known to have a healthy and holistic environment which nurtures progressive and intellectual culture and rich values in students that have played pivotal role in shaping the future of many generations of learners. Our mission is to transform youth into good human beings who are spiritually enlightened individuals. The institution inculcates social and moral values, the feeling of oneness with nature, pride for Indian culture and tradition and love for fellow beings.

I congratulate the Principal, RCASC for facilitating the release of magazine. I wish the Gangothri team all the success in their future creative journey.



## Sri B S Ramaprasad

Chief Executive, GEF

Over the years RCASC has grown in leaps and bounds to become one of the prestigious institutions in our country. This institution endorses and adopts the best practices that would revitalize the mission and fortify the longstanding vision of the institution in the light of the revised National Education Policy. Students' success is our ultimate aim and we always think for them. At RCASC we have provided a creative and inspiring atmosphere to allow new ideas to arise and help sustain the quality of life.

The College magazine gives a platform for students to communicate their novice way of thinking to the world outside. I appreciate the efforts taken by the new editorial team of GANGOTHRI for coming out with this new issue IN MEDIAS RES which is engaging in its content and style. My compliments to the team of 'Wind Beneath the Wings' for their dedication and commitment and my best wishes for their future creative adventures.



# MESSAGES



## Sri G Ramachandra

Chief of Finance, GEF

In keeping with the rich heritage of Gokula Educational Foundation, Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce is marching ahead to keep pace with the demands of a growing educational sector. The management has provided the best infrastructure and resources to enable students to harness technology with values to reach the pinnacle of their academic achievement.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the new editorial team for their initiative to bring out Gangothri-2020 issue, In Medias Res, in a new avatar. I am sure that this issue of Gangothri would kindle the interest and imagination of its readers and would inspire the students to move their creative mind. Best wishes to all.



## Sri B S Jayaram

Vice Principal, RCASC

**“Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known”**

*- Carl Sagan*

There is never any point in our life when we can sit back and say, ‘there is nothing more to learn, I can relax with the comforting through that the universe around me is an open book. I know it all’.

Every year the magazine committee of Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce has brought out editions with information - new and exciting. I am sure that this year’s magazine Gangothri 2020 would be no less.

My special accolades go to all those who have worked to bring out this year’s edition.

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Dear Readers,

Let me begin here with an extract from Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass* – "I have heard what the talkers were talking, the talk of the beginning and the end/ But I do not talk of the beginning or the end." Yes, we – the Gangothri – 2K20 team has embarked on this narrative mission in medias res to talk neither about the beginning nor about the end, but the zeitgeist of RCASC in its varied hues.



The splendid saga of the colossal Ramaiah institution began in 1994. Now, after 25 glorious years, when RCASC is in the middle of its progressive journey, the issue title seems apt as we are in medias res towards our mission to an 'institution of excellence' and of course, later to eminence. I also believe that college is the place where students - the knowledge seekers, ride on the shoulders of giants - the teachers, the facilitators of wisdom. Therefore, this is the middle ground where the present meets the future and where the tradition meets the individual talent, leading to a brave new world. We also tried our best to ensure that most of the creative works in this issue have stuck to the middle ground, not dwelling on hierarchical binaries of any sort.

Let me again take you to Whitman who says, "Not I ,nor anyone else can travel that road for you. You must travel it by yourself. It is not far. It is within reach. Perhaps you have been on it since you were born, and did not know. Perhaps it is everywhere – on water and land." Not to mention that our magazine provides an ideal platform for the students to explore, experience and learn by themselves through various curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Thus, the activities, articles, poems, and short stories by the students and faculties that are recorded here are part of their meaning- making in the real and imagined spaces they live in. All these are testimony to the lofty ideas underlying the campus culture at Ramaiah.

I hope that we are able to preserve and reinforce the distinct quality of Ramaiah institution in this new edition of Gangothri also. While conceiving this issue our foremost desire had been to make the world known, though in an implicit way, the visionary zeal of the patrons in providing the holistic education and lending hand in the nation building endeavor.

We are indebted to our principal for her impeccable suggestions and generous encouragement in bringing out this magazine. During the times of self-doubt, she had uplifted our morale with an unwavering trust which kept us going to this date. I thank my team – both faculty and students for their dedicated efforts in bringing out the 2k20 issue. I also thank the students and faculty who have given submissions for this Gangothri. Best wishes to all.

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*“The Wind beneath the Wings.”*

# PRINCIPAL'S DESK



## Dr. A Nagarathna

Greetings to all!

RCASC has just completed its silver jubilee, marking its luminous and glorifying legacy in the arena of higher education. I would like to put it in record that it was the unmatched vigour & vision of the founder followed by the unparalleled commitment of the directors towards this temple of knowledge that have propelled it in a trajectory of excellence. From the time of its inception in 1994 to the present, the institution has kept its promise of giving quality education by adhering to high benchmark set by the Ramaiah group of institutions under Gokula Foundation.

Umberto Eco, the Italian philosopher and semiotician once said “we have to learn from the evidences through which the world speaks to us like a great book”. Realising the manifold changes occurred in the education sector in India with the advent of neo-liberalism, as the situation demanded, we had reconfigured the learning ecosystem by giving thrust to skill-oriented programmes. I am sure that the academic experience at RCASC would surely impel the students to make productive contribution towards community development and nation building.

In the knowledge society of today, social responsibility is regarded as an integral aspect of higher educational institutions. We at RCASC have successfully incorporated the practices and policies with the social dimension into the academic culture such a way that they would inevitably nurture social values in our students. Our commitment to the marginalised ‘others’ in the society has always been upheld with utmost sincerity and dedication. The academic success of the ‘othered’ students in the campus and many of the initiatives taken towards the engendered environment are testimony to this. We also nurture an innovative ecosystem in the campus in collaboration with industries with an aim to facilitate the entrepreneurship among students. It would be no exaggeration if I say that Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce is one of the best institutions in the country which sustains an academic culture that nurtures higher order thinking along with humanitarian values.

I take this forum to congratulate the new Gangothri team for their dogged determination and unswerving enthusiasm in bringing out the magazine in new cuts and shades. I hope this will encourage the students to unleash their creative potential in the platforms provided by the institution. My sincere thanks to all the stakeholders for their untiring support which have always been beyond their call of duty.

My best wishes to all the students for a bright future!



# EXPOSITIO

***“A small body of determined spirits  
fired by the unquenchable faith in  
their mission can alter the course of  
history. ”***



# INTERVIEW - Prof. S Japhet

Vice Chancellor, BCU

**Trisha** - We are conversing with the Vice Chancellor of Bengaluru Central University, Professor S Japhet. Apart from being the very first VC of this University, he has been the Professor and Director at National Law School, of which he has been a member since the year 1990.

Good afternoon sir. We, the students of Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce, being under the affiliation of this Institute, are honoured to be able to conduct this interview with you. My first question to you is, having been in this post for over two years, could you tell us about your experience so far?

**VC** - It is my pleasure to welcome the students from the esteemed institution of Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce. In fact, I would have hoped to bring all the institutions of Ramaiah under the affiliation of BCU, and I hope that all future endeavours with this college are in goodwill.

The experience so far has been very rewarding. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to assume this post, especially at this juncture, when so many changes have taken place in the higher education sector. We are currently aiming to become a global University: a university of the 21st century. My experience, first as a special officer and afterwards as the founding vice chancellor has been very exciting. Every moment has been a moment of great opportunity that I must grasp to make a difference; to ensure quality education for our students that must meet the global standard. Apart from giving our students the best infrastructure that we can afford, we must also ensure that we provide them with quality education that makes them employable in the outside world. My job has been very challenging as I have to incorporate these very aspects into the curriculum, but at the same time I must admit, it has been very exhilarating. We have many premiere institutions in our country; however, as a university this is the only one where we are able to speak to the city of Bangalore and also to connect with the people.

**Vishal** - Sir, as you have just stated, your job as the VC has been quite challenging. So, could you give us an insight into the problems you have faced so far?

**VC** - One of the major changes that I wanted to bring in was to undertake a thorough revision of the UG syllabus. However, apart from modifying the syllabus, we must also equip our teachers. It is often unfair to blatantly put blame on the teachers. It is not just about the curriculum; it is also about the pedagogy - about the transmission of knowledge. You see, to me, one of the major crises that we face at present is getting the best of faculty. It is not just about the infrastructure. I know this, out of experience. I was one of the founding faculty of the National Law School of India, and we would conduct classes under a small shed behind my office. Yet, today it is the most prestigious and well-known Universities in Asia. Therefore, it is one of the major issues that I must look into - to get some of the most efficient and competent faculty - and I strive to do that. As long as we have good faculty, we can even conduct classes outside, with the mere shade of a tree. Apart from that, one of the major issues is that of bureaucracy. We cannot blame anyone on this.

**Trisha** - Sir, as you said the BCU is one of the only universities that connects to people. It is a

known fact that we are under environmental degradation, and the BCU has taken the initiative to add the credit course subject of Environmental and Public health. But that often doesn't have an impact on the students. So, what further steps has the BCU taken to instil the knowledge about environmental health in students?

**VC** - Firstly, I had submitted the proposal to start a number of new programmes like Climate change & Environmental science and Urban planning & Sustainability. And also, technology-related subjects in the non-engineering department, through which we would like to impart the knowledge of data science, cyber security, artificial intelligence, forensic science, health informatics, water technology etc. The university is not just about hard-core disciplines, it is also about the promotion of culture, through art and literature. We want to become a symbol of culture for Bengaluru city. We have also proposed to start a department of Law and Public policy. We want to bring in more issues like electricity, sustainability, and other aspects of environmental degradation. By laying stress on these subjects, we want to sensitize our students, citizens and our neighbourhood to this grave issue. I must thank the Govt. of Karnataka for sanctioning these projects. We hope to commence these projects from the next academic year.

**Vishal** - Sir, you have touched upon the goals and aspirations of the BCU for the future. Now, I would like to ask you, where do you see Bangalore Central University in the next 10 to 15 years?

**VC** - If things go on at a steady pace and according to what we visualised, I hope to look at this university, not in 10 to 15 years, but in 5 years, to be one of the top 10 universities in the country. We must exploit its potential. Honestly, we are sitting on a diamond plate here with its prime placement. The BCU is beautifully placed near a metro station. It can connect to all the campuses with ease. What comes to my mind is - collaborate or collapse... My idea is to reach out to all the premiere institutes in Bangalore and look out for collaboration. Today, one institute cannot stand alone; it is a collective effort that always has the ability to make a difference. We must all have the humility and openness to come together and form a network. People often don't make an effort to do that. They want to build their own empires. I don't think that is very good for the country. With everything becoming so multidisciplinary, we can't afford to have experts accumulated in one place; we need to have them everywhere.

**Trisha** - It is a prevailing problem amongst students that they face unemployment after their graduation, which leads them to believe that their respective chosen field has no scope. So... sir, what has the BCU planned to prepare students for the outside world?

**VC** - This is a global problem. I have seen the statistics of the rate of employability of students. People do say that the more educated you are, the more unemployable you are... This is where, I believe, lies the difference between 'employment' and 'employability'. What we are expected to do as a university, through higher education is to make students employable. When it comes to the employment of a student, it depends on how they translate this knowledge and make themselves suitable for securing a job. This is more to do with individual capability. I think the answer lies in the fact that our education is not problem-centric. Once we are able to do that, I am sure that the employability of students will shoot up, as it would prepare students better for situations that exist beyond textbooks. I believe it should start from the first semester itself; by giving projects and more hands-on research on socially relevant topics. In my opinion, this must be left to the individual institution or the particular teachers, as they understand their students better. They must find a way to generate interest among students, not by finding the easy solutions but the more complex ones to increase curiosity.

**Vishal** - Sir, you have spoken about the use of technology in education. With the recently established ICT-enabled systems, what measures is the BCU taking to ensure that it is effective?

**VC** - I believe that like namma Bengaluru, namma BCU has to be a green campus and it must be a university of the future, it must have a digital campus. Two major initiatives that I have taken to combine technology in education are- the introduction of e-governance in the examination system, which I am sure has been very useful, and also has been a huge success. From the examination management system, to the result processing, even the payment of fees and the examination room are entirely computerized. I believe strongly in making the system student-centric. I also plan to introduce Wi-Fi enabled campus as well as availability of online study material.

**Vishal** - There is a recent trend amongst students, wherein they have a declining interest in subjects such as humanities, arts, languages or traditional subjects in general. What are your views on that, sir?

**VC** - I feel that in the present day, these subjects have more relevance than students think, they have. I don't think we can manage today's issues merely studying core science subjects. I feel that we need to make sure that our students understand society and human relationships. I feel that the lack of knowledge in these subjects is due to the fact that they have not been made interesting enough to appeal to the students. As I said before, we need to modify our syllabus on literature and philosophy. We need to update our programme and allow the integration of science with these subjects. That is one of the highlights of the new educational policy. The system abroad allows liberal education, ensuring that education is interdisciplinary, where a science student also has the ability to study humanities simultaneously, what is termed as choice-based credit system. For example, until recent times, sports were not given much relevance; it was merely an activity to pass time. Today it is a full-fledged subject; it is an industry. By participating in sports, you learn a lot of things outside the game like accepting defeat, sportsman like conduct, etc. One of the biggest problems is our desperate urge to win. We must learn to think beyond that. I think youngsters need not be forced into something they do not want to pursue; instead they should choose what they like.

**Trisha** - Sir, we heard from you that you had declined a scholarship to Howard university because you believed in contributing to the advancement of your own country. We have seen a lot of students travel abroad for their further studies. Do you believe that it is because we are not at par with western education? If so, what are the ways you intend on bringing our education system at par?

**VC** - Every time I visit a foreign university, I find myself returning to India with a heavy heart. It is observable, that as compared to their education system, we are far behind. In the olden days, the citizens of the country had the hunger or the urge to promote the progress of their own nation. In those days, we had a lot of exposure. I think today, it is declining. Nowadays, the culture is very individual-centric. We live in a world of illusion, where we believe that the individual is everything. That is far from the truth. When I said that we need to make the education system student-centric, it is not about making it individual centric. It has to be society-centric. With our education system, we have not been able to establish that sense of collective ownership in our students. We need to understand that even though we may exist as separate individuals, we share one constitution, one country, and we are one people. We haven't been able to cultivate that feeling of oneness successfully in students. The same issues that confronted us at the time of independence continue to confront us today, be it in terms of poverty or discrimination based on age or gender. They are much more severe in nature. Even if we have advanced a lot, our record on these parameters has gone from bad to worse. If what you do does not contribute to the wellbeing of society, then that type of education is pointless.

**Trisha** - Sir, you stated that the future rests on the shoulders of the youngsters, could you say one thing to the students of RCASC?

**VC** - I think that students should not just become employable, or look out for their livelihood. The main idea is that they should aim to emerge as future leaders. The institute should be where you develop the capacity that will stay with you lifelong. You should be able to take risks. Never hesitate to come out of your comfort zone. Only when life is a struggle, it becomes exciting. Always look for challenges and risks, or things that are not easily available to you. If you are tasked with anything lesser than that, don't accept it.

**Vishal** - Sir, on behalf of the Principal, the staff and the students of RCASC, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude, not only for sparing your time for this very fruitful session, but also for being a brilliant academic and the vice chancellor of this esteemed University.

Interviewed by **Trisha & Vishal Sethu**

Recorded by **Sree Sankar**



# DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES (MBA)

*from the Dean's desk*

*"The essence of management is to make knowledge productive"*

*- Peter Drucker*



Management education is all pervasive and relevant in the times where sustainable development and competitive advantage have become the order of the day. Irrespective of the fields of operation, right from healthcare, manufacturing, education, consumer durables, FMCG, Pharmaceuticals, Automobiles, Telecommunication and logistics, Management is an inevitable and irreplaceable activity which is the life force for any industry or sector. At the Department of Management studies, we equip our students to face the challenges in corporate and industry in delivering value through their leadership and managerial abilities. We also strongly encourage entrepreneurship among young management students with mentoring and incubation support. We as a department take pride in the overall development of faculty as well as students.

**-Dr. Bindu Nambiar**  
**Dean - Management Studies**

Few of our milestones are:

- Arun Lal and Punith Kumar have presented a position paper in Model UN, Putrajaya, Malaysia.
- Arun Lal, Gokul Binil and Sherin have won the title "Young India Challenge" in experiential National event held in IIT, New Delhi and have bagged a seed fund of Rs. 100,000.
- Harika won the runner-up trophy in Entrepreneurship event, "Vishesh" held at MSRIT.
- Harika and Gayathri.S were awarded for the best paper which was presented at Aditya Institute of Management studies.
- Dr. Chakarapani Gopal has brought out 2 of his books "Business Communication for Micro Entrepreneurs" and "Micro Enterprises and Supply Chain Management"



# Department of B B A

Ramaiah College of Arts Science and Commerce started the BBM/BBA department in the year 1995 on a small scale with a student strength of 42 and now, after 25 years of hard work and success, it has the strength of 540 students who are hailing from different parts of the country. The department takes interest in the development of the students, empowering them with entrepreneurial and decision-making skills by providing an excellent academic environment. It prepares young individuals to plan, organize, direct, and control the functions and processes of a firm or organization.



