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K J Somaiya College of Science & Commerce

Campus Calling

KJSSC Alumni Newsletter

Dear Alumnus,

Here it is! The second issue of the Newsletter !!

Hopefully you enjoyed the first issue. Unfortunately there were only a handful of responses for the first issue. The puzzles, with an allure of prizes to be won, did not generate any response. There is a word puzzle in this issue too. Give it a shot. It's not very difficult. It's far easier than the many exams you wrote during your college days.

we take this opportunity to repeat the requests made in the previous issue. Please do send in some recollections of your days in college, some experiences in your professional career, some photographs of your college days, some artwork done by you or your family. Or a nice photograph you have clicked.

Please don't worry too much about your writing skills. At our end we will suitably polish it.

If you know of any KJSSC Alumnus, please forward this newsletter to them. Please pay special attention to the "Reaching out" section in this issue.

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If you would like to be featured in the "Alumnus Illuminatus" section please drop in an email. You don't have to be a super achiever. If you are associated with some charity work, volunteering for some worthy cause or generally making someone's lives better or a struggling entrepreneur then you qualify.

We are well aware that the alumni of KJSSC hail from different parts of India. In a true spirit of inclusivity we have decided to accept articles, poems etc in regional languages of India. So those of you who would like to exhibit your literary skills please send it in. Please ensure that your contributions are original.

Our next issue will be released on 09 May 2022. Please send in your entries by mid-April 2022.

A word of thanks to Kewal Haria (batch of 2012, KJSAC dept) who, after reading the first issue volunteered to take up the responsibility of creating the layout of this issue.

Thank you Kewal.

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SENIOR CITIZEN

BY SOLICITOR VISHWNATH MANNADIAR

This Morning got a message regarding a Senior Citizen's home that a friend manages.

This friend from my school and college days, is an accomplished vocalist, his chosen genre being 'Gazal'. He channelizes all his professional income for managing a wonderful 'Home' for seniors.

This brings us to the situation of the 'seniors' in and around our neighbourhood, most of the seniors these days live alone, their children having gone away to other cities or because of the busy lives that they lead, though living in the same city, being at different locations, unable to visit, their parents, on a regular basis.

Whether during troubled times or even during good times, please spare a thought for the elders, They may require our assistance to get essentials, medicines or just an assurance that there is someone nearby, This is particularly true during difficult times.

The elderly do not need our material support, They just need some company, particularly the presence of someone to chat with. It may not be possible for one to visit them, often, even though you live in the same locality, However, if they live in your building or in the next, do spare some time for them, Do call them on the phone, or even just knock on their door to say hello, The joy they feel is to be experienced, it is indescribable.

There are many quiet ways in which we can silently support our seniors. Have you ever thought, about the big stone lying in the middle of the foot path or the two wheeler parked at the entrance to the building. Requiring the seniors to take a detour. Sometimes our thoughtless actions, may be, in our hurry, without meaning to cause inconvenience, cause a lot of pain to the elderly. The least we can do is to keep our neighbourhood uncluttered and clean. This will not only help the seniors but make us proud of our neighbourhood. Small things like running an errand, fetching something from

the market or even just keeping them company by walking along as they go shopping, go a long way in brightening the lives of the elders in their twilight years.

Often their own near and dear are unable to attend to them despite their love, distances, and special circumstances, being the primary causes.

There is not much the elders need, just the assurance that, there is someone nearby motivates them and brightens their lives, it will also give us something to do to lessen the tedium of our daily existence and may be add new friends in our lives.

FINANCIAL WELLNESS: WAY TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM (PART 2)

BY DR. PRUTHVIRAJ DESAI

Investment Avenues/Asset classes are as follows:

1. Real estate/Property
2. Bullion - Gold/Silver
3. Fixed Deposits & Recurring Deposits
4. Equity Shares
5. Mutual Funds
6. Antiques (paintings, sculptures, furniture, vintage car, vintage wine etc.)

