

Campus Calling

KJSSC Alumni Newsletter

Dear alumni of K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce,

Where we study moulds our life. Our teachers provide us direction and guidance. Our friends provide us with a lifetime of friendship. Our campus life provides us with memories of time beautifully spent.

I am delighted that the K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce Alumni Association has launched a digital newsletter 'Campus Calling'. The alumni association represents the bond between the alma mater and the alumnus. 'Campus Calling' will link all the alumni by means of a periodic newsletter. Given that the alumni are scattered all over the world, a digital means of communication network is the most effective solution.

I urge you all to take an active interest in the newsletter. Please contribute from your memories as well as your present. Your friends will want to see pictures of days gone by, as well as see where each of you are today and what you are doing. Find something from your college days (a photograph, an incident, an artwork) and send it in. Like everything else in life, it is the parts that make up the whole. The more active the individual member, the more vibrant and thriving the Alumni Association. Please also share this with those of the alumni with whom you are in touch. Many years from now the back issues of this Newsletter will be used to trace the history and the evolution of the KJSSC Alumni Association.

The newsletter will also communicate developments in the College and the larger Somaiya Vidyavihar community explaining the evolution of the institution, the campus, the wonder mission and our work in the fields of education, research and service. You are our ambassadors and we wish that you help further our mission and our message.

I wish "Campus Calling" all the success it deserves. And at a personal level, a note of gratitude to all those involved in its creation and sustenance.

Samir Somaiya
President, Somaiya Vidyavihar

From the Editor's Desk

Here it is folks! In your hands.

The inaugural issue of the KJSSC Alumni Association digital newsletter.

The name of the newsletter "Campus Calling" was selected from entries submitted in a contest.

The winner is Rajaa Rao of the 1985 Chemistry batch.

We would like to thank all those who participated.

And now here is the TO DO List for all of you.

We are seeking all kinds of submissions: group photos of your batch, photos of field trips, artwork by you or your family members, humorous events from your college days, your experience in your professional career, the story of your entrepreneurial journey or even general photographs showing your photographic skills. (Try attaching a humorous caption).

Each issue will have a nugget of wisdom on financial planning and investment options. Especially for those who are just embarking on professional careers.

Please forward this newsletter to all your friends and contacts in the KJSSC alumni network. We want you to help us increase our customer base. Urge all your friends to sign up as members of the Alumni Association. Help us grow the network. Get back in touch with friends of yore. Revive memories.

Let's look forward to better times when all of us will get together in this post-pandemic world and make all attempts to adjust to the new normal.

Please send in your contributions to: campuscalling@somaiya.edu

The Managing Committee of the KJSSC Alumni Association wishes you and your family a very happy festive season.

WHY GANESHA IS WORSHIPED BEFORE THE START OF ANY GOOD ACITIVITY

by Solicitor Vishwanath Mannadiar

Ganesha is the most loved of all the Gods of the Hindu pantheon, he may not be as handsome as Krishna, or as valorous as Rama, but his looks are very lovable, my views may be biased because he is my favourite. Ganesha has the biggest head of all the Gods, that makes him the most intelligent, he has the biggest ears, so he can hear all my troubles, he has the biggest stomach, cause like me he loves good food and he has the cutest of all vahanas, the mooshak, well that makes Ganesha



The Origins of Ganesha is to be found in the Rig Veda, where he is referred to as Ganapati – Brahamanaspati. There are many legends and variations to the stories related to the birth of Ganesha.

It is said that one must invoke Ganesha before commencing any worthwhile activity, for the success of the activity. There are three major legends associated with why this is so.

The first is associated with the legend of the birth of Ganesha, and has two variations, the story goes that, when the Devas and Gandharvas approached Shiva and begged him to protect them from the harassment caused by the Asuras, Shiva created a boy from his consciousness, one variation of this story says that Shiva made the boy with an elephant head and armed him with a trishul, the story further goes that Shivas consort Parvati was so delighted with the small boy that she accepted him as her own and blessed him with a boon 'that no endeavour human or divine would be successful unless the child was invoked and propitiated'. Another version of the same story has it that the boy created by Shiva was so handsome and lovable that Parvati grew resentful of the boy and wished that the boy grow the head of an elephant instead of his handsome visage, however when Parvati saw the elephant headed boy she fell in love with him, so much so, that she ordained that Ganesha should be worshipped first and foremost, before the start of any venture.