Dr. Lakshmi Pathi Naidu

HoD, BBA





India Today-MDRA survey ranked this department 7th in Karnataka and 25th in India for the academic year 2019-20. The department provides Value-added course on NSFM, Advanced MS Excel, and Digital marketing. This academic year saw the department conducting manifold enriching programmes for the students. A Guest Lecture by Mr. Abhishek Mahapatra was organized for the second and final year students on Global Education – GMAT. Mr. C. A. Rajkumar, Medha Educational Consultants, Bangalore delivered a lecture on “Tally & GST” to the students from the department.



The department of management has a full-fledged club named ELIXIR which presents, ENIGMA, a management fest every year from the department. This year also saw varied, colourful and illuminating events during ENIGMA. The club also takes initiative in conducting brainstorming sessions for the students on Human Resources, Finance, and Marketing. Under the name of this club various activities were being carried out to provide the students with different concepts related to the concerned streams.

# Department of EMCs



Dr. Prathiba V. Kalburgi

HoD, EMCs

## Department of Computer Science

The Department of Computer Science was established in the year 1994. This department offers two courses-

- Bachelor of Computer Application, BCA
- Bachelor of Computer Science, B.Sc (EMCs).

The main objective of the department is to engage in educating the students in the fields of computer systems which is centered on programming languages, visual information, computer architecture, software engineering, systems development and application systems.

The Department of Computer Science conducted ISR Activity in collaboration with "ROTA-RACT" Rotary Vidyaranya-pura, Bangalore in building a butterfly park at Parachute Regiment Training Centre on 2nd November 2019. In this year the new apple lab has been established to facilitate the effective learning of students of this department.



The department regularly organizes seminars for the development of faculty and students. A seminar for two days was conducted on the topic, "Intellectual Property Rights: A Brief Introduction and an Overview" on 4th and 5th September. The Speaker was from Ramaiah College of Law and she made our students aware about the Intellectual Property Rights. To familiarize the students with the computer program, Python, a one-day workshop on "Machine Learning with Python" was organized on 26th July 2019. The Ekalavya University, Bangalore conducted the workshop.



This department organized a 5-day workshop on "Cross Platform Mobile App Development with progressive Web App" for the students of BCA and B.Sc (EMCs) from 16th to 20th September 2019. ATS in association with Microsoft conducted this workshop where the students learnt about the Mobile App Development. Every year this department conducts value added course, add-on programs and bridge course for the student. In this academic year two value added courses were conducted on full stack mean web development and machine learning from jan 20th 2020 onwards for 40hrs. This was organised in association with RIT.





The department offers the course of Mathematics in the programme, EMC (Electronics, Mathematics, Computer Science). The objective of the department is helping the students to learn theory and practical skills in mathematics, such as linear algebra, complex analysis, calculus and numerical analysis. Primary departmental functions are the development, dissemination, and application of mathematical knowledge and in the areas of mathematics, mathematics education, and actuarial science.

## Department Of Mathematics



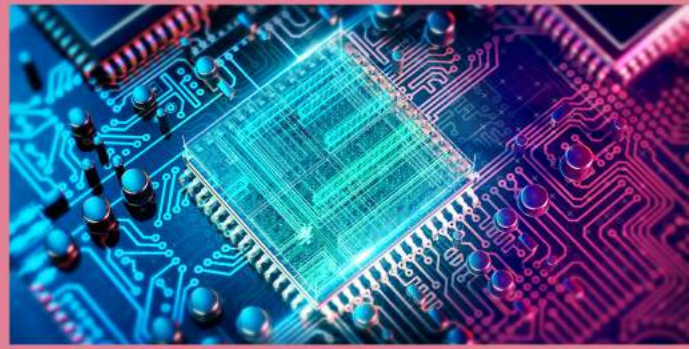
A Workshop on 'Mathematics practical using FOSS' was conducted on 20-07-2019. The Mathematics club conducts various inter-class competitions like 'Potpourri' and 'Test of reasoning' every year. This year the department organized 'Ganitha-utsav' on 7th march, 2020 by conducting various competitions such as Brain Mapping, Quiz, Treasure Hunt and looking without Fire.



The department also shows its commitment towards the society by organizing outreach programme. As part of the Institutional Social Responsibility, this year, the faculty and students visited Geetha Ashrama in Vijayanagar, donated useful articles and interacted with the inmates of the ashrama.



The department was established in the year 1994. The department offers Electronics-course under the undergraduate programme, BSc-EMC (Electronics, Mathematics and Computer Science). The major objective of the programme with reference to Electronics is to help the students learn in detail Electronics, communication system, microprogramming and semiconductor technology.



## Department of Electronics



The department is provided with well- equipped classrooms and spacious laboratories to enrich the knowledge in Electronics. The department has qualified and competent faculty members with ample experience in academia, industry and research. Dept. of Electronics has organized a guest lecture on "Nano-transducers and its Application" for the students on 26th October'2019. The Speaker for the lecture was Mrs. Gayathri Sudhir, who is presently working as vice principal, associate professor in Department of Electronics, Oxford College of Science. And she is having specialized in Nano-Electronics over the past 20 years.

In 2019, one of the faculty from the department, Dr. Naveen Kumar. R, started working in the field of "Medical image segmentation and quantification using time frequency methods". At present he is studying on particular problem of 'ASTRO-CYTOMAS' cases in GLIOMA (brain tumour cells) using Fractional Fourier transform' with the help of Dr. A.S. Hegde, Prof. & HOD of Neurosurgery, Ramaiah college of medical sciences.

# Department of Commerce

The Department of commerce was established in the year 1994. In its journey spanning nearly three decades, it has reconfigured the methodology and objective of commerce education as the time demanded. The department works towards the objective - "To create and nurture potential youth power to cater to the needs of future business scenario" as it carries the pride of well qualified and experienced teachers.

In this academic year the department started the M.Com. programme which is yet another feather on its cap. With a view of preparing the students for a better future, coaching for professional courses like CA, CS, CMA AND ICWAI was arranged.

Mock Trading Sessions for all the commerce students have been arranged to expose them to the corporate world. The department saw enriching interfaces with corporate world. Pro-edge skill development and Edu-tech Pvt. Ltd. conducted CA and CS orientation programme for students.



Prof. B S Jayarama

Vice principal, HoD  
Commerce





Another important event in the department was the Value Added Programme conducted by ACT academy for the M.Com students which was held on 18.12.2019. With the purpose of generating empathy in the young minds towards the destitute who are ill-fated, the department took them on an orphanage visit on 02-10-2019.

In this year Equity analyst from Stocktale Sagar conducted a session to widen the horizon of students on the subject. To create awareness on SAP, Digital Marketing, Advance Excel and Video Resume a workshop was conducted by Job studio on 24.10.2019.





## Department of English

The Department of English was established in the year 1994. It offers two courses- general English and additional English. Department has approximately 1700 students for General English, 300 students for Additional English. General English is a mandatory course which students of all the UG programmes study for the first four semesters whereas additional English is given as a language option along with Indian languages.

The English Department always takes lead in up-skilling the faculty in each year with facts and skills needed to facilitate the knowledge enhancement with reference to the revised syllabus. A Faculty Development Programme in collaboration with Bangalore University English Teachers Association (BUETA) was conducted on "Approaches to New English Text" on 12 February, 2019 in the RIT-Apex block auditorium.



Dr. Padmalochana.R

HoD, English



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The highlight of the department is the Literaria, an inter-collegiate event conducted every year by the department. This year also an array of literary events were held. To commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the department of English organized a Poster presentation competition on the topic-Mahatma Gandhi: Freedom through Ahimsa or Mahatma Gandhi: Fight against Untouchability.



# Department of Humanities



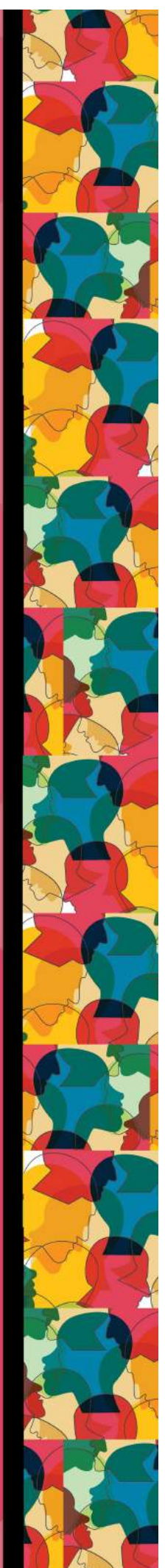
Dr. Anuradha Ramanna

HoD, Humanities

The Department of Humanities was established in the Year 2010 with a B A Course offering Optional English, Journalism and Psychology with an intake of 40 students. In the academic year 2019-2020 a second programme with the combination of Optional English, Journalism and Political Science was started. The Department of humanities is dedicated to the aim of enriching the knowledge and awareness of students in various areas of Literature, Journalism, Psychology and Political Science in a multi-disciplinary approach. The Department is well equipped with a Psychology lab and a Media Centre for Journalism students. For Journalism students there is a well-equipped Media Lab which enables them to have a hands-on experience in the subject.



The Department of Humanities has had a fruitful and satisfying year filled with activities for up-skilling the students. The feather on the cap of the department was the inauguration of the YouTube Channel called 360 + 1 with the tagline - "You provide, We present". Student journalists covered the garbage issue around the college campus which caused inconvenience to people which resulted in the clearing of the garbage from that place.

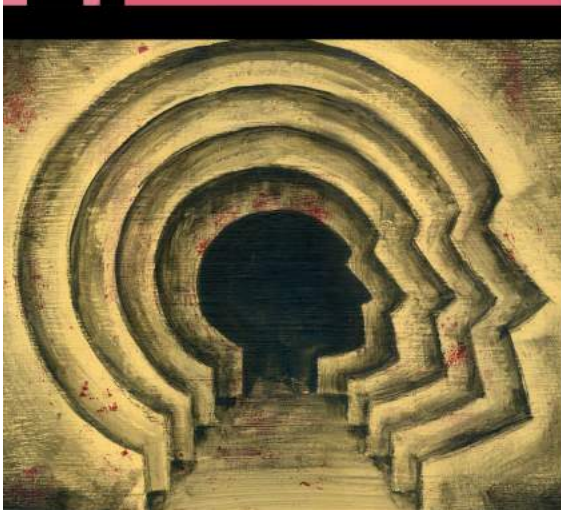


The Principal of RCASC, Dr. A. Nagarathna Inaugurated the Open Auditorium of RCASC 'Dweepa' with a Flash Mob activity, an initiative of the Department of Humanities, on 20th January 2020.



A number of guest lectures were organized by the department in the current academic year—

- An International Guest Lecture by Dr. Jelena Havelka, Associate Professor, Department of Cognitive Psychology, University of Leeds, UK on 'Communicating Emotion across Languages and Culture' was organized on 4th February 2020
- Mr. Rohith Singh Rawath gave a lecture on movie making (pre-production and post-production) on 25th July 2019
- Mr. Amal Rasheed Ali gave a lecture on Media exposure on 29th July 2019
- Mr. Kshitij Urs delivered a lecture on Climate change on 5th August 2019
- Mr. Kiran Savekar, Clinical Psychologist, Wings Within, gave a guest lecture on 'Suicide Prevention and other Psychiatric Problems' on 10th October 2019



The Department of Indian Languages is engaged in teaching Indian Languages such as Kannada, Hindi, Sanskrit as a part of BCU Undergraduate curriculum. The main objective of the department is to enable the students “to communicate information, ideas and opinions in a most appropriate way”. To achieve this goal in a larger population of students the department is planning to present PPTs for all our GEF students on “Science and Management in the context of Bhagavad Gita and Vedic literature.” And it also has plans to arrange “Talk-shows” titled as “Vakyasadhuta” on different topics and Languages where students can express their views.

RCASC celebrated the joyous occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava or Karnataka Day on the 13th of November, 2019 which was organized by the Department of Languages. Dr. Ramegowda, the chief guest delivered an inspiring speech about importance of the Kannada as a language and about the rich culture of the state.



Dr. Shobha L

HoD , Languages



## Department of Languages





The Hindi Diwas was organized by this department on 14th of September to celebrate the adoption of Hindi as the National language of our country. On this important day the department organized an educational trip to Krishna Chaitanya School for differently-abled children. This visit proved to be very vital and enlightening for the students as they got the chance to take a step into an entirely new dimension of their education.



The Department of Languages organized Sanskrita Diwas on 13th of September, 2020. Dr. Jayanthi Manohar, a renowned scholar for esoteric and psychological concepts of Veda Mantara, graced the occasion with her presence. To accompany the celebrations, the Department of Sanskrit also organized a quiz competition, a Gadara Rachana and singing competitions



The department also conducted Club Activities on 22/8/2019. The department has the following clubs meant for the development of the languages Kannada, Hindi and Sanskrit respectively— "Kannada Koota", "SahityaSangam", and "Samskrita Sangha". They jointly conducted various competitions for students to showcase their talent.





## DEPARTMENT OF LIFE SCIENCES

### *From the Dean's desk*



Dr. Nagagireesh Bojanala  
MSc, Ph.D  
Department of Biotechnology & Applied Genetics

Presently, we are witnessing an exciting era for biological sciences which demands inter-disciplinary scientific thinking to adapt suitably to technological innovations. The department of Life Sciences comprises of highly qualified and dedicated faculty with vast teaching and research experiences.

Programs conducted by our departments aim to impart life and technical skills among students through a combination of theory and practical lessons, applying ICT tools in teaching, and conducting value added courses and workshops. By doing so, we strongly believe to ingrain an attitude in our students that prepares them competently to jobs in academia and industry, and also makes them better individuals to work for societal progress.

BEST WISHES!

## **RCASC-Biocon Academy Collaboration**



With a perspective to start a new certificate program on Quality Control Analytical aspects in Bio Pharma Industry, Biocon Academy chose RCASC as an 'education partner' and a MoU has been established in February 2019. From RCASC, the program is mentored by the Principal and co-ordinated by the Dean, Department of Life Sciences and the Department of Chemistry-Biochemistry. After the signing of MoU, RCASC and Biocon Academy finalize the program for a duration of 8 weeks entitled 'Biocon-Ramaiah certificate program on Quality Control and Analytical'.





# Departement Bio-Technology and Applied Genetics



Prof. Channarayappa

HoD, Biotechnology-Genetics

The Department of Biotechnology and Applied Genetics was established in the year 2000 and conducts both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. The main objective of the courses under this department is to develop human resource to meet the growing demand for biotechnologists in the field of food, agriculture, medicine and environmental management.

As every year, the department organized numerous seminars and workshops to propel students into higher learning by exposing them to the current trends in the field.

An International Guest lecture on “Proton Beam therapy: Clinical and Research Perspective” by Prof. Michael Taylor, University of Manchester, England, UK was organized by the Department of Biotechnology and Genetics on 03.02.2020 at Vishweshwaraya Auditorium,



A Guest lecture on “Are lipids to be blamed for our diseases?” by Dr. Cletus J.M. D’Souza, Adjunct Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Mangalore University was organized on 18-10-2019.



A Technical workshop on “Next Generation Sequencing, Technology, Application and Analysis” was arranged for the students on 01-10-2019. The resource person for the day was Dr. G. Venkatesh and M.D. Rehman, Genotypic Technologies, Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore.

The department organized a Guest lecture on “Recent Trends in Engineering of Recombinant” by Dr. Sampathkumar S. Research Scientist, Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, NCBS Campus, Bangalore on 28-08-2019. The department takes sincere interest in the holistic development of the students. Yoga and Meditation for good health was conducted in the college premises for students from 29-07-2019 to 02-08-2019.



# Department of chemistry and biochemistry

The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry endeavours in facilitating the students to graduate with flying colors who are going to contribute immensely to the ever-changing technology-centered world of the 21st century. Through an interdisciplinary approach, the students are given excellent opportunities to explore Chemistry and Biochemistry and thus developing a broad perspective on matters related to inorganic and organic matter in the world. Department is equipped with the state-of-the-art facilities in laboratories for the practical classes and the faculty and students are involved in rigorous research that would be beneficial for the society. Most of the faculty in the Department are Phd holders who work hard to streamline the academic acumen of the young minds for higher studies and research in chemical industries and also to generate the enthusiasm for the creative future of the field of chemistry.



Dr. Prasanna Kumar S G

HoD, Chemistry/  
Biochemistry



The mission of the Department itself is to encourage, in the most liberal manner, the advancement of science and particularly Chemistry in all its branches through its education, research and service missions. The department is committed socially also to enhance the public welfare and economic development through the outreach programmes conducted by the Chemistry educators.





The academic year 2020 opened a lot of opportunities in the department for students to get acquainted with the industries where the application of Chemistry and Biochemistry was done for the betterment of society.

The department organized an industrial visit to Karnataka Hybrid Micro Devices Ltd (KHMD) which is a professionally managed company engaged in the business of thick film hybrid microelectronics catering to automotive and space segments for the last 20 years. To gain knowledge about antibiotics preparation and to analyze and understand the working of machines involved, another industrial visit was undertaken by the students and faculty of the department to Karnataka Antibiotics and Pharmaceutical Ltd. The students learned the unique techniques involved in the manufacture of different antibiotics like Pencillin and Oxytocin.