Wealth creation process depends of asset allocation & diversification. It is advisable to have a diverse portfolio comprising of all these asset classes. As it is said, one size doesn't suit all. Similarly, there is no standard format of asset allocation. It depends on investor's age, financial goals, risk appetite etc.

CAMPUS CALLING ON PROF P. M. RAO

(FORMER PRINCIPAL OF KJSSC)

Our foot loose and fancy free alumni who have a tendency to travel often call upon Prof P. M. Rao, the much respected former Principal of KJSSC. Here are some photographs taken at his residence in Udipi, Karnataka.



Prof P M Rao and Ajit Suvarna

Standing: Dr. Swati Sahastrabudhe, Jayanta Sahastrabudhe, Shivangi Bagayatkar, Family Guest, Hema Bakshi, Medha Sule, Nitin Sule

Sitting: Prof. P.M. Rao, Ramchandra Bagayatkar, Hemant Bakshi



FLASH UPDATE!!

Kudos to our alumnus Dr. K. S. Hosalikar who has assumed additional charge in the India Meteorological Department.

Tweets

Tweets & replies

Media

Likes



K S Hosalikar @Hosalikar_KS · 3h



Took additional charge of Head - Office of Climate Research & Services, India Meteorological Department, Pune from 31 Jan 2022.

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↻ 14

❤ 317



ACCOLADES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

K J Somaiya college of science and commerce shines in the Atal Rankings

K J Somaiya college of science and commerce Vidyavihar Mumbai, (ARI-C-33631) has been placed under 'Band-Performer' in the category of General (Non-Technical)' in ARIIA Rankings 2021.

The Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) is an initiative of the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India implemented through AICTE and MoE's Innovation Cell to systematically rank all major higher educational institutions and universities in India on indicators related to promotion and support of 'Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development' amongst students and faculties.

In this edition of ARIIA, MoE has divided the ranking into four categories (Band-Excellent, Band-Performer, Band-Promising, and Band- Beginner).

The Minister of State for Education, Shri Subhas Sarkar announced the ARIIA 2021 results on 29 December 2021. A total of 1438 institutions (including all IITs, NITs, IISc, etc.) participated in ARIIA 2021 rankings which is more than double as compared to second edition of ARIIA (2020). 674 institutes had participated in ARIIA 2020 and 496 institutes had participated in ARIIA 2019.

Campus Calling congratulates Prof Pradnya Prabhu, Principal KJSSC and Jaidip Wable, Asst Prof , Dept of Chemistry, Convener , E cell and his team.

ALUMNUS ILLUMINATUS - MR. RUPESH POOJARI



Rupesh Poojari completed his M. Sc. In Environmental Sciences in 2014. While still a student he was fortunate enough to be selected by MCGM. He was a stellar student during his M. Sc days as evidenced by the laurels he won. The First Prize in the World Wetland Day for his work on Mangrove Diversity; an award from Third International Conference “Green Health”; the Science Popularization program conducted by TIFR has appreciated his contribution, *He displayed*

passionate zeal while helping disseminate scientific content says the commendation letter. He was an active participant in the joint research project on Air Quality between San Diego State University and K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce.

But Rupesh’s mettle was rigorously tested when the pandemic ravaged the world. And he took up the challenge of working in the hotspot of the pandemic – Dharavi, Mumbai. When some of the regular workers tested positive, Rupesh and his team from MCGM, stepped in to fill the resource crunch.

They became the warriors on the ground in what is now famously known as the “The Dharavi Model”. An action plan that was lauded by WHO and BBC and was replicated in various other places.