The second legend as to why Ganesha is to be propitiated before invoking any other God or embarking upon any enterprise, is about little Ganesha and his sibling Karthikeya. It appears that once when Shiva and Parvati the parents of little Ganesha and Kartikeya returned from some journey they had with them an exotic fruit, both boys clamoured for the fruit, but there was only one and both were unwilling to share, so the parents devised a competition, the one to circumambulate the three worlds and return first would get the fruit, Kartikeya got on to his mount, the peacock and flew off, confident that he could easily beat Ganesha astride his poor little mouse, Ganesha competed a parikrama of his parents because he reckoned that parents constitute the three worlds and claimed the prize. For his brilliance, intelligence, and ability to think on his feet, his parents blessed him and granted him a boon that he would be worshipped before invoking any other energy or starting any work.

The third story from the Shiva Purana, has it that Parvati's maids Jaya and Vijaya taunted Parvati that while Shiva had his Ganas to do his bidding Parvati had no one, Parvati also wanted some one who would do her bidding and be her personal bodyguard, she therefore created a handsome, strong, and valiant, youth. One day one she stationed him outside her abode armed with a stick and bade him to stop anyone trying to enter without her permission. Shiva's Ganas came along and wanted to pay obeisance to Mother Parvati, the youth standing guard stopped them, the enraged Ganas declared war on the youth. Vanquished they ran to Shiva to complain, at that time Brahma and Vishnu had gone to meet Shiva, they joined the battle, the youth made short work of Brahma and Vishnu, he even tugged at the beard and moustache of Brahma, enraged Shiva entered the fray and decapitated the boy, when Parvati heard of this she flew into a rage, the wrath of Shakti was awesome, all the three worlds trembled, the Devas, Gandharvas, Asuras and even the Yakshas were fearful of the anger of Mother Shakti, Shiva and all the other Gods, demigods and all major and minor denizens of the three worlds prostrated before Mother Shakti and hailed her, Parvati pleased and filled with compassion abandoned her Rudra Swaroopa. Shiva then filled with remorse sent his Ganas to search for any living being sleeping with head facing North, the first creature the Ganas saw was a baby elephant, they immediately severed the head of the baby elephant and returned to Shiva, Shiva placed the elephant head on the trunk of the beheaded youth and resuscitated him. Parvati on seeing her son back to life was overjoyed she adorned him with fine clothes and ornaments and commanded that he be worshipped before anyone else. A remorseful, Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva then ordained that the youth would be worshipped in all the three worlds before they themselves were worshipped and that he would be the remover of all obstacles and the bestower of success. The Ganas acknowledging defeat at the hands of the youth accepted him as their lord and master, thus he got the name Ganesha and Ganapati the Lord of the Ganas.

HISTORY OF SOMAIYA COLLEGE

On 16th May 1902, in a remote village, Malunja in Shrirampur Taluk, Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra, a son was born to Shri. Jethabhai, a grocer. Karamsibhai, the illustrious son, a Padmabhushan recipient, (Republic day honours list 2000) had his early schooling in New High School (present New Bharda High School, Hazarimal Somani Marg, C. S. T). Returning to Malunja, Karamsibhai set up, after an initial foray into trading, two sugar factories, in Sakarwadi & Lakshmiwadi. Recognising his leadership qualities, he was elected the president of the Deccan Sugar Factories Association and the Deccan Sugar Technologists Association. The person who earned the sobriquet, "Sugar Baron of India", bought, in 1959, a large tract of land, in Kirol Village, Kurla Taluka, Mumbai Suburban District and in the same year set up an education trust, to manage and conduct educational activities on the said large tract of land, this is the present day "Vidhyavihar" campus, a tribute to the vision of Karamsibappa. Started in 1960, with one building, housing an Arts & Science College, the vision of the founder, has today become a 'Home for Education', it is a university city, imparting education from K.G to P.G in all known streams of knowledge.