The Department of Microbiology was established in 1999 which offers both undergraduate and postgraduate programs. The department has over the years become a centre of excellence in the field of Microbiology as the post graduate students have been placed in various companies and many of them are pursuing research in various universities in India and abroad.

The faculties constantly inspire the students to undertake research, present papers in national and international conferences, publish their findings in Journals of repute and also participate in co-curricular and extracurricular activities.



Dr. Pushpa H

HoD, Microbiology

## Department of Microbiology

The department takes the initiative to conduct the Add-on courses on Wine production technology and Mushroom production technology which is of inter-disciplinary in nature. The thrust areas of research from the department are: Microbial diversity and their applications, Bioremediation, Bioprospecting, Molecular modeling and Drug designing, Food technology, Nanotechnology, Cancer technology and Toxicology.





The department began this academic year with a line-up of programmes which are academic as well as philanthropic in nature. This department organized World AIDS Day - an awareness Programme on AIDS on 1st December 2019. One of the important events conducted by the department was a Symposium on "Nanotechnology- fundamentals, applications and commercialization" which was held on 19-09-2019. A two-day workshop on Flow cytometry was arranged for the benefit of the students which was held on 3-09-2019 and 16-09-2019 respectively.



## INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)



IQAC was first established in the year 2005, post -NAAC accreditation for the first cycle. IQAC for this academic year was constituted with the Principal, Dr. A. Nagarathna as Chairperson and Karanam Kavitha as coordinator. Mr Hanumantha Reddy, Mrs. HariPriya, Mrs. Aditi, Mrs. Roopashree Dr. Sowbhagya, Mr. Sekar, Dr. Prasanna Srinivas, and Mr. Mahesh are the annual members of the IQAC. 25 Students from various courses are also the members.

IQAC activities include focused-efforts to - enable the students to get university ranks, arrange extra coaching classes for the academically weak students, enable government scholarships to eligible students, facilitate the publication of newsletter from several departments, update the lab equipment in the view of syllabus revision, and organize activities to mark the theme of years like International Year of Renewable and Sustainable Energy. IQAC also oversees the faculty and staff assessment by the students, and the university examinations result analysis .

A one-day national seminar on “New Methodology of Assessment & Accreditation by NAAC - Issues and Challenges” was organized by IQAC, M S Ramaiah College of Arts, and Science & Commerce on 11th April 2019. Prof. H A Ranganath, former NAAC director and former VC of BU inaugurated this seminar. IQAC organized Orientation for staff on 4th cycle of NAAC A&A process under new methodology and also has taken initiative in getting recognition of Research Centre for Life sciences from RUAS. An FDP was organized on ICT tools for teaching, stress management, awareness programs etc. IQAC Participated in NIRF ranking process and India Today ranking process for 2019-20.



## Exam Committee

The college has a well-organized internal exam committee and a university exam committee. The internal exam committee conducts two internal exams every semester. The committee frames timetable, collects question paper, scrutinizes it, and maintains the record of each student's score. The University exam committee takes care of the allocation of invigilation duty, seating arrangement, distribution of question paper, answer booklets and other exam related works. The Principal of the College is the Chief Superintendent of the examinations. The Vice Principal of the College is the Additional Chief Superintendent of the examinations.



## Alumni Cell



It is a widely accepted fact that any institutions' alumni are key to its growth. Alumni Association works to bridge the gap between the Institution and the alumni. It is a central point of contact among alumni to interact and network with each other. This alumni association reinforces the commitment of the college to stay in touch with the culturally and geographically diverse populace of students who integrate with the RCASC family.

The Alumni Association of RCASC was formed in 2008 and the first Newsletter "Re-member" was released for the first time in the year 2008 with a mission. RCASC conducts its annual alumni meet on the second Saturday of March every year.



NSS and YRC units are the social extension forums of RCASC. These forums instill the great humanitarian spirit and values in the student community by making them participate in many kinds of social service activities. A seminar on 'Waste Management and our role in maintaining clean and healthy environment' was organized on 8th August by team Bangalore Political Action Committee (BPAC).



## NSS And Youth Red Cross

On 17th August, 'Go green' drive was organized in collaboration with BPAC where NSS volunteers visited more than 300 shops and created an awareness about the need and ways of reduction in the use of plastic. On 17th September a blood donation camp was set up in RCASC campus by KIMS Hospital in collaboration with Lions club. 350 members including lecturers, staffs and students of various streams actively took part and donated their blood for the noble cause. From 19th to 21st January, around 50 NSS volunteers participated in Pulse Polio immunization campaign for four days. On 2nd February 80 NSS volunteers in collaboration with Community Tree took part in the planting saplings in Bangalore university, Gnaana Bharathi campus. An organ donation session was organized by NSS on 12th Feb. The NSS volunteers have undertaken the renovation of the Govt. school building Nagamandala, mandya from 21st to 23rd February 2020.



# Cultural Forum

The cultural forum of the college is responsible for keeping the spirits alive on the campus by organizing multitude of cultural activities round the year. Be it celebration of almost every festival or frequent open-air jamming sessions, the forum makes sure that every event last in the memory of students for a lifetime. It also reflects the wide range of personal and professional interests of vibrant, student community. The cultural fest - Xtasy has become the flagship event of RCASC by now. This year it was held from 26th to 29th August. It was a talent hunt within the college. The students from all the departments vied for glory and points.



Competitions like dancing, singing, fashion show, cooking without fire, painting, rangoli, pot painting etc. were conducted. The cultural forum celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi- Aakurath on 6th of September 2k19 with all fervor. All the teaching and non-teaching staff and students assembled and witnessed the pooja. The highlight of the celebration was the grand procession around the college premises which was followed by immersion of the idol in the Hebbal Lake. Students celebrated Onam with a lot of zeal and passion on 27th of September 2k19. All the students came in the Kerala attire and the whole college wore a festive look.



# Women's Cell

Women's cell of RCASC consists of six core committee members, and all women staff and students. The cell attends to the various complaints from the women students/staff in the campus.

In association with the International Women's day celebration, RCASC-women 's cell organized a guest lecture and cultural events on 11th march 2020. The chief guest for the event was Bengaluru DCP, Isha Pant, who gave an inspiring talk. She shared with the students her life experiences within and beyond khakhi. The day saw the scintillating ramp walk of the female faculty in the attire of various professionals.



## Ramaiah 360°+1

The Department of Journalism at Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce has a YouTube news channel with a tag line - "You provide, We present". The news channel helps students to get practical exposure as Journalists through tasks like reporting, editing, videography etc. The department organised Photography exhibition on 17th Feb 2020. Vasuki Kestur, Chief Corporate communication RCASC and Prakash, Public Relation Officer RCASC were the chief guests for the day.



## 360°+1



CORE COMMITTEE, RAMAIAH 360+1



*"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life."  
- Sidney Sheldon*



# L I B R A R Y

The Library functions as the primary information resource center and store house of books, journals, magazine, newspapers & e-resources for staff and student activities at the institute. Apart from textbooks, library houses a growing collection of reference books; journals, dictionaries, encyclopedias, yearbooks etc. Also, the library facilitates access to a number of e-journals & e-books through NLIST/INFLIBNET/ DELNET and J-Gate. The library is well equipped with audio-video service, Book Bank Kit scheme, SC/ST book bank scheme, inter-library loan, reference section, reprographic service etc. The Library has interlibrary loan facility through British Council Library, Bangalore. Library functions are automated with advanced library software 'libsoft 9.8.0' EPAC.

The department of library and information centre in association with IQAC organized a one day FDP on 'E-resource and digital content' on 21st September 2019. The sessions of the day were undertaken by resource person from Informatics Publishing, Bengaluru, British Council Library and EBSCO information services Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi

# Centre for Holistic Education

Centre for Holistic Education was set up on 10 October 2014 by RCASC to help youngsters evolve into better human beings with character, integrity and social responsibility. It conducts special lectures and talks on gender, holistic education and human values, contemporary issues which are affecting the youth of the country and personality development workshops. Every year the committee celebrates Vivekananda Jayanthi, National Youth Day and Gandhi Jayanthi. Centre for holistic Education in collaboration with DISHA charitable trust for value initiatives conducted a three-day workshop on "My Self, My Country and My Culture" - orientation for the first year degree students on 20th, 23rd, and 24th of September 2019 in the college. the workshop was divided into several sessions consisting of yoga, Pranayama, India-based Quiz, team-building exercises, psychological counseling sessions, spiritual and motivational talks.



## Physical Education

"Intelligence and skill can only function at the peak of their capacity when the body is healthy and strong."-John F. Kennedy

RCASC gives ample opportunity to students to improve their physical skills by conducting various events under sports and games. This institution leaves no stone unturned in exposing students to the large arena of athletics by giving them opportunity to participate in inter university athletics competitions. All these have been done to foster the spirit of teamwork, leadership and improved physical health. The department organizes sport meet every year and also prepares teams for games like Cricket ,Throwball and Football.



## NCC Army Wing



National Cadet Corp, 5/A coy at RCASC facilitates many events round the year, where cadets are groomed in various types of National camps conducted by the Defence Ministry, for better development of personality and character, with the objective of creating youth who are ready to render service whenever called upon to do so. Cadets from our coy have actively participated in preparing for the rigorous & competitive Republic Day celebrations done by the forces, as well as Thal Sainik camp. Our cadets have also participated in National Integration camps, Ek bharaat shreshta bharaat camps, Advanced Leadership camps, All India trekking camps, and Army Attachment camps.



Furthermore, cadets have conducted and participated in a plethora of activities such as 10KM marathons, International Yoga day celebrations, NIAP, flag area, debate competition, 100KM cycling, organization of B-Certificate examination etc. A proud moment for RCASC came when Cdt. Sai Kaustuba of B.Sc - BT participated in the Republic Day Camp held in January 2020 at Delhi.



# NCC Air Wing

The College offers the training under Air Wing of the National Cadet Corps since 2016 which is affiliated to 1 (Karnataka) Air Squadron NCC, Jakkur Aerodrome, Bengaluru. Every cadet has to attend minimum one camp to appear for 'B' Certificate exam and two camps for 'C' Certificate exam.

NCC Air Force Wing conducted 'Cleanliness Drive + No Plastic Awareness Program along with BBMP Staffs' on 25th September 2019.

Two of our cadets participated in the NCC Rally at Cariappa parade ground in New Delhi on 28th Jan 2020, At the event honourable PM Sri Narendra Modi inspected the Guard of Honour .

Cadets participated in 'India Plog Run', an effort to make the country single use-plastic free and to sensitize people on the effective management of plastic disposal' organized by United Way of India in coordination with Sahayan Club of Ramaiah Institute of Management to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.



# Placement Cell

The Placement department at RCASC is constantly networking & building the corporate relation with Industry connect across multiple sectors. It is fully dedicated in assisting the students and has been successful in placing them in corporate world.

The department liaises with leading industry experts to understand the expectation and requirements of the recruiters. Our internships and live projects develop the employability of the students. It also maintains a placement policy for both recruiters and the students. We also organize career development and industry interaction sessions with an objective of improving the skills and confidence level of our students. Towards this OG Healthcare Limited conducted campus drive for the registered students.

We have a full-fledged department to facilitate the campus drives and also have adequate infrastructure to support every stage of the placement process viz. arrangements for pre-placement talks, online tests, group discussions and face to face interviews. And also have a strong establishment and reputed recruiters visiting our campus every year.



ANISHA S

Head of the Placement cell



Top recruiter at RCASC





*“Creativity is not the finding of a thing,  
but the making of something out of it  
after it is found.”*

INGENIUM

# ODYSSEY OF RAMAIAH



Ms. Neha S

Great institutions like great men are not just born but are made. And like great men they live forever shedding benign light of knowledge everywhere and dispelling darkness from the minds of students. Ramaiah College of Arts Science and Commerce had a humble beginning in 1994, in a small building with around 120 students and 7 teaching faculty with two programs viz., B.Com and B.Sc headed by Mr. Nanjundaiah, as the Principal. The College has walked a long way and celebrated silver jubilee this year to commemorate twenty five years of useful and dedicated service to the noble cause of learning. Today, the college is sprawling with a built-up area of 1,36,342sq.ft. and offers eight under graduate programs, six post graduate programs, 90 plus faculty and 2000 students. It has many modern amenities with 48 classrooms, 25 labs, two seminar halls and an auditorium with a seating capacity of 750 persons. Twenty five years is but a short time in the history of any institute when compared with much older and experienced institutions. Still, in these short 25 years, RCASC has proven to be one among the leading institutions of India on many fronts. The College participated in the NIRF India Today ranking and was placed in the rank band of 150-200 in 2018. The Educational World has ranked our college as 28th best college in India and 7th best college in Bangalore City for the year 2019. Our corridors today, stand as silent and proud witnesses to the fact that the vision to prepare men and women for the service

of the country did indeed become a reality. By instilling not only excellence in education, but also a desire to provide for society, promote inclusion and accept diversity, the institution is nurturing and continues to nurture global leaders. The warm rays of progress emanating from this college, like beaming sunlight, have allowed students to achieve their endeavors at an insurmountable rate. Dedicated, useful and selfless service to the cause of higher education made the Teachers of Ramaiah proud and optimistic to a forthcoming era of greater dedicated and dynamic service. Given the protection of nature, good faith of the public and sincere efforts of members of the teaching fraternity, a felicitation program was organized to all the retired professors for their committed service in the growth of this institution. As it is well said, success comes to those who work hard and stays with those, who don't rest on the laurels of the past. Dr. Gururaj-Karajgi, an eminent personality and director of Creative Teaching Academy was invited along with Prof. B Krishnappa, Prof. Shankar Rao and Prof. Raghavendra on this occasion. All these highly experienced professors and scholars motivated the young faculties and made them feel proud for the profession they are in. Thus, on the silver jubilee, the institution breathes easy and sighs in relief and content with the confirmation that the foundation of RCASC has remained stable and its legacy has continued to blossom. Individuals marked with the brand Ramaiah continue to carry it with them, as they proudly stride past the hurdles that life has to offer. The lessons they learned under the roof of this institution which harbored and fostered not just their body but their very souls. A smile adorns our face as we read the phrase "It's not a college, it's a way of life"; and with us smile all the countless others who know the phrase to be more than the absolute truth.

# 'IN BETWEEN-NESS' IN LIFE



Sripriya M

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Life is full of in between-nesses. In between-ness is a circumstance or a situation of life in which you feel that you want to do something or you are forced to do something due to peer pressure but you also want to do something else; then you get stuck up and you will feel that it would be right or wrong if you do certain things. This type of a feeling or a circumstance that you face where you do not know what to choose between two things is called 'in-between-ness'.

“Either come closer or stay away. Being in between is very exhaustive”.

Now you might be thinking, “What exactly is she trying to say?” Let's read further to understand and get a clear picture of 'in between-ness' by reading my story. I vaguely remember about the initial situations of in between-ness in my early childhood. But there are things which I remember. Firstly, I am a left-handed person and people in India have a misconception that it is inauspicious to do things with your left hand rather than your right hand. They'll tell that God will not like it. As if God is not left handed. “Who knows!?”. And as for me, I don't believe in things like these and end up doing things in my preferred hand.

Let me talk about the situations of in-between-ness which I faced during my sophomore in school i.e. when I was fifteen years of age. I had shifted from my old house and joined a new school where the syllabus was kind of difficult for me to adjust to. As a result of which, my parents joined me to tuition classes. I also had a thing in pursuing a hobby such as singing or dancing. I was in the in between ness of either going to music or dance classes or going to tuition classes. After a lot of thinking, I went to join the tuition classes which then, did me no

good. I regretted my decision of joining tuition classes but could not help it at that point of time. I passed my 'X' grade with good results and joined my pre-university college. Again, the syllabi were pretty difficult for me to cope up with and again I joined tuition classes which again did me no good and again I regretted my decision. I cleared my pre-university with good results.

Now, I thought and rethought about that. I should not regret in taking a course and build my career on the same course. I had studied physics, chemistry, mathematics and biology in my pre-university; but had no thought of pursuing the mainstream careers such as engineering or medicine and I surely wanted to do something different. Without a further thought, I took up arts/humanities in which a combination of subjects such as Psychology, Journalism and English Literature. This is the best thing that has ever happened in my life; alongside this. I have enough time for co-curricular activities. I go for karate, dance and swimming classes. I also sing sometimes.

When it comes to career, I am still 'in between' of what to choose. Should it be psychology? or journalism? Is there any other career apart from these which might be comfortable for me? Presently being in the sophomore of university degree i.e. the second year, this is my 'in between-ness'. And the in-between-ness state continues to be with me at every crossroads in my life's journey, as it goes on. I hope that you have got a clear picture and a better understanding of 'in between-ness' with my story. Enjoy whatever you do and it is never late to change your decision. It is always 'better late than never'.

# Pride

Love is love



## THE CLOUD OVER THE RAINBOW

” Is a reason necessary? I don’t know why you would hate someone, but to love someone, a logical mind isn’t necessary”. We often try to find a million reason to hate someone. In the story, “The tell-tale heart”, the narrator hated his neighbour because he didn’t like his eye and so, he killed him. After reading that story, many might think that these kinds of things don’t happen in real life. But the truth is that it happens. It happens everywhere. Of those million reasons to hate someone, one is - ‘Being Different’.