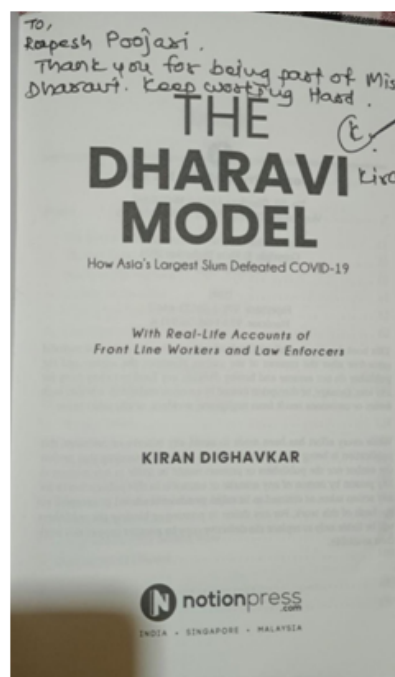
During the lockdown Rupesh and his team helped to arrange food and groceries, arranged train journeys for migrant workers and buses to transport them to the train terminus. During Ramzan they conducted a special drive to organize dry fruits for worshippers.

Mr. Kiran Dighavkar, Asst. Commissioner of MCGM appreciated Rupesh’s efforts in the war against the pandemic, in the campaign known as Mission Dharavi.



Rupesh receiving award
from Mr. Kiran
Dighavkar, Asst.
Commissioner MCGM

Book - The Dharavi
Model



Rupesh has very pleasant memories from his time in the KJSSC, especially of the annual departmental festival “CONVERGENCE”. During college days Rupesh was privileged to meet Dr. Rajendra Singh - the Waterman of India – and work with him on river rejuvenation project.

Rupesh is very grateful to Dr. Sugandha Shetye the HOD of EVS Dept who stood by him in one of the tough phase of his career.

His advise to students is: Every expert was once a beginner, so start !!!



In December 2021, Rupesh married Swathi. Campus Calling wishes the couple a glorious married life.

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REACHING OUT

Dear Alumnus,

Greetings to you from the KJSSC Alumni Association!

Over the past few years much of the progress of your Alma Mater can be attributed to the strong support of one and all: teachers, non-teaching staff, students, parents and **our strong force of brand Ambassadors - our Alumni**. This indeed is a great pride for us that our college is recognized by the alumni and their success.

We now have two requests to make:

- Please register online (Free of Cost) in our master database so that we can continue to keep in touch with you. You will continue to receive our digital newsletter which will help you to connect with your long-forgotten classmates, revive memories of your college days and give you something to smile about.
- Please find it in yourself to make a small financial contribution to the Alumni Association. Donors will be gratefully acknowledged in the Newsletter and their generosity duly recognized. Remember that no amount is small. Mite can also be mighty.

To know more about the milestones reached and the accolades achieved **by your college** please read on. Else skip to the end of this document. But do please spare a thought to the two requests.

Somaiya Vidyavihar is committed to the cause of Education, Community Service, Indian Culture and Research in Science and Technology. The college has grown in leaps and bounds in terms of student strength, courses and subjects offered facilities etc. We are sensitive to the needs of the student community; hence we have always strived to perform better. We are responsive to the advances in technology and the evolving benchmarks in the field of education, with special reference to teaching & learning approaches.

The College was adjudged the Best College of the University of Mumbai in 2010 in the Urban category. The College has been conferred Autonomous Status from 2013-2014. The College was awarded FIST “O” level Programme DST, Star College Scheme by DBT and has been recently awarded ‘College with Potential for Excellence’ by UGC. The college was awarded “A” Grade by NAAC three times successively.

We are preparing for our 4th cycle of re-accreditation; currently the college is poised at a very critical juncture, where it is facing the following challenges:

1. Shrinking financial resources.
2. Since we have become autonomous, the undergraduate and post-graduate syllabi for all subjects have been gradually revised. A crucial change is the emphasis given to experiential learning. Hence, in the second year of our postgraduate courses, there is a major requirement for industrial training or research projects for our students.

For this Endeavour, we urge our valuable resources i.e., our Alumni to allow us to ease such changes to prepare our students for the industry. It will also foster industry-academia collaboration with mutual benefits to the college and the alumni.