The Arts and Science college was followed by a High school, a Teachers Training Institute, a Polytechnic, an Engineering College a Medical College and today is home to several Institutes imparting knowledge in Management, Spirituality, and every other specialization, known to Science and Humanities.

The Arts and Science College, which embraced the Commerce stream in 1969, was bifurcated in 1972, into two colleges the Arts & Commerce College and the Science College, the Science College later added the Commerce stream, in 1986 to become the present Science and Commerce College.

The Science and Commerce College had as its first Principal Dr. J L Desai, succeeded by the dynamic and evergreen Principal Prabhakar M Rao, this institution has risen to great heights under the stewardship of its successor principals, each an educator of great excellence who brought an enhanced value system, to the Institution and is today one of the prestigious colleges of this Urbs Primus, called Mumbai.

The college has maintained an unblemished record of being awarded an 'A' grade from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, (NAAC), an autonomous institution of the University Grants Commission, at every reaccreditation process. Prior to the reaccreditation process of the UGC, the college was shortlisted among three colleges for 'The Best College' award in 2009-10.

The college has also produced alumnus of outstanding merit and valour, it has as its illustrious Alumni, scientists, educators, sportspersons, professionals of great calibre and brave sentinels of our freedom on whom have been conferred gallantry awards, for service beyond the call of duty. The College, recognized as 'Centre with Potential for Excellence' by UGC has been ranked in the top FIVE among three hundred and fifty science colleges of Mumbai and among the top twenty-five colleges in India, according to an independent survey conducted by "India Today" a reputed national publication.

Financial Wellness: Way to Financial Freedom (Part 1)

By Dr. Pruthviraj D. Desai

To begin with let us discuss difference between Savings & Investment. Savings is excess of income over expenditure. $\text{Savings} = \text{Income} - \text{Expenditure}$.

Individual's approach towards this simple formula can decide their financial wellness/stability.

Success Formula: Save first, spend later.

Failure Formula: Spend first, save later.

Financial Wellness Tip No. 1:

Especially, young generation should keep in mind, 1st salary is your 1st investment...

Editor's note: An excellent bargain is when you buy something you don't need for a price you cannot afford.

in the virology class
 is it or is it not
 made or modified,
 from hush hush lab
 with worker hushed up.
 Leak not leaked out,
 allowing the spread,
 humanity when dead.

Huge price paid
 shouldn't you be held,
 accounting for misery
 that go down the history?
 To head hung in shame,
 scientist of name,
 asked many in flame.

"Is this for fame
 or a power of game"
 Asked the class in spell.
 Thought the tutor, how do i tell
 It 'll be fine , if in science
 you tune in with conscience.

Dedicated to my students of Micro-
 biology

Shailaja Girishankar.
Rtd.HOD, Dept of Microbiology
K.J. Somaiya College of Science.

AN ARMCHAIR TREASURE HUNT

by Solicitor Vishwanath Mannadiar

This is an armchair treasure hunt.
 A student starting from one end of Mumbai
 City wants to reach our campus, please show
 the way by solving the clues.

Each clue if solved correctly will take you to a
 landmark, that is connected by a direct road to
 the previous and the next landmark.

5 all correct entries drawn by lots, will get
 prizes. All other correct entries will get an
 Honourable Mention in the next issue.

1) Not the country ruled from 1600 Pennsyl-
 vania Avenue, but a recreational place for the
 men in uniform, has a scenic Golf Course too.

2) The Hordes they came to plunder and loot
 but stayed to pray, in this war memorial.

3) An archway built to welcome a monarch,
 now beats the retreat.

4) Not an entry to a house of prayer but the
 hub of a transport network.

5) Sailors on Parade at this stop.

6) These sands of time have seen many
 events the most celebrated being a joyous
 farewell, year after year.

7) Not the home of any monarch but monarchs
 in costume have ruled here.

8) An American President and an American
 rapper in an infirmary.

9) The Brits are gone but left currency on G.D
 R.

10) An arena for the Iron man.

11) Tourists come to see the washing of dirty
 linen here.

12) Definitely not Tippu' s Palace, the for-
 tress of the communists for sure.

13) A British Monarch changed to a Maratha
 King in this house of learning.