Many times we see that people like to flaunt their modern lifestyles and their qualifications. They want to be seen and to be known as someone with modern outlook which means a person with progressive thinking. However, when it comes to digesting the fact that same sex love is real, the same modern mind somehow gets teleported to the Stone Age. In the name of society the people’s mind changes over to one with patriarchal nature and starts to control people. It behaves like one of those very possessive partners. It likes to put restrictions on how women should dress, how they should act, when they should return home, who they talk to and what they want to do with their life. It has made a stereotypical image of masculinity. Men should not cry, men should not wear makeup, men don’t get

raped, and boys shouldn’t play with dolls and so on. And if they somehow do any of that, they aren’t masculine enough and they will probably get asked to ‘Man Up!’. If all these restrictions weren’t enough, It also puts an restriction on who you can love and marry. According to the society we live in, love and marriage is supposed to happen between a man and a woman.

I am pretty sure they don’t understand the concept of love. Our society thinks that love, marriage and reproduction are part of the same equation. Is it though? Is it justified that just because most same-sex couples cannot reproduce, it somehow makes their love and marriage invalid? We say that homosexuality is against our culture without the epiphany that we are a real life example of “Empty vessels sound much”. Moreover, what exactly is culture? It’s not like the earth’s rotation or revolution, neither is it like the twinkling of stars or the rage of the seven seas. Men didn’t create all those things nor do men have any control over it. However, men created cultures and religions and various other ways to create barriers amongst themselves and men actually have total control over it. The biggest irony is the fact that we call homosexuality unnatural and against our culture and religion, but the truth is that they don’t go hand in hand. You cannot call something unnatural and against your

culture and religion because culture and religion are man-made. No other species in the world practices religion but there are several species that show signs of homosexuality.

The black and white nature of the institution of marriage doesn't account for intersex and Trans non-binary people. It's already known to many people that gender is a spectrum. With that, I would also like to point out that sex is no different. People are born with male genitals, female genitals and several variations of both. Does that mean that they should just live their life alone?

Talking about Trans people, it's okay for you to get a kidney transplant but if a trans person gets any surgery to align their mind and body, it's unnatural. The only difference is that you will probably die if you don't get that kidney transplant but the trans person will have to live the rest of their life as a zombie while singing - "Hello Dysphoria, my old foe".

You know the actual reason as to why people are so hell bent on suppressing the LGBT community? It's their freedom and strength. They dare to wear whatever they want, they dare to love whoever they want, they dare to be whoever they want and they dare to stand up against our social norms and it scares people. They have been fighting for their rights (the right to love and the right to be themselves) peacefully for so long and they are slowly winning. Of course, there are those occasional hiccups on the way like on 11/12/13(In India) and currently (in USA) where progress moved backwards. It's like Tesla launched their next car and it was a Fiat.

On a serious note, our education system needs a serious overhaul and amongst other things, our education system should start teaching us about sexual orientation, gender identity and sex education. But teaching children about sexual orientation and gender identity has a huge opposition from a lot of parents around the globe. When we see a 13 year old girl crushing on a boy, we pass it off as cute. But when we see a 13 year old girl crushing on another 13 year old girl, it's somehow inappropriate. Sexual orientation and gender identity is something that today's youth should start learning about. It's a fact that not talking about these issues results in growing up with the same prejudices and stereotypes that our parents grew up with. We tend to inherit stereotypes and prejudice from our parents but we need to understand that they are not always right. They don't know everything.

We humans tend to think that we know everything. We discovered gravity, we have travelled to space, we have mastered medicines, we have learned to fly and we have done so much more. But it's just a drop of knowledge compared to what's out there. We still have so much to learn about nature, about our planet and about the vast universe that lies beyond the Milky Way. Yet, we tend to see the world in black and white. People say that being gay is against nature because two men or two women cannot reproduce. But is nature so black and white? There are people who are born with their heart on their left, there are twins who are conjoined, there are people who are born with more than 5 fingers. Even sex isn't just male and female. Just like gender, sex is also a spectrum. This just proves how diverse nature is. If nature was so black and white, everyone in this planet would have the same face. We need to accept the fact that people can be different and that being different does not mean it's unnatural. So, let's celebrate diversity in all hues and shades.

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# NAVIGATING QUEER SAFE SPACES IN INSTITUTIONS



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**\*Trigger Warnings\*:** This article contains excerpt mentions of Harassment, Sexual Assault.

Queer is an umbrella term and it also means without labels. Queer = LGBTQIA+ The idea of a safe space arises with the need of understanding and exploring spaces around us. It's typically the notion that gets triggered when one thinks of how we absorb the space around us and how we can make it more acceptable, tolerant and progressive. The concept of safe spaces come with an understanding that these spaces serve for the minority or a certain section of individuals who have a common oppressor or a form of oppressive identity that is very relatable in all forms. It would be apt to cite the example of safe spaces in academic environments like Dalit and Bhaujan safe spaces or safe circles in Universities that address the key issues on caste discrimination and harassment. Queer safe spaces are a taboo, especially in Premier Indian Universities for the very same reason that it attracts the wrong attention from students while students should be solely focused and interested in education. Navigating through the rough waters of gender and sexuality is always seen as a 'No Permission' zones. One is expected to drown into helplessness during those unique and uncomfortable circumstances. This in turn creates an environment of hush hush and no talk on something as basic as exploring oneself. The myths and taboos surrounding these narratives often put queer students at the risk of harassment, sexual assault and victims of slurs etc. While many colleges presently do offer Queer

cells for helping their students out with whatever resources they can, the idea needs to be normalized! This very idea can change narratives and change lives. Navigation of safe spaces in Institutions of knowledge can be tiring especially with joining dots to what really contributes as a safe space. A classroom certainly can be held up for a debate, discussion, rant but it cannot be held up as a safe space for many because safety over visibility is something a lot of queer students choose. This navigation is also a form of self-understanding and self-discovery to what contributes a sense of a safe space around you. A safe space also contributes to sharing of resources and community building by working together. There is no doubt that these components are essential aspects of how we make communities better and more progressive. Wanting a queer space in college or having a queer space also does exactly the same - it helps in building a community of people who think alike and work alike. Certain people have common misconceptions that Safe spaces are also dating spaces which is entirely false narrative. A safe space establishes itself on the narrative of being away from personal associations and attachments. It also does not have any hierarchical and membership requirements/procedures usually ( unless specified by certain safe spaces ). Safe spaces act as grassroots for social and community change and they also add elements of fun and exploration. Safe spaces should also have this prime principle - whether they cater for any gender, sexuality, creed, caste, race, ethnicity, and people with special needs. The space also needs to work on issues like accessibility of resources and needs. Sharing of resources and information is a privileged stance, so making resources available in local regional languages is a Total Yes!

# WHAT IS LIFE? AND HOW ARE WE ALIVE?



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Is there a line where you stop being you? And does this question even make sense?

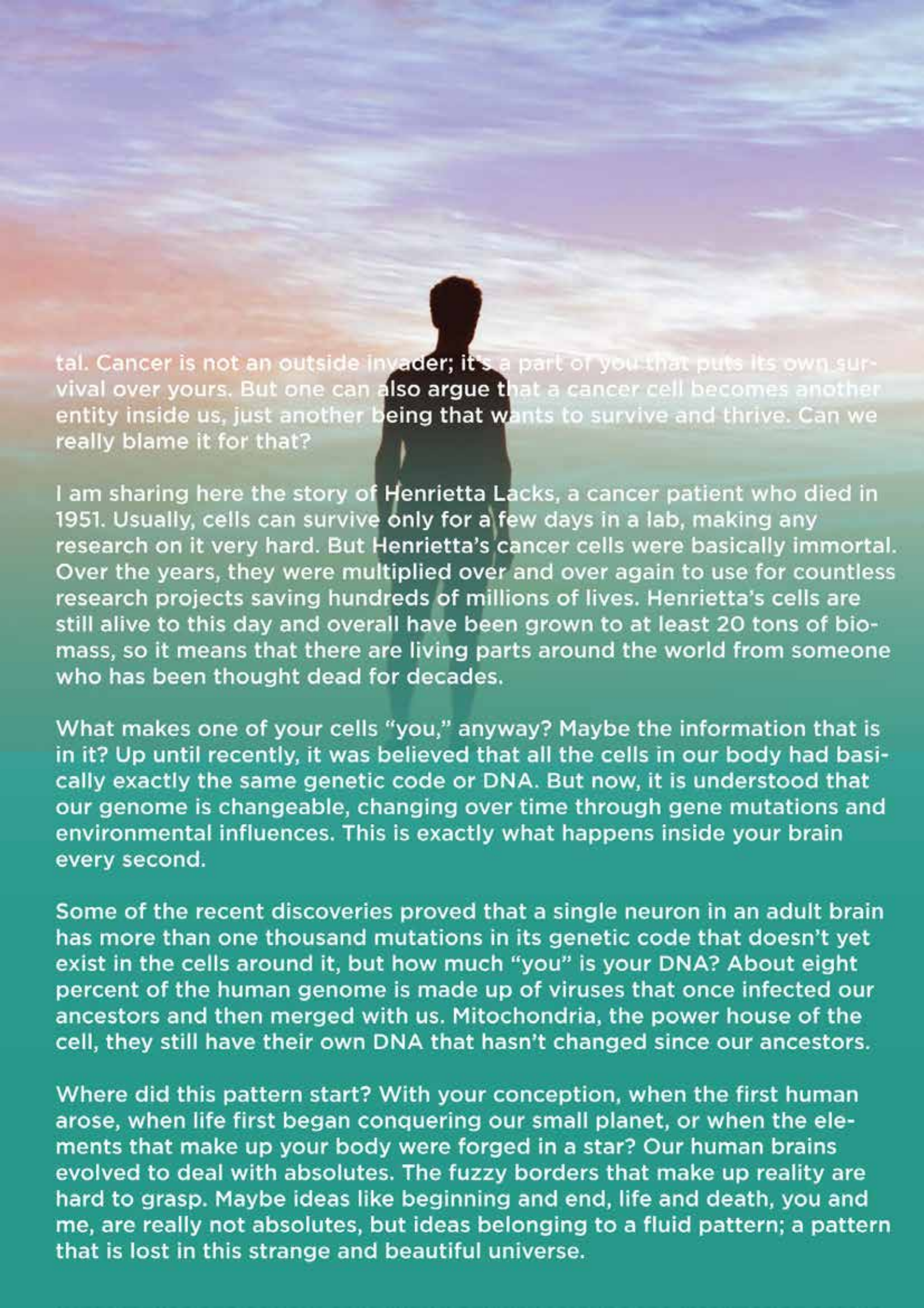
If we take cells from our body and drop them in the right biological environment, they will stay alive for a while, which proves that our cells can exist without us, but we can't exist without them. If we take all the cells away, there is no "us" anymore. Is there a line where a pile of our cells stops being us? For example, if we donate an organ, billions of our cells will continue to live on inside someone else. Does this mean that a part of us became a part of someone else, or is it the other body that is keeping a part of us alive?

Our physical existence is cells, billions and trillions of them, ten times more than the number of stars in the Milky Way. A cell is a living thing, a machine made up of more than 50 thousand different proteins. It is not self-aware, it has no will or purpose, but it is still an individual. Together, our cells form complicated organs that will perform functions like preparing food, gathering resources, moving stuff around, looking and

feeling the environment, and many more.

Let us imagine an experiment: you and a random person exchange cells. A single one at a time, your body gets one of their cells and theirs get one of yours. At which point will they become you? Or will they ever? Let's see if we can make this more complicated! The image of ourselves as a static thing is unreasonable. Almost all of our cells will die during our lifetime. About three hundred million died since you've started reading this article, alone, between one and three million per second. In a seven-year period, most of your cells are replaced at least once during your lifetime. Every time your cells setup changes, you are slightly different than before, so the fact is a part of you is dying constantly.

If you are lucky enough to become old, you would have cycled through roughly a million billion cells. So, what you consider yourself is really just a photograph. But sometimes cells are corrupted and don't want to die; they question the very nature of the unity of our bodies. We call them cancer. They destroy the biological social contract and become immor-



tal. Cancer is not an outside invader; it's a part of you that puts its own survival over yours. But one can also argue that a cancer cell becomes another entity inside us, just another being that wants to survive and thrive. Can we really blame it for that?

I am sharing here the story of Henrietta Lacks, a cancer patient who died in 1951. Usually, cells can survive only for a few days in a lab, making any research on it very hard. But Henrietta's cancer cells were basically immortal. Over the years, they were multiplied over and over again to use for countless research projects saving hundreds of millions of lives. Henrietta's cells are still alive to this day and overall have been grown to at least 20 tons of biomass, so it means that there are living parts around the world from someone who has been thought dead for decades.

What makes one of your cells "you," anyway? Maybe the information that is in it? Up until recently, it was believed that all the cells in our body had basically exactly the same genetic code or DNA. But now, it is understood that our genome is changeable, changing over time through gene mutations and environmental influences. This is exactly what happens inside your brain every second.

Some of the recent discoveries proved that a single neuron in an adult brain has more than one thousand mutations in its genetic code that doesn't yet exist in the cells around it, but how much "you" is your DNA? About eight percent of the human genome is made up of viruses that once infected our ancestors and then merged with us. Mitochondria, the power house of the cell, they still have their own DNA that hasn't changed since our ancestors.

Where did this pattern start? With your conception, when the first human arose, when life first began conquering our small planet, or when the elements that make up your body were forged in a star? Our human brains evolved to deal with absolutes. The fuzzy borders that make up reality are hard to grasp. Maybe ideas like beginning and end, life and death, you and me, are really not absolutes, but ideas belonging to a fluid pattern; a pattern that is lost in this strange and beautiful universe.



# FROM NEPAL TO INDIA - A JOURNEY



Medha

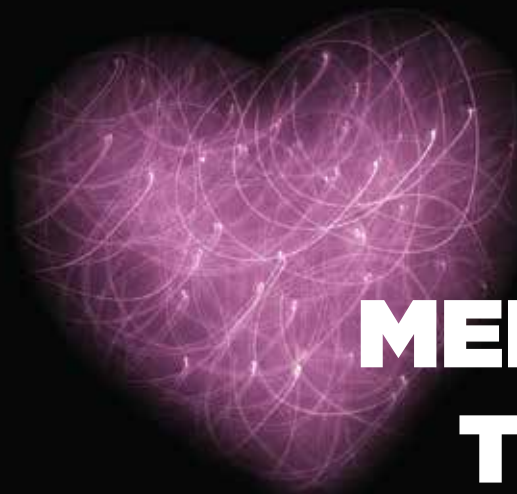
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With moments to spare, I catch a glimpse of my parents, in the distance, and rush toward the gate. Their hearts must be filled with so many aspirations for their daughter, I thought to myself, as I made my way through the familiarity of Tribhuvan International Airport, Nepal. I wasn't going to be home for a while, I thought to myself. My journey wasn't going to be very easy; I had mixed feelings about the endeavour I was to embark upon. Bengaluru... One of the busiest cities in India...A city of greenery, hope and opportunities for an aspiring student! As I claimed my baggage at Kempegowda International airport, sandwiched between a stream of people, I took a look around me. So many hopeful eyes, many bearing a keen energy and immense eagerness. This was obviously a hub for students and professionals alike, who were in pursuit of opportunity and a burning desire to make big in life. I came out of the arrival terminal; I took my first view of the city. I thought of what I left behind, and kept a tenuous grasp on my baggage just as I did of my reason to be here, and took a step into oblivion. However, there were times, when certain questions would arise in my mind: Which station do I call home? The place I left or the place I reside at currently? Arrival or departure? Like a compass with a broken needle, I found it difficult to decide my true North. It was even more difficult to say goodbye to my loved ones every time I left Nepal after the holidays, because I always knew that it would be a while before I could see them again. It was hard to spend time with my family, for at the back of my mind, I would count the number of days left that I could be with them. Once I was here, and college finally began. I started to do what I came here for. It was time

to get to work. My home sickness was trying to etch its way in, but I managed to distract myself with the workload that was placed before me. I tried my best not to think of this place as a foreign land. This was home, for the next 3 years or more, this is where I had to be, and made an attempt to seek happiness where I was. I was beginning to realise that leaving your hometown isn't as bad as it is made to sound. I was in a new place, and since I was alone, I was forced to be more interactive. This helped me make more friends. It didn't matter that I was away from home, because I was then able to establish that familiarity myself. I took part in activities, and kept a good repertoire with my academics. My performance helped me gain confidence. That was when I realised; leaving home was not a wrong decision. It wasn't a burden to be outside one's home if one can find a homely feeling in the new place. I started enjoying being here. The Institute I studied in gave me the opportunity to grow. I was slowly transitioning into adulthood, as the semesters passed.

Days passed...Months passed...Every part of me was trying to assimilate everything that is an integral part of a Bangalorean. I slowly began to feel at home here.

You know how people often say that college articles are dry and often formulaic? I disagree with that, because I was given the opportunity to write about this journey I had been a part of and am currently in. I am glad that I got a chance to share my experience with everyone, especially the youngsters that are new to this city, new to this environment. This entire experience felt right. Moving to a new city for education is tough, but it gives you the chance to be one with new cultures, new languages and new people. It is an enriching experience and a wonderful exposure for students. Why not take such an opportunity? This place and this college have already given me so many beautiful memories and I can't wait to see what my future holds. They say "the journey matters more than the destination". But sometimes the destination is all that matters.