We look forward to your help in the following ways:

1. Facilitating the students to get trained in industries by providing suitable opportunities to students.
2. Helping the college with placement of students.
3. Sharing your expertise with our students thereby enriching their knowledge. Every year the college organises lecture series delivered by stalwarts who are our alumni. For this purpose, you may share your own expertise or may suggest the names of other eminent alumni.
4. Majority of our students come from financially under-privileged families who tend to drop out of courses due to lack of financial resources. You are welcome to sponsor such students in need.
5. You may contribute in cash or kind for upgradation of facilities of college. You may choose to earmark your donation towards any of the following purposes:
 - a. Laboratories
 - b. Library
 - c. Sports Facilities
 - d. Upgrading existing infrastructure – Classrooms, Girls and Boys Common Rooms, Seminar Halls.
 - e. IT – The covid-19 pandemic has necessitated a major strengthening of IT resources/ infrastructure.

***** For ready reference copy and paste the portion below to your laptop*****

Membership of the K.J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce Alumni Association

Life membership of the association is **free of cost** and may be obtained by filling the membership form at the link given here:

<https://kjssc.somaiya.edu.in/en/alumni-overview/>

The process takes but a few minutes of your time.

Donations/Contributions to the Alumni Association may be made by cheque/ NEFT to the following account:

Name of the Account holder: K. J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce Alumni Association

Bank Name: Union Bank of India

Account Number: 058810100036093

IFSC Code: UBIN0805882

Address: 36, Kumudini, 7 th Road, Rajawadi,

Branch: 0588 Ghatkopar (East)

IFSC Code: ANDB0000588

MICR No: 400026274

Please note that the account is with Andhra Bank which has been merged with Union Bank of India.

Please inform me separately by email (chitra@somaiya.edu) after you have made the donation.

Mention your name, amount and date of donation.

Donations made by cheque must be sent to:

KJSSC Alumni Association

KJ Somaiya College of Science and Commerce

Vidyavihar, Mumbai 400077

Kind Attention: Dr. Chitra Kamath

Warm regards

Dr. Chitra Kamath

Coordinator, KJSSC Alumni Association

CLUES MAZE NO 2

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. Makers of silken strand traps (7)
2. Place to earn a degree (7)
3. Things used to fill up things (5)
4. There is strength in a small quantity? (4)
5. Illuminating thought (4)
6. On second thought ask for a second thought (7)
7. Motherly boss of nursing staff (6)
8. Pathway for trains (not for cars?) (8)
9. Supports a motion on the clock (7)
10. Sceptics have these (6)
11. Just the rural amusement park (4)
12. No daydreaming at this time (5)
13. PPE (6)
14. Emphasize the chandelier (9)

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A	N	B	N	D	O	N	A	M	Q	H	B
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SOLUTIONS TO CLUES MAZE NO 1

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

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C	M	Q	Y	L	D	N	U	O	S

BIRDWATCHING FROM MY BEDROOM

BY DR. G. S. RAO

This is a story about birds.

Not to be confused with the story of the Birds and Bees.

More correctly, this is a story of the birdwatching I do from my bedroom.

I can hear all my batchmates from College sniggering in the distant background.

You should call it Birdroom man!!!

Education has ruined you!!!

You mean to say all the tips I gave you in college days has gone to a complete waste!!!

Let me start from the beginning. Which they say is a good place to start when you are telling a story.

To collect the condensate from the Air Conditioner in my bedroom window I placed a plastic tray under it. Water accumulates in it. Nothing to do with water conservation. Just that the Housing Society said that the water output mars the newly painted surface. Making it look like a paan stain in a corner of the staircase in a municipal office. I would be fined very heavily for the unintentional artwork they said. Hence the plastic tray.