14) Six faced entertainments in this place of
 music and dance.

15) Boundary of the Island City at a locus of
 points equidistant.

16) Looks like our destination but it' s not
 here.

17) A Father and his daughter have their
 presence nearby.

18) Place where the Spice Girls indulge in
 retail therapy.

19) Local King below a hill or mountain in
 Arabic.

20) -You have successfully navigated to the
 campus gate.

Accolades and Achievements of your Alma mater

By. Dr. Chitra Kamath (Member of the Managing Committee, KJSSCAA)

K. J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce is one of the prominent institutions of Somaiya Vidyavihar, established in 1972. The college is known for its faculty, research culture and democratic leadership. The college advisory committee, academic advisors, research coordinators along with the teaching and non-teaching faculty have significantly contributed to its success.

In year 2006 and 2007, the college was shortlisted amongst 350 urban colleges for the 'Best College Award' of University of Mumbai and in year 2010, it received "The Best College Award" by the University and shortlisted for the title many times.

College was also ranked among TOP TEN science colleges of the city by INDIA TODAY in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. In a country wide ranking it was ranked 24th among the best science colleges.

The college decided to ascertain its standard by undergoing the accreditation process of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The college was conferred "A" grade in February 2004, March 2010 and May 2016.

A grant of INR 90 Lakhs was received by the college under scheme "Fund for Improvement of S & T Infrastructure (FIST) of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, New Delhi. Additionally, the Department of Bio-Technology Government of India, New Delhi (DBT) sanctioned INR 69 Lakhs under the "STAR COLLEGE SCHEME Category" to 6 science departments viz Chemistry, Biochemistry, Botany, Zoology, Microbiology and Physics. In 2017, Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science, Geology and Biotechnology departments were sanctioned with STAR grant of INR 101 Lakhs. The College received "College with Potential for Excellence" title by UGC in April, 2016 along with INR 1.5 Cr. CPE grant.

The College was selected for Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (A Govt. of India Initiative) and under UBA college adopted 5 villages in Taluka Dahanu Dist. Palghar.

Post attaining the autonomous status, the college made significant changes to the existing syllabi to reflect the changing business, industrial and social needs. Innovative learning methodologies such as project-based learning, experiential learning and flip-class learning were also introduced successfully.

About K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce Alumni Association

By. Dr. Chitra Kamath (Member of the Managing Committee, KJSSCAA)

The K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce Alumni association (KJSSCAA) is registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 (2061/2015/GBBSD). The Managing committee comprising of the President, Secretary, Joint secretaries, Advisory members and other members manage the activities and conduct the affairs of the Alumni Association.

The objectives of KJSSCAA are:

1. To build a strong network of past and current students.
2. To establish a forum to preserve the memories, associations and traditions of the institution.
3. To encourage, foster and promote close relations between K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce and its Alumni for the growth of the institution in the areas of industry interaction, admissions, internships and placement.
4. To make optimum use of alumni expertise to conduct Alumni – student knowledge exchange programmes like professional lectures, training programmes, etc.
5. To enlist the interest and services of alumni in strengthening and improving the infrastructural facilities of the Institution.

The association is striving hard to achieve these objectives. Lecture series Enriching Expressions involves organisation of talks by eminent alumni in their area of expertise. The students are benefited by the experience of the alumni in topics of current areas of research etc. Alumni help in placement of students in their organisations. Each year prizes are given to first rank holders of every course. In a bid to encourage students to participate in National and International research meets and competitions, the Association bears expenses partly.

Every year during the annual reunion, eminent Alumni are felicitated. This year Mr. Parmanand Bhatia an alumnus of the microbiology department was felicitated. Mr. Parmanand Bhatia is the co-founder of Lab Diagnostics Pvt Ltd. A rapid covid-19 test of this company was approved by the ICMR last year.

Every department of the college seeks to develop innovative courses through alumni engagement. One such initiative has been taken up by the Department of Chemistry - A skill enhancement course titled 'Business skills for Chemists'. This course is designed and conducted by the alumni of the chemistry department who are working in the industry for 10 to 15 years and are well versed with their domain. Alumnus Solicitor Vishwanath Mannadiar has made a notable contribution in formation of the alumni association and helps the association in the submission of the various documents to the Charity Commissioners office. This year the e-magazine of the KJSSCAA is being launched with Dr G S Rao as the editor. Dr. R. Mogre, Mr. R. Venkatraman R, Dr. K. Hosalikar, Mr. R. Bagayatkar are some notable alumni who devote their time and expertise to the welfare of the students.