# MELODIES OF THE HEART



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When I am in great despair  
the verses begin to flow.  
Words which I never dreamed of  
clicks together to form a song.  
Expression takes over me,  
a force from my subconsciousness  
controls me,  
it is during this time  
I am completely myself

The story of my life,  
Is it the story of darkness?  
You are the light  
to this story of mine, that  
shine brightly and,  
get rid of this darkness  
that rests within me.  
Yet you shine distantly like a star  
unreachable for me.

I need to become the perfect me  
the me, who is confident  
of himself and feels great  
about life and its cold grasp.  
The me who is loving, but  
filled with hatred is who,  
I must overcome?  
I know it's going to be hard  
So, come at me with all you've got!

The boy in the library  
sat in the corner  
with no friends or anyone.  
He began to weep  
and the books saw this  
and felt pity.  
The boy saw the books  
filling his body with pain,  
but he moved on  
and took a book  
and started reading.  
This is how he conquered  
the library itself.

A fire is burning inside me  
a fire of hope,  
this fire, a power I know  
will engulf everything in its path.  
An ocean of energy is released  
when inspiration sets in  
and all that is required is  
to control the ocean itself!!

# SCARS ARE BEAUTIFUL



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“All the way battling through the storms, now have you found your home. The constant war on your abandoned heart, was only to keep it at peace. Scars that gave you life and wounds that healed your soul; are left unrevealed”.

It's a reality where the outcome is what interests people, while the journey is left ignored. The refinement of your thoughts and perception towards life and its elements, is something that majorly contributes to mindfulness. It is all that matters at the end of the day. However, the area which we as a society choose to consider is the superficial success of the individual. The mental, emotional and moral evolution in a person is as much needed to be acknowledged as the financial and social success. I dream of a time where we can embrace and recognize the internal growth of a person. Often times, we are tagged with having been "changed", but never really discovered for how we have evolved. There definitely is a difference. We are always in-between, we never really choose to understand the extremes and that's a problem right there. The world refuses to hear the stories of survival. It refuses to see the progress in a person's thinking and mentality. I certainly can't resist those occasional moments of frustration and anger towards society, which is something that I see to have a potentially damaging influence on an individual. The thought speaks volumes of truth. Truth that hurts. Nonetheless today, unaffected by the world and it's hypocrisy, I remain grateful for my lowest points in life and the biggest lessons I have learned from them. I remain grateful for the hardships that challenged my consciousness, and further

led me to understand valuable concepts in life. A million hurdles come your way, a thousand things could be at stake, only to unveil the confidence and authenticity within you. Every hardship has a purpose. A purpose to awaken the person you are meant to be. The originality within you is who you are. Scars are lessons. Scars are a part of your identity. They add to the very existence of your abstract self. It's absolutely healthy to show pride in the healing of your self. The society needs to understand the process and progress of its people, keeping individuality into context. For, the struggle to adapt authenticity is real. Especially in this era, where everybody is everybody else, with growing efforts to live for acceptance, it's real hard to own our differences. Those differences that make our identity. Impersonating each other to "fit in" into a certain category that is "accepted" is dangerous and is no doubt a foolish, yet conscious attempt to lose our authentic selves. You don't have to live up to something or someone, whilst there is freedom. Freedom to present something new, something different. It only takes a choice to break those shackles of fear. Can we ever be ourselves, if we can't honour our uniqueness? Come home. Feel this life within you and live it a little more. Embrace your flaws and scars. Contribute to the diversity of humankind.

I'm afraid, this fear of being judged, would conceal so many of those minds that could have otherwise graced their presence profoundly and remarkably. Give it a thought.

# THE SCIENCE OF OF REALISAT



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“Some take drugs and some drink bottles; some solve their problems by twisting throttles.” - Anonymous. The 18th of November, 2017, was a sunny Saturday in Bangalore with the clouds hanging above the blue horizon like fleets of soft cotton in the evening. The cacophony of the screaming and sobbing cars seemed to blur in the distance as the duke 220 revved into the breath-taking expressway, the Bengaluru-Mysore Infrastructure corridor, popularly known as the NICE Road. If you have travelled this part of the city you might have noticed the huge smooth lanes lined by forests and patches of fields with few establishments concerning housing and industries on the either sides. The expressway is mostly 4 or 6 lane routes connecting the different parts of Bangalore for the residents to have a hustle free drive, saving a lot more time than those of the normal city routes. The peak hour traffic has the amazing capability to convert any human’s strongest cup of coffee into a mere cup of water, and no one needs to start on the petrol or diesel draining into nothingness as the crowd inches forward to their respective destinations.

The ironic part of the trip has got to be the starting itself, because if you were to enter the corridor you would notice the disrupted roads, adorned with potholes and patches of dirty water like small heavens for the breeding insects. A huge board

introduces the expressway and thus, starts the ride through one of the most hyped roads of Bangalore. In the beginning the toll gate charges about eighty rupees for Tumkur road from Bannerughatta. For the people travelling for the first time through the expressway, a little rider to rider advice – do not lose the slip! Because you might find yourself wandering for miles trying to get out of a fool’s situation.

As the toll road disappears behind the roar of the proton-mod engine, the barricades on the sides of the expressway, separating wilderness from technology seem to mock at the rider, as if trying to say that there’s a highway to hell and a stairway to heaven and this explains the anticipated road kills and instils a sense of responsibility out of sheer fear of staying alive for the teenage mind. But in the spur of the moment the adrenaline seems to take charge of the instantaneous reaction to the view of those empty huge roads running miles into the horizon, and the idea of getting a speeding ticket is simply stalled away in daring mockery and confidence in one’s skills too easily zoom past the expecting cop, waiting for some extra earning for the day. But as the bike revs forward to the thirteenth kilometre approximately, a seemingly non-existent bob of red appears in the distance and it radiates crystal-like glimmers as the setting sun shines upon the ball of wrecked metal, as if vultures awaiting upon a dying carcass. As the view becomes clearer with every

# THE ADRENALINE IONS

mile falling short, the upside down red Nissan Pathfinder lay in clouds of dust. As the bike inched near the seemingly dismantled car, the damage could make anyone go dry to the spine. The car was upside down with a huge dent on the driver's side door, and chips of red paint came off here and there and it was clear that this was caused due to some huge collision and the mind just wanders off to weird dimension comparing it to meteors crashing to the surface of the earth. It probably would even answer the age old question as to what would happen if an immovable object meets an unstoppable force.

Coming out of the questions popping, one could see the slow crowd forming around the wreck scene out of sheer curiosity. Some already jumped to conclusions about the driver being drunk or the mere recklessness of speeding over the legal speed limit. No one seemed to notice the punctured back tyre of the car which now lay toppled in the air dwindling over the burned smell surrounding the place. The driver had a major injury on the head and after some insight it finally became clear that the mishap happened some ten minutes before people had arrived on the scene. A huge lorry carrying cars was right in front the car when it suddenly pulled its brakes and out of reflex the driver of the Nissan pulled the brakes but it was too late and too much force and after losing control of the steering, it crashed into the lorry and the reaction sent the car flying and skidded to a stop after three rolls into the divider. Apparently that's how the tyre burst and sent grass ablaze and it landed with an immense force. The driver claimed to be lucky that he escaped with his life. The lorry was nowhere to be seen and he definitely didn't smell like he was under the influence of alcohol. There was no reason to stand and wait for anything, for the ambulance and the tow-away service arrived and the crowd disappeared.

As the bike rode into oblivion, one would seriously consider their decisions and opinions about life and the way they deal with obscuring issues and blunders. Imagining oneself in the same situation makes us rethink our choices in life and the places small mistakes could take us to. The rest of the ride went into a quiet, thoughtful journey as the streetlights flickered to life as darkness dawned over the dying sun. Looking past the lights in the distant horizon, the wind seemed to clear the mind off its confused, mingled thoughts and the bigger picture became clearer. Even amidst all that chaos and tragedy, one can't help but think about how failures save lives. In the airline industry, every time a plane crashes, the probability of the next crash is lowered by that. The Titanic saved lives because we are building bigger and bigger ships. So these people died, but we have effectively improved the safety of the system, and nothing failed in vain. So though drugs and bottles might not be the solution to the problems life bless us with, but twisting the throttle too hard might snatch that one chance to even deal with the problem sanely or even while breathing in the human body.

# DON'T PASS THE BATON TO US



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As most science fictions claim, we are on the verge of relocating. Despite being the only inhabitable planet in a billion light years at the moment, we are not entirely happy with our current state of being. One might wonder what could drive us away from our planet? The truth is, we ruined it. We were so busy chasing our own interests that we turned a blind eye to the mess we made. Yet the concept of climate change is so repetitive that people seek to turn the page on the matter just as they turn the page on their responsibility to this impending crisis.

An average human being is taught that the drive for success has a financial motive. Our scorecard and salary are those pointers that are indicative of how well we are established in life. Who started this trend? Could it be the elders? Who were themselves taught of the same concept, or is it the next generation, that is responsible for placing a raging demand on the market?

As Greta Thunberg said, “this is all wrong, I shouldn't be here, I should be in School, on the other side of the ocean, yet you come to us young people for hope?” “How dare you!” these words are not quoted from a teen fiction. These are in fact the words of a 16-year old Swedish climate activist. This viral address by Thunberg to the United Nation Climate Action Summit took the world by storm. Celebrities around the world were all praise to this young girl, whose words were able to shake into consciousness the vast population of countries all together. Yet some spectators

were humoured by her emotionally charged speech, as they saw her as a mere spectacle rather than a revolutionary. Such is the hypocrisy exhibited by most adults, they teach kids to grow up, but when children start to take matters into their own hands and urge them to make a change, they remark that we are just kids, and this is beyond us. Some even went on to remark, that the climate change is not led by scientists or “mentally ill” Swedish children, but by politicians. Is it the politicians then that we can pass the blame to? They are people's representatives, and the primary law-making body, should it be their responsibility to formulate a plan to reverse this international crisis, that is climate change? Probably a matter of trivial importance to them.

So whose fault is it? Whom can we pass the blame to? Whom can we point our fingers at? The answer is you. Not just the adults, millennials, climate activists or politicians, but all of us collectively. The climate change cannot rest its shoulders on a group of people, but all of them. There is no hierarchy for this matter, every thriving human being, notwithstanding their size, age, gender or status. We all contribute to our carbon footprint, exactly whom do we think we are lying to? We all have the ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, or reduce plastic waste by putting restrictions on ourselves. It is our will power that drives us, not our leaders, not our seniors but ourselves.

Human beings are recorded as the most intelligent animals on the planet, did we ever take a gander at how that would turn on us and stab us in the back? Our minds are always curious to look at things in a different

way or alter something to our needs, and look where that got us. We mass produced so much that everything is now in excess and poisoning the surroundings, deterring them from thriving. Is it possible that this time we put our remarkable intellect to reversing climate change and bringing things back as they were? If you are counting the days that remain for the complete depletion of resources, bear in mind that the forest fires, endangered species and rising sea levels are waiting for no one. Global warming is not a trending topic; it is a responsibility.

So if we were wondering when it would be time for us to take on another planet, here is a wakeup call to all of our oblivion. There is no planet B, we don't get second chances for this. Escaping our problems does not eliminate them from existence and we are beyond the point of passing blames. Point the finger at yourself this time. Don't pass the baton to us.

## THE COUNTRY HAS FAILED ITS DAUGHTERS



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A heritage so divine and versatile  
Shrunk to a mere loop of hell.  
Where riots and protests emerge now  
About that one story to tell.

One story, many characters  
You and me can be one tomorrow.  
Not realising how realistic it can be  
To go through that pain and sorrow.

A place where women are objectified  
Over and over again.  
Played with a thousand times over  
Like it's just a silly game.

Mothers crying over the blood  
Left on her daughter's sheet.  
The whole country protests about the justice  
But all we get is defeat.

The pages in the Bible  
Talking about the punishment for sin.  
Following our rituals every time  
But letting these demons win.

Rape culture it is  
That's all about this place.  
The worst truth of all  
But the one we are compelled to face.

## THE DEVIL IN THE DARK



Unnathi J

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Time has flown  
Ideas are born  
Trends are on  
Generations have gone  
And woman ...  
Yes, her cries are gone  
Other than a mother  
She is a teacher, a lawyer  
And even a doctor.  
Her heads are raised higher  
Equality is demanded  
Discrimination is discarded  
Voices of freedom repeated  
But,  
Let your ears sharpen,  
without a word just listen  
Can't you hear the sobs?  
Can't you see these hidden tears?  
Yes!

The evil is still alive  
It is reborn with a new face and  
a stronger base  
Women are killed and sold  
Earlier in the night, now in the dark  
She is still on the never raising balance  
But nothing can help  
She lives with tears in her eyes throughout...

# BACK TO T



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It was somewhere mid of 2025 that we had completed our dream project i.e. "THE TIME MACHINE" and we were going to test it. On the testing day—"switch on the hyper drive on the count of three!" I said to my friend. He gave me thumbs up from the controlling terminal, half a hundred meters away.

So, the countdown begun.....3,2,1,0!!! After almost a minute, my time machine banged on the solid earth. I stumbled down out of the machine. I couldn't breathe so I put on an oxygen mask. I stood up with my mouth open; I could not believe what I saw "was that the earth? Our mother earth?" As far as I could see, the land was barren; there were deep cracks in the crust, the environment was scorching hot. I tried looking up and went momentarily blind. Dark, dusty clouds hung over the sky. I took out my compass and started walking north. After about thirty minutes, I came to a place where the soil was a little higher. A saw that a man in khaki was running towards me. I ran in the opposite direction. After running for about ten minutes, I came to a place surrounded by barbed wires. I slid through it nimbly and entered into, what seemed to me, a village. I moved stealthily, just in case someone attacked me. Out of the blue, a grey hand grabbed me and pulled me inside a shanty.

"Who are you?!" The one who had pulled me inside asked and switched on the light. I stopped there, gaping at him. No, this couldn't be true. "Who are you?!" he repeated. "you wouldn't believe me but I am here from the year 2025!" I told the old man. He was bold and looked emaciated; veins were clearly visible. They were emerging from his arms. He looked pitiable and horrific at the same time.

"I believe you" he said. He was looking at me intently.

"So.....um.... which year is this?" I asked to break the silence.

"This is the year 2090".

There was an awkward silence. "Will you take my message to the past?" he asked abruptly. "Yes, why not," I replied.

"Sit down, and listen carefully as I don't have much time left with me. I am one of the oldest people in the society. I have just turned seventy but still look like eighty-five. Life expectancy is now only fifty. I suffer from serious kidney problems because I don't drink enough water.

I remember when I was five, everything was different then. There were beautiful parks, gardens and trees. I could enjoy a shower for half an hour. Now we have to use towels soaked in mineral oil to clean our skin. Earlier women had long and beautiful hair. Now we have to shave our heads to keep them clean, without the use of water. Earlier on my father used a hose pipe to wash his car and now my son doesn't believe that water could be wasted that way. I remember there used to be 'save water' campaigns, slogans on the poster, televisions, internet, and other means of communication. But nobody paid attention, now all the water resources have either dried up or contaminated.

"Earlier, the recommended quantity of water to drink for an adult was 8 glasses a day, but now I am allowed only 2 glasses. Food is 80% synthetic. The appearance of people is horrific, wrinkled bodies due to dehydration, sores due to UV rays now more powerful without the protective ozone layer. Skin cancer, gastrointestinal infection, etc. are the major causes of death. Due to drying of skin, people of age 20 look like 45. The intellectual capacity of new generation is severely impaired. Because of mutation in genes, 70-80% babies are born with deformities. "industry has come virtually to stand still and unemployment has reached



# THE FUTURE

alarming proportions. Workers even receive a part of salary as drinkable water. Assaults at gun points in the streets for can of water are very common. We have to wear disposable clothes, he continued-and this increases the amount of litter. Scientists investigate but there is no solution. Water cannot be produced. The quality of oxygen has degraded due to lack of trees and vegetation. The government makes us pay for the air we breathe.”

“Here are no trees, no vegetation since it seldom rains. When it does, its acidic. We were told to look after the environment but nobody cares. When my son asks me about my youth, I tell him about the beauty showcased by mother nature and when he asks, “daddy! Why is there no water?” then I feel lump in my throat.

I can’t help feeling guilty because I belonged to the generation who contributed to the destruction of the environment. I sincerely believe that within a short span of time, life will not be possible on earth because of the progress of the world in destruction of nature. He stood clutching his head. How I would not like to go back and make the mankind understand..... we have time to save our planet earth then!”

He grabbed me. “Go back, go back from where you came. Tell your people that its not too late. Do not let children suffer from the mistake you made.” He was looking maniacal.

“I.....I promise I will.” He let me go. “But how can I change the future?”

“No, this one the future!!!!!”

I do not understand, I said.

“You know about the theory of parallel universe? It’s the choice you make that decides the universe you are in. You simultaneously exist in thousands or millions of universes. This may be the future but is only one of them. Just give heed to the warnings. You will have a better future. Your prodigy will not suffer.”