In May 2021, the North American chapter of the association was started. It has about 28 members. Notable among these are Dr Khushroo Shroff, Executive Director Pfizer US, Prof Ganesh Nayak, Director of Chemistry and Environmental Sustainability Program and Professor of Chemistry, college of St Mary US, Dr Nischal Singh, Senior Scientist II, AbbVie, Dr Kirthivasan Nagarajan, Director-Process Technology at SI Group to name a few.

With strong support from its alumni the college hopes to scale greater heights

ALUMNUS ILLUMINATUS : SATISH RAO



In 1983, a young lad from the humble dwellings of Tilak Nagar, a student at KJSSC participated in the Science Fair, where he demonstrated an innovative Fermentation method to Mr.S.K.Somaiya the visiting dignitary. Securing the first prize instilled a sense of confidence and recognition for this young achiever, Satish Rao deeply reinforcing his belief that Somaiya as an institution was always focussed in all-round development of the student as against just academics. This legacy is being taken forward by Mr.Samir Somaiya as Chairman of institution now.

After graduating in 1985, Satish Rao completed his Masters in Science and then MBA in Marketing from Mumbai University. Satish also got trained in Advanced Leadership program at Harvard University, USA. At present he is Chairman and Managing Director, Firmenich Aromatics Production India Pvt. Ltd. Firmenich is largest privately held Swiss multinational in Fragrance & Taste. Satish has worked across different strategic economies of India, China & USA during his corporate career of 30 years. Before joining Firmenich, Satish worked at senior management roles at multinationals like Bayer & McCormick. Somaiya college has a special place in my life he says as it inculcated the sense of values and academic focus and taught me that 'learning never ends' and urged me onto a continuous quest for knowledge. The environment at Somaiya beautifully blends the vast campus ecosystem, dedicated teaching staff and culturally rich students.

During his stint at Harvard university he found himself comparing that campus with Somaiya College. We at Somaiya had the privilege of huge campus (in a crowded city like Mumbai) but not the appeal of a great university. 35 years later when he visited Somaiya campus he was pleasantly shocked to see the transformation of our campus. He admits that our Somaiya campus now has the similar vibe like any other university campus in USA. However, it has a better edge over western universities since Somaiya has the unique distinction of combining highest level of academic deliveries integrated into the proud Indian values and culture. "This particular fact sets aside Somaiya from any other institutions and I feel proud to be its alumnus."

Satish Rao urges students to “remember that you are blessed to be a part of this amazing legacy institution. It is very easy to be critical about things. However as years pass by and you get an opportunity to compare and contrast with other institutions, only then one appreciates the true value of Somaiya. Use this student life to your best advantage in securing the necessary skills you need to enter and flourish in your earning phase of life. Now that it’s a deemed university, options and flexibility to learn is enormous



In his own way Mr. Satish Rao is giving back to his Alma mater. “I feel humbled and privileged to be a member of the Academic Advisory Board at S.K.Somaiya College. My endeavour through this position will be to enable Somaiya students to become ‘industry ready’. By fine tuning the industry application in evolving the curriculum for students, so that skills acquired here make our students a preferred choice in the industry.”

During the pandemic, Mr. Rao donated laptops to needy students and arranged monthly groceries for caddies of the Golf Course.

If you would like to be featured in Alumnus Illuminatus please drop in a mail to campuscalling@somaiya.edu

CONTESTS GALORE!!!

There are FOUR contests in this issue.

Send in your answers to campuscalling@somaiya.edu

The deadline is 31st Jan, 2022. In time for the next issue which will be released on 09 Feb 2022.

You have lots of time. (Procrastinators Rejoice!!)

You don't have to completely solve the puzzles. As in college, it is OK to miss a few questions.

Also remember that we give prizes to the also-rans also. (Teacher's comment: Lousy sentence construct)

Contest No. 1: Armchair Treasure Hunt.