“But this theory disproved by some scientist in 2021!” I exclaimed.

“The equation given by this theory cannot be solved.”

“That’s a mistake. Come with me I will show you.” He said.

I followed him into what looked like his old study. “Here! Have a look at them!” he gave some papers in my hand. The handwriting looked distinctly familiar I scanned the papers. The way the equation worked out was excellent. Suddenly something hit me. “But how did you solve this?”, I asked. “I did not”, he said. “then who did?” I looked at the papers again he took a long breath and said “It was you”. I looked up, not believing my ears. “I am your son”, he said.

I switched on the hyper drive. “I will save my planet.....my home.....my earth.” I said to myself and landed in my year.....

MESSAGE: “WE HAVE NOT INHERITED EARTH FROM OUR FOREFATHERS BUT WE HAVE SNATCHED IT FROM OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS”.

# SHOULD WE SAY YES TO DESIGNER GENES?



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“Genetic modification, like any other kind of modification, is good if you modify in a good direction, bad if you modify in a bad direction” - RICHARD DAWKINS

People save money in banks, in case of an emergency. Genetic banks serve a similar purpose for farmers and scientists who work to conserve rare plants and animals. Researchers or farmers can withdraw samples from these “gene” banks to help rebuild populations of rare plant varieties and animal breeds or to help increase genetic diversity within species. Gene banks also preserve cells or organisms that host unusual gene variants — genes with special traits. Those genes might later prove useful when some disease epidemic strikes, when the climate changes or when other factors threaten the survival of plants or animals. Farmers could use the banked deposits — stored cells or tissues — to restore genetic diversity or to introduce traits from other breeds or varieties. Some gene banks house millions or even billions of plant seeds. The San Diego Institute for Conservation Research houses another project, called the Frozen Zoo. Its collection includes cells from thousands of birds, reptiles, mammals, amphibians and fish. The cells stored there might one day be used to help rebuild populations of endangered species. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Research Service (ARS) has an even bigger program. It has almost a million samples of semen, blood and embryos from both common and rare breeds. A gene bank can hold many different types of

materials. There may be seeds that will grow into whole plants or eggs and sperm that can be united to create an animal. Or there may be animal embryos, which can be implanted into surrogate mothers. Some gene banks store stem cells, which scientists may one day use to produce eggs and sperm. Banks can even store reproductive organs, such as ovaries and testes. After thawing, these organs can go into animals of other breeds or even other species. Gene banks are a backup for the future, but they’ve already proven useful. In 2004, for instance, SVF took a few frozen embryos from a rare breed, the Tennessee fainting goat, and implanted them into a more common Nubian goat. That work produced Chip, known as “Chocolate Chip” at birth. Chip proved that the process could work, and now he’s a sign of hope for rare breeds. On the one side Genetic Engineering extends hope to humanity, but on the flip side it leads to many ethical questions that put the same humanity into perplexity and discomfiture.

Looking at the speed at which the field of Genetic Engineering is advancing, Ray Dalio, American investor and entrepreneur says, “given advances in genetic engineering, it’s reasonable to expect that someday genetic engineers might mix and match features of different species’ brains for different purposes--if you want to have a heightened sense of sight, say, genetic engineers might be able to manipulate the human brain so it grows optic lobes more like those of birds”. This points to the fact that the time is not far when genetically modified new species would emerge which might create an ethical conundrum in the world. How would the humans of the future look if genetics were allowed to call the shot? Would there be a possibility that all the men may look like Colonel Steve Austin, the protagonist of “The Six million dollar man” who has super human strength due to bionic implants and all the women like beauty queens? Let us hope to see these questions getting answered in the real life scenario without tampering the age-old nature of the planet and its beings.

# WHY EDUCATE?



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Since our independence, we have witnessed a growth in different kinds of statistics, the total number of degree holders being one of them. We can find a large number of educated people around us, who have obtained more than 2-3 degrees under their name, however it also remains true that there are equally large number of highly qualified people who are unable or incapable of expressing their views or opinions in front of large crowds or associations. The idea of being able to speak one's mind is lost in the present time, due to the overload of knowledge and information. In between the Rajbhasha (Hindi) and language English, it is quite important to understand the language that students understand. As language is not just a medium of communication, rather it gives a meaning to the world. The phrase "Sky full of clouds" can be perceived differently by different people. It can be simultaneously perceived as 'heavy rains', or 'taking an umbrella out before stepping out of the house' or 'peacock dance' and many other things as well. Implying that a single phrase can be perceived in multiple ways. These meanings, arguments, deliberations and decisions are result of innumerable processes inside an individual. Have you ever interacted with kinder garden kids? If you ever ask them A for? Most probably the majority of kids will give the same answer, A for apple and if even one kid says A for "appa", then his prudence stands questionable. Kids are stuck with just A for apple. Why don't we give them ground to explore further? We want all students to be the same, dressed in uniforms, their books and even their thinking. Our examination system even tends to make sure that the information obtained by them are the same. Despite

everything being everything same, we find many students opting for their choice of careers, then why are we trying so hard to serve them all with same syllabus and the same methodology of teaching? I would like to bring into the picture an important occurrence that relates to the Epic, Mahabharata. Dhronacharya could not teach the art of archery to his pupil Eklavya as he was only allowed to teach those who belonged to royal families, which he wasn't. Over the time when the education of princes was over, Eklavya became a better archer than Arjun, although he did not get any formal education. He made an idol of Dhronacharya and practiced in front of that. The outcome of this event is not important here, but a more important part is to see that when both Arjun and Eklavya learnt archery, what was the role of Dhronacharya in that? This small extract from Mahabharata highlights a few important questions.

- Does the learning of a student actually relate to a teacher?
- Does a student's learning relate to his caste or the amenities which he gets?
- Is learning inside us and around us?

To understand the difference between two students studying in the same level, same class and even the same bench is very important, and it can only be done by a teacher, provided our system develops a mechanism that allows teachers to think beyond syllabus, textbooks and examinations. If you ask a group of youngsters about which one of them wish to pursue a career in teaching, perhaps you won't see too many hands raised. The reason is the flawed education system, which restricts the creativity and originality of a student, as it focuses more on equality rather than equity. Our education system is still a colonial system, geared towards creating pen pushers, under the newly acquired skin of modernity. It's high time to realize the fact that intelligence can never be defined by exams or constricted by scorecards. We must therefore develop our education system to provide students with knowledge, not just sheer information. The educational system needs to teach students to live by their textbooks, but rather live by their dreams. We must focus towards giving students the grounds to explore and innovate. We must encourage them to find answers on their own, with thoughtful analysis and insights. The main aim of the education system should be to let the students acquire indispensable skills rather than just degrees.

# LOVE YOURSELF



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YOU ARE  
WORTHY  
OF LOVE

We live in an era which tells us we are not good enough. “Self-hatred is a multi-billion dollar industry,” says Gala Darling, the author of *Radical Self Love*. The world we live in creates impossible and irrational standards for perfection and sells it to us. As a result, it is easy to feel like one is never good enough. That is why we need self-love. We all know that we should love ourselves, but it’s not as easy to do as it may sound. Self-love and self-help have a long history of being associated with self-improvement. Innumerable books advise you to “go easier on yourself” even as you “fake it until you make it.” Loving yourself is not presented as a means to an end, but an end unto itself. There is no pretending, no cutting back faults to focus on strengths. Just loving and being. Self-love may sound like an overused jargon, but it is so important. Psychological studies prove that self-love and compassion are requisite for mental health and wellbeing, to prevent depression and anxiety. Most of us are raised to chase perfection and to be critical of ourselves for never reaching it. But finding faults with yourself over every little mistake you make can gradually crumble your sense of self-worth and make you unhappy. It is harder to love yourself when you have constant worries and insecurities, because that’s essentially what is stopping you from loving yourself. We don’t have to chase perfection because perfection is subjective. We can reject what the world is telling us perfection is. The thing is, if perfection is subjective ideal then nobody is perfect. Nobody can be perfect.

So often we try to dismiss our mistakes by saying things like, “I was childish back then,” or “I am a different person now.” But the brightest stars, your most visible and important features, are your flaws and your mistakes. At the first glance, it can sound terrifying. How can the things that I like the least about myself, the things that I want to hide from, be the most important? But that’s the key. That feeling of your stomach churning at the thought of embracing those flaws is what makes self-love so difficult. Because everyone wants to paper over their faults and focus on the “lovable” aspects of themselves. Until you accept those darker aspects of yourself, the shadows among the light, the “self” you love will not be your true self but a mythical “better” version. That’s why loving yourself takes courage and forgiveness. You need determination to face your true self with all your weaknesses and imperfections and you need to have the compassion to forgive yourself for them. The key to a healthy idea of love is to be good to yourself. Meditate and remain truthful with yourself about who you are. Once you realize who you are, you can make peace with yourself and love yourself. When you love yourself, you will extend it to others who are in the same good state. Often times it is hard to love ourselves and tend to be overly critical on ourselves. We wish to be perfect in everything but at times, the expectations are much higher than the reality. But all of our achievements, our flaws, they are all us. We should love ourselves for who we were and who we are, with our faults

and mistakes. It provides an important reminder that self-love isn't about complacency. Loving and accepting yourself as you are right now doesn't mean that having dreams, goals or aspirations for self-improvement are wrong. You can have ambitions and still love yourself as you are. You are allowed to strive, to dream, to grow. As long as you don't withhold self-love until you achieve those things. "Maybe I made a mistake yesterday, but yesterday's me is still me. I am who I am today, with all my faults. Tomorrow I might be a tiny bit wiser, and that's me, too. These faults and mistakes are what I am, making up the brightest stars in the constellation of my life. I have come to love myself for who I was, who I am, and who I hope to become." These lines are spoken by South Korean music group BTS' lead singer Kim Nam Joon (RM) when they were invited to talk at the launch of "Youth 2030: The UN Youth Strategy" and "Generation Unlimited Partnership" at the UN General Assembly on 24th September, 2018. So, self-love is a way of life and a movement. The path to self-acceptance is arduous, but everyone is learning how to forgive their mistakes and love themselves. Self-love should come first, and the beauty of loving yourself is that no one can stop you.

# SEVEN AGES COMPARED TO THE DAYS OF THE WEEK



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Life is a web always  
Everything is connected to every other thing  
As a week set upon with seven days and  
Man's life set upon with seven stages.

First being of infancy  
Sobbing like Monday men  
Unwilling to start then  
But to go on with the fancy

Second being of schooling kids  
Not wanting to leave luxuries  
Torturous Tuesdays are at wait  
Unrelenting to face fate.

Third being the lover  
Confused and wondering  
on Wednesdays  
As to where one stays.

Fourth being the active age  
Thursdays taken at rage  
Wanting to finish this stage  
With a lovely page.

Fifth being the middle age  
While Friday, faithful like a sage  
When Experiences from the week  
Wakes up wisdom from the deep.

Sixth being the old age  
Simple Saturdays like a cage  
Dependent from ailing age  
At times roaring in rage.

Seventh stage being death stage  
Sobbing Sundays on the roll  
Waiting for god'spoll  
To bid the drama on the stage.



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# LIFE THROUGH A DOORWAY

I sit here by the doorway  
The gentle breeze brushes by and the leaves sway  
The soft twilight rays glow dull  
Clouds move by ever so slowly  
Through the traffic of the skies  
The early birds return to their nests  
Their stomachs full and their wings tired

I sit here by the doorway  
As the evening turns grey, as the young child  
Returns home battered and muddy  
His face shining with excitement to tell his mother  
Of his latest accomplishment in soccer.  
On the other side, a young man staggers along  
Sighing as he loosens his tie, he's had a stressful day  
Behind his computer, typing code after code  
He pauses as he looks up and wishes for the days  
When his job was still his hobby that invoked joy.

I sit here by the doorway  
As the stress of the day fades away  
A middle-aged man stands on his apartment balcony  
A cigarette between his lips and nostalgia in his eyes  
Wishing again for his golden years, when  
All he worried about was having adequate attendance  
When each day was a bike ride and late night concerts.

I sit here by the doorway  
As the evening lamps are lit and people pray  
A corner of the neighbourhood park comes to life  
The old gentlemen gather around to reminisce and grumble  
Stories fly into the amber skies, one was a fighter while  
one was a lover; none can know what's true.  
Refusing to give into changing times and  
Armed with their wooden canes, they stand strong  
With wide toothless grins  
And wait for tomorrow's gathering.

I sit here by the doorway  
The skies fade into black  
The child runs into the embrace of his proud mother,  
who loves him with a warm bowl of Maggi and a cup of hot chocolate.  
The young man lights up as his phone buzzes  
Opens the plans of a beach trip with his colleagues  
With a spring in his steps he hurries on to get a gym membership.

The middle aged man, in the embrace of his wife and daughter,  
Doesn't seem to miss his golden years anymore.  
He heads in, family in hand, to have a warm dinner  
made with love and a slice of laughter.  
The old gentlemen stumble back home to their grandkids  
Their greatest blessing and the light of their lives  
The hope for a new day lights the lives of all.



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# ಬಣ್ಣದ ಬದುಕು

ಅಂತರಗಂಗೆ ಗವರ್ನಮೆಂಟ್ ಹಾಸ್ಪಿಟಲ್ ಎದುಗೆ ಇದ್ದ, ಏ ಅಂಗಡೀಲ ಏ ಕುಡಿತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಬೋರಣ್ಣ, ಗಾಡಿಲ ಹೆಂಡತಿ ಜೊತೆ ಕೃಷಿ ಮೇಳಕ್ಕೆ ಅಂತಾ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದ ರಮೇಶನ ನೋಡಿ ಸಿಟ್ಟು ಬಂದು ಅಲ್ಲಂದ್ಲೇ, ಲೇ ಬೋಳಮಗನೆ ನಿಲ್ಲಲ ಗಾಡಿಯ, ದುಡ್ ಇಸ್ಕೋಬೇಕಾದ್ರೆ ಒಂದ್ ತರ ಗುಲಾಮು ತರ ನಾಟುವ ಆಡ್ತೀರಾ, ಆಮೇಲೆ ನೀನ್ ಯಾವನೋ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ ಅನ್ನೋತರ ತಿರಿಕ್ಕೊಂಡ್ ಹೋಂಪ್ತೀರಾ, ಮಡುಗ್ಗ ಕಾಸ, ಏನ್ ಬಟ್ಟ ಬಂದದ, ಒಂದ್ ವರ್ಷ ಆತಲ್ಲೋ ಇತ್ತಾಗೆ ಬಡ್ಡೀನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ, ಅಸ್ತು ಇಲ್ಲ. ಅಂತ ಒಂದೇ ಸಮ ರಮೇಶಣ್ಣಗೆ ಜಾಡ್ಡಿದ್ದ.

ಬೋರಣ್ಣನ ಮಾತ್ ಕೇಳ ರಮೇಶ ಬೆವತ್ತೋಗಿದ್ದ. ಉಂ ದಶಕದಲ್ಲೇ ತನ್ನೂತರಲ್ಲೇ ಅತಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಓದಿದ್ದೋನು, ದುರದೃಷ್ಟಿ 'ವಶಾತ್ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕೆಲಸ ಸಿಗದೇ, ತನ್ನಪ್ಪ ಮಾಡಿದ ಆಸ್ತಿಯನ್ನೇ ನೋಡಿಕೊಂಡು ತನ್ನೂರಲ್ಲೇ ಇದ್ದುಬಿಟ್ಟೇ ಮರ್ಯಾದಸ್ತ ಕುಟುಂಬದಿಂದ ಬಂದವನಾಗಿದ್ದ.

ಉತ್ತಮ ವಾಗ್ಮಿಯು ಆಗಿದ್ದ ರಮೇಶ ಅಂದು ತನ್ ಹೆಂಡತಿ ಜೋತೇಲ ಕೃಷಿ ಮೇಳಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ. ಕೃಷಿ ಮೇಳದಲ್ಲ ಇವನ ಕೆಲವೊಂದು ವಿಚಾರಗಳು ಚರ್ಚೆಯಾಗಬೇಕಾಗಿದ್ದ ಕಾರಣ ಲಗುಬಗೆಯಿಂದಲೇ ಹೊರಟದ್ದ.

ದಾರಿ ಮಧ್ಯೇ ಹಠಾತ್ ಆಗಿ ಬೀದಿ ಬದಿಯಲ್ಲ ಮಾನ ಕಳೆದ ಬೋರಣ್ಣನ ಮೇಲೆ ರಮೇಶನ ಹೆಂಡತಿಗೆ ತೀರಾ ಕೋಪ ಬಂದಿತ್ತು. ಆ ಸಂದರ್ಭ ಏನೂ ತೋರ್ಪಡಿಸದೇ ಮೌನವಾಗಿದ್ದಳು. ರಮೇಶನಿಗೂ ಇದು ಮುಜುಗರ ತಂದಿತ್ತು. ಕೃಷಿಮೇಳಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋದವರಿಗೂ ಈ ಮುಜುಗರದಿಂದ, ಆದ ಅವಮಾನದಿಂದ ಹೊರಬರದೇ, ಅಲ್ಲೂ ಇರದೇ ಬೇಗನೇ ಮನೆಗೆ ವಾಪಸ್ ಬಂದರು.

ಮನೆಗೆ ಬಂದ ತಕ್ಷಣವೇ ರಮೇಶನ ಹೆಂಡತಿಯ ಕ್ಲಾಸ್ ಶುರುವಾಗಿ ಮಾತಿಗೆ ಮಾತು ಬೆಳೆಯತ್ತಾ, ಜಗಳ ತಾರಕಕ್ಕೆರಿತು. ವಾಸ್ತವದಲ್ಲ ರಮೇಶ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಓದಿದವನಾದರೂ ಕೆಲಸ ಸಿಗದಿದ್ದರಿಂದ, ಅಪ್ಪ ಬಟ್ಟ ಕೃಷಿ ಭೂಮಿಯಲ್ಲ ದುಡಿಯಬೇಕಾದ್ದರಿಂದ, ಇಷ್ಟವಿಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೂ ವಿಧಿಯಿಲ್ಲದೇ ಅದನ್ನೇ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದ.

ಯಾವಾಗಲೂ ಯೋಚಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದ, ನನ್ನ ಓದಿಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಸೂಟ್ ಆಗೋಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು. ಬರಿ ಮಾತಿನಲ್ಲೇ ಎಲ್ಲರ ಸೆಳೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದ. ಭಾಷಣದಲ್ಲ ನಿಸ್ಸೀಮನಾಗಿದ್ದ.

ಹಳ್ಳಿ ಜೀವನ ಅವನಿಗೆ ಸುತಾರಾಂ ಇಷ್ಟವಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಇಷ್ಟೆಲ್ಲ ಜಮೀನಿದ್ದರೂ ಅವನಿಗೆ ಸದಾ ನನ್ನ ಓದಿನಿಂದ ಸಿಕ್ಕ ನೌಕರಿಯಿಂದ ಇದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಎರಡರಷ್ಟು ಆಸ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಬಲ್ಲೇ ಎಂದು ಬೀಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ. ಪೇಟೆಯ ಶೋಕಿ ಜೀವನಕ್ಕೆ ಸದಾ ಹಂಬಲಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದ.

ರಮೇಶನ ಈ ಶೋಕಿ ಜೀವನವ ಕಂಡ ಕೆಲವರೂ ಊರ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಮನುಷ್ಯ ಅಂದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರು. ವಿದ್ಯಾವಂತ, ವಾಗ್ಮಿ ಬೇರೆ, ಆದಕಾರಣ ಊರ ಎಲ್ಲ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಇವನಿಗೆ ಮುಂದಾಳತ್ವ.

ವಾಸ್ತವಕ್ಕೆ ಮೈಬಗ್ಗಿಸಿ ದುಡಿಯುವ ಯಾವ ಭಲವೂ ಇಲ್ಲದೇ, ಅಪ್ಪ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದ ಆಸ್ತಿಯಿಂದ ಸಿಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಆದಾಯದಿಂದ ಜೀವನ ಸಾಗಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದ. ಅದೂ ಸಾಲದೆ ಅಪ್ಪನಿಂದ ಬಳುವಳಿಯಾಗಿ ಬಂದ ಕೆಲ ಆಸ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಮಾರಿ ತನ್ನ ತಿರುಕೆ ಶೋಕಿಗೆ ವ್ಯಯಿಸಿದ್ದ. ಮತ್ತಷ್ಟೂ ಇದು ಜಾಸ್ತಿಯಾದಾಗ ಹಲವರ ಬಳಿ ಸಾಲ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದ.

ಬೋರಣ್ಣ ಬಾದಿಯಲ್ಲ ಮರ್ಯಾದೆ ತೆಗೆದದ್ದು ತನ್ನ ಪ್ರೇಸ್ವೀಜ್ ಗೆ ದಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಂತಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಅವತ್ತೆ ಬೋರಣ್ಣ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದ ನಾಳಿನೇ ನಿನ್ ಮನೆಗೆ ಬರ್ತೀನಿ ಅಸಲು, ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಸಮೇತ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕೊಡ್ಬೇಕು ಅಂತಾ, ಕೊಡ್ಲಿಲ್ಲ ಅಂದ್ರೆ ಪರಿಣಾಮ ನೆಟ್ಟರಕಿಲ್ಲ ಅಂತಾ.

ರಮೇಶನಿಗೂ ಈಗ ಯೋಚನೆ ಶುರುವಾಗಿತ್ತು.

ಮಾರನೇ ದಿನ ಬೋರಣ್ಣ, ರಮೇಶನ ಮನೆಗೆ ಬಂದವನೇ ರಮೇಶನ ಹೆಂಡತಿಯ ಕರೆದು, ಅವ್ವಾ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಕಾಪಿ ಮಧ್ಯವ್ವ ಅಂದ.

ರಮೇಶನ ಹೆಂಡತಿಗೆ ಸಿಟ್ಟು ಬರ್ತಿತ್ತು, ಬಡ್ಡಿಮಗ ನೆನ್ನೆ ಆ ರೇಂಜ್ ಗೆ ಬಾದಿಆ ನಿಂತೊಂಡ್ ಮರ್ಯಾದೆ ತೆಗ್ಗು ಇವಾಗ ಮಗಳ ತರ ಪ್ರೀತಿ ತೋರ್ತಾವ್ವೆ ಅಂತ. ಆದ್ರೆ ಅದನ್ನೆಲ್ಲ ತೋರ್ಸಕೊಳ್ಳೆ ಕಾಪಿ ಮಾಡ್ಕೊಟ್ಟು.

ಬೋರಣ್ಣ ಶುರು ಮಾಡ್. ಲೋ, ರಮೇಶ, ನಿನ್ ಎಷ್ಟ್ ಓದಿ ಏನ್ನಾ ಪ್ರಯೋಜ್ನ ಇವತ್ ನನ್ ಮುಂದೆ ತಲೆ ಬಗ್ಗಿ ಕುತಿದೀಯಾ. ಅದೇನೆನೋ ಭಾಷಣವ ಬಗಿತಿಯಂತೆ. ಹಿಟ್ ಕೊಡ್ತದ್ದ ಅದು ಹಾ. ಬರಿ ತಿರ್ಕೆ ಸೋಕಿ ಮಾಡ್ತೀರಾ ನೀವೆಲ್ಲ ಅಂದ.

ಇದನ್ ಕೇಳಿ ರಮೇಶನ್ ಹೆಂಡತಿ ರೈಜ್ ಆಗಿ ಬೋರಣ್ಣಂಗೆ ಕ್ಲಾನ್ ತಗೊಂಡ್ಲೆ. ಅದ್ಲೆ ಬೋರಣ್ಣ ಇರವ್ವ ವಸಿ ಅಲ್ಲೆ ಬತ್ತಿವ್ವಿ ಅಮೇಲೂ ನಿಂಗಿ ಬೈಬೇಕು ಅನ್ನಿದ್ರೆ ಏಬಾದ್ಯು ಬೈಕೋ ಆಯ್ತು ಅಂದ.

ಮತ್ತೆ ಬೋರಣ್ಣ ರಮೇಶಂಗೆ, ಅಲ್ವೋ ಸಾಲ ಮಾಡಿ ಎಷ್ಟ್ ದಿನ ಆದ್ರೂ ಬಡ್ಡೀನೂ ಕೊಡ್ಲೆ ಕಳ್ಳನು ತರ ತಪ್ಪೊಂಡೆ ಓಡಾಡ್ತೀಯಾ. ಊರಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲ ನಿನ್ನ ತುಂಬಾ ದೊಡ್ ಮನ್ನ ಅಂತಾರೆ, ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಓದ್ತೋನು ಅಂತಾರೆ. ಆದ್ರೆ ಇಂತ ಕೆಲ್ವ ಮಾಡ್ತೀಯಾ.

ಅಪ್ಪ ಮಾಡಿದ್ ಆಸ್ತಿನೂ ಮಾರಿ ಈ ತರ ಸೋಕಿ ಮಾಡ್ತಿ. ನೋಡ್ಲೆ ನೀನು ಏಜುಕೇಟೆಡ್, ನಾನೂ ಒಂದ್ ಅಕ್ಷರನೂ ಕಲ್ತಲ್ಲ. ಇವತ್ ನಾನ್ ಕೋಟಿಗ್ ಬೆಲೆ ಬಾಳ್ತೀನಿ, ಲಕ್ಷಾಂತರ ವ್ಯವಹಾರ ಮಾಡ್ತೀನಿ.

ಒಂದ್ ವಿಚಾರ ಹೇಳ್ತೀನಿ ಕೇಳ್ತೋ. ನಂಗ್ ನಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ ಸಾಲಗೆ ಕಳ್ಳೇ ಇಲ್ಲ, ಏ ಕುರಿ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಬದುಕ್ಲೆ ಬಡ್ಡೀತದೆ ಅಂತಾ ನೆಗಿದ್ದಿದ್ಲೆ. ಆಗಿನ್ನು ಚಿಕ್ ವಯಸ್ಸು ಕಲಲೇ. ತಿನ್ನೋಕು ಏನಿಲ್ಲ, ಆ ದಿನ ಕೂಲಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಬದುಕ್ಲೇಗಿತ್ತು. ಹಸಿವ್ ಬದ್ತೋಕ್ ಛಲ ಕಲ್ತು. ಏ ಕುರಿ ಲ ಆದ್ರೆ, ಲ ರಿಂದ ೨೦, ೨೦ ರಿಂದ ೨೦, ಇಂಗಿ ೫೦೦ ಕುರಿ ಸಾಕ್ಲೆ. ಅದನ್ನು ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಜಮೀನ್ ತಗೊಂಡೆ, ಹಗಲು - ರಾತ್ರಿ ದುಡ್ಲೆ. ಮತ್ತಷ್ಟು ಜಮೀನ್ ತಗೊಂಡೆ.

ಇಷ್ಟೆಲ್ಲ ಕಷ್ಟ ಪಟ್ಟೀದಿನಿ ಕಣ್ಣ. ನಿನ್ ತರ ಅಪ್ಪ ಮಾಡಿದ್ ಆಸ್ತಿ ಮಾರಿ ಸೋಕಿ ಮಾಡ್ತೀಲ್ಲ. ನೀ ಇದ್ಯಾವಂತ,ತಿಳುವಕೆ ಇರೋನು, ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಗೊತ್ತೀರೋನು. ಆದ್ರೂ ಬದ್ತೋದ್ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲಲೋ.

ನಿಜ ನನ್ ಗಳಿಸಿರೋದ್ ಇನ್ನು ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಮಾಡ್ಕೋಬೇಕು ಬಡ್ಡಿಗಿ ಬಡ್ಡೀನಿ. ನಿಮ್ಮ ಬದ್ತೋದ್ ಗೊತ್ತಿದ್ರೆ ನೀವ್ ಯಾಕ್ತುಲ ನನ್ ತಾವ ಸಾಲ ಮಾಡೀರಾ.

ಇದ್ಯೆ, ವಿವೇಕ ಕಲ್ತುತ್ರೆ ಅಂತಾರೆ ನಿಜ. ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಬದ್ತೋದು ಕಲ್ತೆ ಯಾರ್ಗು ಸಲಾಮ್ ಹೊಡಿಬೇಕಿಲ್ಲ ರಮೇಶ.

ಯಾರೋ ಸಂಪಾದನೆ ಮಾಡ್ತೆ ಕೂತೂ ತಿಂದೂ ಕಾಲ ಹಾಕುತ್ರೆ ಜೀವನ ಸಾರ್ಥಕ ಆಯ್ತದಾ. ಯೋಚ್ನೆ ಮಾಡು ಇರೋದಕ್ಕೆ ಇನ್ನೊಂದ್ ಮಾಡು, ಅದ್ಲಿಟ್ಟು ಇರೋದನ್ ಕಳ್ಳೊಂಡ್ ಅಮ್ಯಾಕೇನು ಮಣ್ ತಿಂತೀಯಾ ಅಂದಾ ಬೋರಣ್ಣ.

ಅಲ್ಲವರ್ಗೂ ಒಳೊಳಗೆ ಉರಿತ್ತಿದ್ಲೆ ರಮೇಶನ ಹೆಂಡತಿ ಬೋರಣ್ಣ ಹೇಳಿದ್ ಸತ್ಯ ಅನ್ನಿ. ನಿಧಾನವಾಗಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ದಿನ ಬೈಮ್ ಕೊಡಿ ಅಂತಾ ಕೇಳ್ಕೊಂಡ್ಲೆ.

ಬೋರಣ್ಣ ಕಾಪಿ ಕುಡಿದು ಹೊರಟ .

ರಮೇಶ ಮೌನವಾಗಿದ್ದ....

ಹರೀಶ್ ಎಸ್ ಗೌಡ.....



# ಬಾಲ್ಯದ ದಿನಗಳು



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ಪುಟ್ಟ ಮೂಗಲ್ಲ ಗೊಣ್ಣೆ ಸುರಿಸಿ  
ಸುಳ್ಳು ಕಣ್ಣೀರಿನ ಕೋಡಿ ಹರಿಸಿ  
ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ವಲೆಯೆಂದು ಮಾಡಿದ ನಟನೆ  
ಕೈಗಿಟ್ಟು ಅಮ್ಮ ಪೆಪ್ಪಮೆಂಟ್ ಥಟ್ಟನೆ

ಶಾಲೆಯ ಪಾಠಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಪೆನ್ಸಿಲ್ ಡಬ್ಬಗಳ ಮೋಹ  
ಪೀಟ ಪಿರಿಯದ್ದಳೆಂದಿಗೂ ತೀರದ ದಾಹ  
ದಿನದ ಕೊನೆಯ ಗಂಟೆ ಸದ್ದು ಕೇಳುವ ಕಾತರ  
ಹೊರಬರಲು ಶಾಲೆಯ ದ್ವಾರದ ತಿಂಡಿಗಳು ತರತರ

ಯುದ್ಧ ಕಾಲದಿ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಲಾಭಾಯಸದ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ  
ಬಾಲ್ಯದಲ್ಲ ಸಿಗಲಾರದು ಇದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಶಿಕ್ಷೆ  
ಬೇಸಿಗೆ ರಜೆಗಾಗಿ ಹಾತೂರೆದ ದಿನಗಳು  
ರಜೆ ಬರಲು ಆಟದಿ ಕಳೆದವು ತಿಂಗಳುಗಳು

ಆಟ ಊಟ ಪಾಠಗಳಿಂದ ಧುಮ್ಮಿಕ್ಕೆ ಹರಿದೆ  
ಕಣ್ ಮುಚ್ಚಿ ತೆರೆಯುವಲ್ಲ ಬೆಳ್ಳಿ ಮೋಡದಂತೆ ಸರಿದೆ  
ಏನೆಂದು ಬಣ್ಣಿಸಲ ನಿನ್ನ ನೆನಪನು  
ಯಾವ ವಜ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಲಿಸಲ ನಿನ್ನ ಹೊಳಪನು

ಮರಳಿ ಬಾ ನನ್ನ ಹುಚ್ಚು ಹುಡುಗಾಟದ ಮನವೇ  
ನನ್ನ ನೆನಪಿನ ಬುತ್ತಿಯಲ ನಿನ್ನನೆಂದಿಗೂ ಬಜ್ಜಿ ಇಡುವೆ

# WHY TO STRESS WHEN LIFE HAS LOTS TO OFFER?



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“Stress should be a powerful driving force, not an obstacle” - Bill Philips

Nowadays wherever we go, we often hear the phrase “I’m stressed”. So, what’s stress? What are the effects? Is it good or bad? How to manage stress? These are some of the common questions that might arise in one’s mind. So, I’d like to answer a few of them as well as express my opinion about it. Stress is the body’s reaction to any change—physical, mental or emotional—that requires time and adaptation. Hence, there are both positive and negative aspects of it. Negative effects include depression, anxiety, irritability, mood swings etc. However, it is also associated with positive outcomes such as increased stress tolerance, self-awakening, acquiring new perspectives and pragmatic outlook on life. Its impact largely revolves around one’s perception — it could be a source of negativity to some, triggering a series of wrong decisions, severe emotional trauma or even suicidal thoughts. The negativity may stem from inner conflicts, academic and peer pressure, cyber bullying, disharmonious relationships etc. However, some take it positively and channel the stress into a more productive form, utilizing it as a source of strength instead of misery. Stress is a part of life and its management very essential. When an undesired situation arises, one must accept it as a challenge and try solving it. If you fail to solve it, let it go. Divert yourself by engaging in your favorite activities and working towards your passion rather than worrying about something that is beyond control.

Now, as one reads this, they might wonder that things are easier said than done. So, I’d like to correlate my words with a personal experience.