Contest No 2: Clues Maze.

Contest No. 3: Contactless Contacts Contest.

Contact all the alumni you know. And email them a copy of this newsletter. (You can even send it to his dog. Especially to the guy who claimed "My Dog ate my homework"). Ask them to click on this link (<https://kjssc.somaiya.edu.in/en/alumni-overview/>) and register in the Alumni Association database. It only takes a few seconds. The REGISTER option is on the bottom left of the Home Page.

You have to send us a list of the people you have contactlessly contacted. The more the number of people you have contacted register, the more likely your chances of winning a prize. (Teacher's Comment: Meaning not clear. Rephrase!)

Rephrased: Send us list of all people you contacted. If all of them register you win BIG prize. If less register you win SMALL prize. (Teacher's comment: @\$%^ I GIVE UP)

Contest No. 4: Reactionary Red Letter Day Contest.

Please send in your reactions to this issue. You know the "Letters to the editor" kind. Those that are published in the next issue will earn a prize. Making it a Red Letter Day for you.

Contest No. 5: Contributions Contested Contest.

This is not really a contest. That is why it is being contested. (Lest some legal luminaries...).

We are seeking donations to the Alumni Association funds. Which will be used for a variety of good causes. Scholarships for students, infrastructure improvement in college, partial sponsorship for students traveling to represent the college in conferences/symposia and so on.

Please do chip in.

The account details are:

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Please inform us by separate email about your generosity. We need to know whom to be grateful to.

Confessions of a CEO

-by. Dr. G. S. Rao

Are you done with your zoom call?

Yes, I said.

Then come help me in the kitchen. I followed her into her domain.

Nice T-Shirt she said. Thankfully it was an internal meeting with my core team.

I didn't have to wear any formals I said, looking down at my impressive T-Shirt.

Please get rid of those ghastly shorts, she said with a neutralizing smile .

I was pained. They were my favourite pair of shorts. With large baggy pockets.

I had bought them for a planned African Safari. Which got cancelled at the last minute.

But the shorts gave me a sense of adventurism. Hiding in the dense bushes waiting for the wildlife to show up at the watering hole.

Anyway, I changed into a more conservative pair of trousers and returned to her domain.

What do you want me to do? I said.

Slice some beans. Do you know how?

Nothing to it, I said. Lengthwise or cross-wise?

She turned away. I knew she was rolling her eyes.

Have you ever seen anyone slicing beans lengthwise?

She picked up a bowl full of beans. Took two of them. Laid them on the cutting board. First you slice off the two ends. And then the rest of it into equal pieces. Got it?

I nodded. And seated myself at the table. Picked up a fistful of beans.

Stacked them into a neat pile. Sliced off the ends in one deft stroke.

Finished the first stack. She must have heard me picking up the second stack.

She turned round to inspect. The sizes are not equal. Reduce the number of beans in each stack she said.

But isn't it more efficient with a large stack?

No. Her voice went up a notch. I am not looking for efficiency. I want equality.

It took me a long time to finish the beans.

Next? I asked. Carrots she said pointing to a large pile of carrots at the end of the table. Length-wise she said before I could ask. I didn't bother to ask why.

Ours is not to reason why... the long forgotten poem flashed in my mind. I painstakingly sliced two of them into nice long slivers. I thought I would pre-empt a surprise inspection. I walked up to her and showed her the results.

She sighed. You forgot to chop off the ends. (Oh. I did, didn't I?)

And the slivers are too thick. (Oh. They are, are they?)

Like the Head Honcho that I am I decided to divert the topic. (A good strategy when caught in an awkward situation)

What are we cooking? I asked.

I (she laid a great deal of emphasis on that one syllable) am making mixed-veg curry. Which is your favourite (a hint of a benevolent smile) and you (again the emphasis) are trying (more emphasis this time) to assist me.

With the long experience of reading corporate reports that don't make any sense and remembering stuff that I don't want to, I remembered something.

Don't we have some kind of mixer-grinder? With all kinds of fancy blades. That is used to cut vegetables into different shapes and sizes.

She had the grace to look embarrassed, I will give her that. Then she tried to cover-up. Another all-too-familiar corporate strategy. I haven't used it in a while. Will take too long to wash and clean the jars.

I felt sorry for that gizmo. Doubtless locked away in some dark cranny. Never to be seen again. A victim of the mistrust harboured by her mother and grandmother against time-saving kitchen appliances. A sentiment that she had inherited. Using your own hands, her late grandmother would intone, infuses your love into the food.

I couldn't blame her. I recalled the many instances when I had initiated efficiency drives on the factory shop floor. Started with great fanfare. Using terms like "time and motion studies", "common activity clusters", "minimum material wastage", "just in time inventory". And the whole thing gradually tapered out. Fading into the oblivion of a footnote in the annual reports.

An hour later, a delicious aroma filled her domain while she bent over the large pan gently stirring the mixed-veg curry.

Now for the salt, she announced like a pilot on the final approach.

I scooped up a spoonful of salt, holding it over the pan, waiting for her signal. Too much she said throwing a quick glance. I returned a pinch back into the salt jar. Too little she said. I added some more. Never mind she said. I detected a look of despair in her eyes. She jerked her head sideways indicating the pan. I dumped the salt in. Like an obedient soldier responding to a General's command. You are not supposed to dump it in she almost screamed. Sprinkle it all over the pan, she chided.

How does it matter? I thought to myself. You are stirring it anyway!

I promptly realised that she was holding a solid cast-iron pan with steaming mixed-veg curry in one hand and a heavy-duty steel stirrer in the other.

Some thoughts are best kept to oneself.

CLUES MAZE

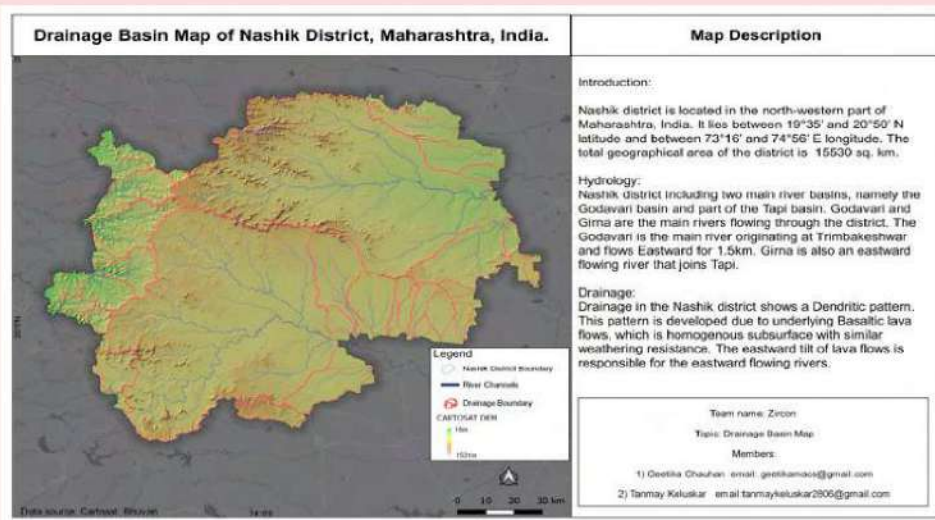
Solve the following clues using words shown in the maze below.
One clue has been solved for you.

Send in your entries to: campuscalling@somaiya.edu

- 1) They may be old, but they don't die easily. (6)
- 2) It makes clothes hard to wear (6)
- 3) Hot qualifications (7)
- 4) Excess parts (6)
- 5) Only a French mother (4)
- 6) Mark cattle with corporate logo (5)
- 7) One who might be guilty (7)
- 8) Improve keenness of (7)
- 9) Dental examination (4)
- 10) How one snores and how one sleeps (7)
- 11) Place for ships to dock and plug in (4)
- 12) Sounds made by radar (5)
- 13) Home for pet canines (6)
- 14) A round in the ring (4)

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SNAP SHOT



3D image of Nashik District created using satellite data (CARTOSAT).
Winner of special mention in Mapathon contest.
By Geetika Chauhan, M.Sc., Geology, 2019 and Tanmay Keluskar.



Flight for Freedom
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