It is wrong, rather illogical, to claim that I’ve never struggled to cope with stress. It does take some time to overcome it but at the end I try to take it positively. I feel nothing in life, even the problems, are permanent and things will definitely fall into place sooner or later. Whenever I feel lonely, I spend time with friends, hang out and just try to live in the moment. Sometimes it is okay, in fact healthy, to cry as it gives you a sense of relief and even eat ice creams. Thus, it depends on an individual and what gives them comfort. Let me share one such incident. Recently, I was facing some issues at home. Things began to spiral out of control and I felt helpless. In an attempt to divert myself I took in charge of a team for renovation of schools. Later, it became the most unforgettable decision in my life. As it was my first camp and leadership too. I gained a lot of experience, got to know the true colors of some people, and identified my weakness and mistakes. So, whenever depression sets in remind yourself that you are blessed by god and he has better plans for you. The fact that many people are in worse situations and you are doing better than a lot of them and this thought always gives me strength. When you feel hopeless, wanting to give up on life, think about your parents or loved ones and reconsider your thoughts. Lastly smiling is the ultimate solution to all problems hence, try to confront every problem with a wide smile. “You may have thousands of difficulties in life, but just find one reason to live to the fullest, that is the beauty of life”

# RAMAIAH INSTITUTION: I HAVE CHOSEN RIGHT



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“Well begun is half done”, that’s how the famous proverb goes. As I chose Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce as the college for my U.G course, yes, I’m half done! If I am to talk about the college, it’s mandatory to talk about the college’s geographical features. This college is placed in ‘the garden city of India’, none other than Bengaluru, the fantastic city with sublime cosmopolitan culture and vibrant freedom in which anyone from the outside can explore and gain marvelous experience which any young aspirants have dreamt vehemently once in their life.

From the student’s perspective he or she begins the journey towards college in either so reluctantly in a waddled motion or so eagerly. Once you step inside the college, all the saturated emotions comes to a static level, attaining inner peace and it’s the beautiful atmosphere of the college that fostering it.

The infrastructure is a simple design with hefty structure that defines simplicity without being ostentatious and it being an ideal structure for other colleges is one of the best parts of my campus. The well-furnished classrooms, providing flawless natural light and air; the well-equipped laboratories with advanced safety features; seminar halls and auditoriums which are well-maintained and spacious, all of which come under one roof and give a sense of pride to all the students. Not to mention the fact that all these took an extraordinary effort from the authorities concerned.

The fundamental discipline with professional ethics and fraternal approach among the students are insistently adapted. The quality education with modern principles, morality and fair treatment from the high-profile teaching faculty is well promised. The efficient service provided by the non-teaching faculties and office staffs contributes to the success of institution. From ‘Extasy’ to ethnic day, the college provides a colossal platform for art and cultural festivals, sports, NCC, NSS, women’s cell development and other co-curricular activities.

Another highlighting feature of my campus is that its quality is well-maintained whatsoever by not allowing the passage of time to play the spoilsport. This institution relentlessly strives for providing quality services in achieving academic excellence. With all these enormous features attached impeccably, one can say that Ramaiah is advancing to glory year after year. Thereby I conclude that my campus is unrivalled and my choice is meticulous.



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# ಕನ್ನಡ ಪದ

ಜೇನ ಹಿಂಡಿ ನಾ ಸವಿದು ನೋಡಿದೆ  
ಕೋಗಿಲೆ ಹಾಡು ಕದ್ದು ಕೇಳಿದೆ  
ಜೋಗದತ್ತರದಿಂದುಮುಕುವ  
ಆ ಶರಾವತಿಯ ನಾ ಕುಡಿದು ನೋಡಿದೆ  
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# SIMPLE BHEL PURI



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It was a bright sunny day; birds were busy picking up twigs and fallen branches from the unmetalled road on which Ranga was walking. His face was expressionless as he was thinking about the unpleasant incidents in his school that happens almost every day, the same which coils him to shrink inside a cocoon. Ranga hailed from the lower section of the society because of which he was ridiculed everyday by his classmates. He was bullied because of his thin and short stature. Samuel was the one who would start the teasing; the rest of his classmates would then follow-up and start to tease him and bully him. Ranga thought that it was a part of his life to get bullied; he had somehow learned to cope up. But, seeing Ranga's silence the perpetrator of injustice had become stronger and the situation worsened again. Samuel started to strike him on his shoulder whenever he felt like (according to Samuel it was a harmless pat on the shoulder). Samuel would call out loudly "What a weak boy, can't even take a pat on the shoulder", when Ranga would request for him to stop.

On that fateful day which happened to be a Sunday, Ranga was very happy. The reason for his elated mood was that it was a holiday and he could get rid of the bullying at least for one day. He was heading to the market to buy onions. His dad was a small vendor who would sell Bhelpuri and other chaat items on a large itinerant cart. Ranga had yet to learn the secret of chaat making from his father. Yet, he would buy vegetables, chop them and keep them ready for his dad. His dad would then use those cut pieces to make his delicious chaats. Ranga returned from the market at noon with a bag full of onions to the place where the chaat cart was parked. He called his dad and they immediately started setting up their cart. They usually sold their chaats near Colva beach, but that day the father-son duo decided to sell their goodies in the streets of the town. As per their decision they went on from one street to other calling out loudly "lip smacking, delicious chaats now at your doorstep, try it out yourself; Bhelpuri, Kachorichaats, samosa chaat, aloopuri, dahipuri now at your doorstep". After making a satisfactory amount of money two of

them decided to head home. When they were passing by a small lane Ranga saw a stout boy sitting on the porch of a house with tears rolling down from his eyes. Upon closer examination Ranga shouted out with disbelief "Samuel?" The stout boy quickly turned around to see who had called him. He saw that it was Ranga and his dad, with their chaat cart. Ranga asked his dad to park the cart in the corner and start selling chaats in that lane. His dad parked the cart and started shouting "lip smacking..... at your doorstep". Ranga quickly rushed towards Samuel to see what had happened. He had never expected to see Samuel and that too in such a situation; with tears in his eyes. As Ranga approached Samuel, Samuel's first reaction was to run away from him as he didn't want Ranga to see him in such a pathetic state. He suspected that Ranga would announce their encounter in the classroom next day. He also thought that he would become the laughingstock of the classroom. But as soon as Ranga met Sam he spoke softly in a calm voice "are you all right Samuel? Do you require any help or assistance?" These words brightened up Samuel and he spoke in an inaudible voice "I have been so bad with you in class and yet you are so nice to me". Ranga understood Samuel's whisper and he replied, "listen friend, it's true that I hate you for being such a jerk but today when I saw you crying, I understood that you cope up with your frustration by bullying me, and since it is a holiday today you didn't get a chance to get rid your frustrations and here you are crying out your frustrations". Samuel looked at Ranga, speechless. After a while he opened his mouth and apologized to Ranga for his rude behavior. He then told Ranga that his analogy was right he accepted that he used Ranga as a scapegoat to remove his frustrations.

He then opened up and started telling about the agitations and frustrations in his mind, "When I joined the school, boys and girls used to make fun of my body. They said, "Look that boy's stomach. It looks as though a whole tortoise is living inside him". I would sit in the corner of the class because people started ignoring me; nobody wanted to be friends with a chubby fat boy. But then when I started teasing you they would team up with me just for the sake of bullying you. I saw this as an opportunity to make friends. But as soon as we would finish, nobody would even talk to me, they would ignore me as usual but at least they wouldn't tease me. I continued bullying you so that I wouldn't be a scapegoat. But now I realize that it was a completely bad and stupid mistake. I see that you are a very good person, please forgive me". After listening calmly and keenly Ranga shook Samuel's hand and replied "From now on I am your friend, no matter what I will never make fun of your body. Because I know how it feels to be ignored and bullied, and yes I forgive you". Samuel hugged Ranga and cried but this time it was the tears of joy. Ranga produced a small piece of cotton from his pocket and advised Samuel to wipe off his tears. Sam (as Ranga started calling him) acted as advised. Ranga then held Sam lightly by his hand and took him to the corner of the lane where his father was handing out a plate of freshly prepared Bhelpuri to a young girl. Ranga introduced his "friend" and his father to each other and then politely requested his father, "two plates of fresh and delicious Bhelpuri for me and my friend please".

All three of them sat on the porch of Samuel's home, giggled, laughed on jokes cracked by Ranga's dad and enjoyed their lip smacking Bhelpuri. They looked like three friends who met each other after a long time.

# LEAP OF FAITH



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I woke up with a start. A petrifying howling sound made me realize that I wasn't in the comfort of my cozy bed anymore. It has been 10 hours since my friends left me, I was lost. 8 hours since the flood and for the past 6 hours I have been hiding in this cave from a demonic beast that haunts me. I am stuck in one of Asia's most mysterious forests, Phong Nha. It was 4.45 A.M. when I got up. Nothing outside the cave was visible, because of the heavy downpour. I felt my throat dry up. I rummaged my backpack for a bottle. I found nothing. I thought to myself, how did this happen? Everything was perfect, I had a good family and caring girlfriend who I was to marry, great friends, everything turned upside down when we all took a trip. We could have chosen any location, but we chose this. A vast stretch of a natural habitat, for its brilliant biodiversity, that I was beginning to despise. I regret my decision now. Just then I heard the howl again. My stomach turns upside down. I must run. That beast rose from the ferocious rage and wrath of mother earth, it was as if Lucifer himself had risen from hell with teeth like fangs, claws like knives, a muscular body with a thick black mane for perfect camouflage and its bright red eyes, so sharp that it pierces through your soul. It is built up to fulfill one deed. To kill. I was 94 km away from the nearest waterfall, which was westward, I recalled that he mentioned it. It would be a 2-day journey for me, and it would take a day and a half

for my friends to reach the forest control department to come look for me. I had to survive for those 2 days. I plucked up my courage and stepped out of the cave. Everything was dark. I could see a little light piercing its way through the dense forest. The wind is strong, and chilly, it giving me a very eerie sensation. I start walking the exact opposite direction. It is now afternoon, I quench my thirst and try fishing, to catch something but it ends up in vain. I move on.... It is dusk. I take shelter in a cave, admiring the reddish sun go into the horizon. Everything seemed bleak right now. I got back to work. I piled up some wood and started a fire, sat down staring ghastly at the fire and memories came blazing into my mind. It was a usual day. I was scrolling through my social media page that day and there I saw someone who took my heart forever, all I felt was love, her beauty was indescribable, but I just love her, not as a friend or girlfriend, just as her. My friends... they were a shoulder for me when I faced difficult times... I was jolted back to the present by a crackling sound from behind. A chill went down my spine. I thought I got lured into a trap, thought it was the beast. My eyes creeping to the corners to see what it was my neck immobile due to fear. It was then that I turned my head and saw 2 glistening eyes. As they grew bigger, I realized they were in fact 2 hyenas. I didn't think. I began running again. As I ran, I felt the heavy downpour of the tumultuous rain. I assumed that I would have outsped them, and the rain must have

forced them to retire. This was however not for the best, for now, I could not light a fire. I spent that night, cold, helpless but still hopeful. The next day, it was finally time. I was going to be rescued. I wake up to a blazing sun. I realized that I slept till noon. I was still shivering, I was sick. The rain washed off but it left me feverish and immobile, but I had to move on. The heat of the sun urged me to keep moving. I have to reach the before the rescue squad comes. It was the only open space from which a signal fire will be completely visible. I have no life left in me. I make futile attempts to make a signal. Nobody is here. My mind and body have failed with exhaustion and I collapse. I wake up to a thundering sound. It was like a dream, but I heard the sound of a helicopter drifting in the air, its sound pulled me back to my senses I had to act quick. I ran towards the banks of the fall and lit a fire with my lighter. They noticed me. I was free. I could go. As they lowered their altitude I ran toward it. I could go home! Or so I thought. In my line of sight, I saw it. The beast. It was all that stood between me and the chopper. But this was it. I was face front with freedom. I couldn't take it anymore. I charged toward it. He was ready to face me as well. Screaming, I charged, but just before it could charge against me, I turned along the path of the water towards the setting sun, I took a turn that lead me to a 100 feet drop. I took a leap of faith and jumped. Time froze. The sun was touching my wounds. I could die in the next few second. That was ok. I kept falling, my eyes closed. I open my eyes again. Am I dead? I still hear the thundering sound. It is louder now. And then... a beautiful, familiar face comes into view...

## FROM THE MIND OF THE STUDENT EDITOR

As Maya Angelou said, “there is no greater agony than holding an untold story inside you”. This issue of Gangothri 2020 preaches just that. This year's theme pertains to the various stages of our youth, and all of my fellow students poured their heart out to express stories, that are close to their heart. The writing that we received was fresh, every time we came upon a new piece, we got to understand what makes them click, and also of the immense talent of the students of our prestigious college.

I have enjoyed every aspect of working on this magazine, and reading and experiencing the thought process behind each story that I came across in this magazine. I would therefore like to thank Mrs. Yamuna U.V, our magazine's editor for allowing me, and all of the editorial team to work on this very fruitful magazine. I can but express my immense gratitude to her for relentlessly working on this magazine, day in and day out, overcoming each obstacle as it came. I would also like to thank our respected principal, Mrs. A. Nagarathna for her support along each step of the way, and her enlightening guidance through the process.

Finally, I would also like to thank, and congratulate everyone on the editorial team for making this magazine a success, their sheer talent and hard work made this magazine what it is.

by Trisha Srivastava,  
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# SIGNATURA



***“The talent you have is God’s gift to you,  
what you do with it is your gift to God.”***



# INAUGURATION



The inauguration of the new academic year, 2019-20 for Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce was held on 11-07-2019. While Welcoming the Chief luminary and other guests, the Principal Dr. A. Nagarathna charted out the map of the new outcome-based academic curriculum built on innovative and skill-oriented framework. The chief dignitary of the day was Dr. Shivaguru S. Sritharan, Vice Chancellor of Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences who is a well-known academicians a Mathematical scientist in Defence sciences. He opined that it's high time the institutions make the research mandatory even at the undergraduate level as it enhances students' learning experiences and critical thinking skills. Speaking on the occasion, CEO enlightened the parents and the students on the large number of initiatives and infrastructure upgradation undertaken in the campus. COF, Gokula foundation exhorted the students to follow their dreams and assured all the support in academics and personality development. Towards the end the Vice Principal Prof. Jayaram familiarizing the students with the rules and regulations of the college.



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

1st international conference on life, chemical and health sciences (ICLCHS-2019) was organized by the Department of Life Sciences, Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce in collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy and the Department of IT, BT & Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka, from 24th to 26th October 2019. Overall 20 scientific themes were selected for ICLCHS and some of themes are; Nanotechnology, Green Chemistry, Molecular biology, Cancer biology, Genomics, Drug Discovery, and Analytical & Pharmaceutical Chemistry, etc.





# NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY



Departments of Science in Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce organized National Science Day-2020 on 27th & 28th February, 2020 with the theme, "Healthy plants for Sustainable Development". This was in line with the UN declaration of 2020 as International Year of Plant Health, which is an opportunity for all the global citizens to create awareness on protecting plant health that would help to: end hunger, reduce poverty, protect biodiversity and environment and also boost economic development of the country. On this occasion, RCASC honoured Mrs Tulsi Gowda, an Environmentalist and Padma Shri awardee in the year 2020.

Many innovative and interesting events have been conducted on both the days. An awareness program on Plant Rejuvenation was held on the first day. Various Competitions such as collage, photography, video making, poster presentation, create a miniature garden, and painting were conducted on the theme "Protecting Plant Health for Sustainable Development" and "Women in Science". The plenary speakers from the field of science spoke at length on the importance of sustainability and of plant health.





## ORIENTATION DAY PAST MEETS THE FUTURE

RCASC has witnessed another important milestone in its progressive journey. The new auditorium inauguration of General Sciences block and the orientation for the newly inducted faculty members were held on 02.12.2019. It is the dedicated and selfless service of the institution to the cause of higher education that made the sterling achievements possible for RCASC. The stalwarts - the teachers of Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce during its inception time, the ones who were the baton holders when the journey had started, were anticipating a forthcoming era of excellence. It was indeed a proud moment for them, witnessing the inauguration by the chairman of Gokula Education Foundation. Given the protection of nature, good faith of the public and sincere efforts of members of the teaching fraternity, a felicitation program was organized by RCASC, to all the retired professors for their committed service in the growth of this institution. As it is well said success comes to those who work hard and stays with those, who don't rest on the laurels of the past. This event made it easier for the young teachers to get inducted into RCASC while getting inspired by the accumulated wisdom of the invited academicians. Dr. Gururaj Karajgi an eminent personality and director of Creative Teaching Academy was invited along with Prof. B. krishnappa, Prof. Shankar Rao, Prof. Raghavendra, on the occasion who have served the institution for more than four decades. It was a stimulating experience for the fresh faculty members .

# SPORTS DAY

**“Once you know what failure feels like, determination chases success.”- Kobe Bryant (1977-2020)**

At Ramaiah, sports is an integral part of the curriculum and is treated with equal importance as academics. With the vision of inculcating fitness, enthusiasm and confidence in the fellow students, it encourages a range of physical activities, thus, contributing to their overall personality development. RCASC supports and nourishes young athletes; providing them with requisite infrastructure, equipment, coaching facilities and exposure.

The Annual Sports Meet on 20th February 2020 received an active participation from students and faculties alike. Beginning with the inaugural ceremony conducted by the Principal, a range of interesting activities unfolded. The events included flat race (100m, 200m and 400m), relay race, long jump, throw ball, badminton and chess to name a few. It consisted of two halves- the first half comprising of the sports hits followed by the March Past and the second half with the finals followed by an ebullient felicitation ceremony for the winners.











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*“Sometimes you will never know  
the true value of a moment until  
it becomes a memory”*



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