Which now serves as a watering hole. All the neighborhood birds drop in for their daily tippie. Starting at dawn and ending at dusk. They have turned me into an inveterate birdwatcher. Each bird has unique personalities. Some birds drop in with their regular bar-partners. Some arrive early and impatiently wait for the others to show up. Some are aggressive and bully the others with the usual "*tu jantaa nahin main kaun hoon, samjha kya??*" Some have the inevitable roving eye. Some are the life of the party. Ebullient. Effervescent. Hopping from table to table. Cracking a joke here. Lending a sympathetic ear there. Deftly borrowing a buck or two without causing offence. Flirting outrageously with the other guy's girl.

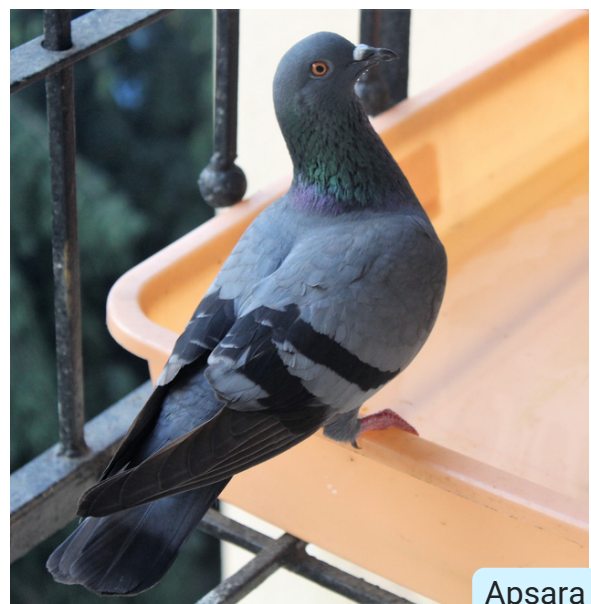
I am beginning to feel like the waiter in the Bar. I have begun to recognize the regulars and the irregulars. And I have begun to assign them names. (Shrink, here I come!!)



Nataraj

Nataraj: He is a loner. Arrives punctually about two hours before dusk. Leaves promptly at dusk. Always perches on one leg. Hence the name. Always sits by himself at the far corner table. Facing the wall and wallowing in self-pity. I think the one-legged stance is meant to evoke sympathy. Doesn't work. Waiting for some spark to enliven his life. Which never does. And so off he goes.

Apsara: Just look at her. Long slender gracefully curved neck tapering to a bewitchingly slim waist. Stunner to beat all stunners. Has many suitors. Doesn't seem ready to commit. She enjoys her footloose and fancy free status. Occasionally she favours me with a coquettish glance that melts my heart. My teacher used to tell me in high school "If you excel in maths, you will excel in life." My teacher would be aghast if she knew I developed an interest in these type of figures (Go figure!).



Apsara



Dandy Don

Dandy Don: This is the suave, polished, smooth talking dandy. Dark handsome guy with an impressive swagger. Hops from table to table. Cracks a joke at one, palms peanuts at the second and relieves someone of a couple of thousand bucks at the third.



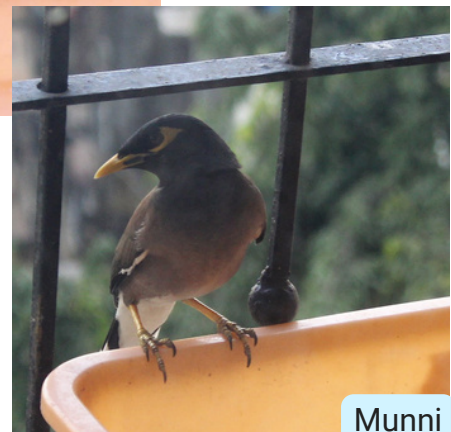
Dada

Dada: The "do you know who I am?" guy. Aggressively puffs himself up. Especially after downing a couple. Tries to impress the girls, who pretend to be covered. Then they giggle and gossip behind his back. They say he has done time.

Chunni



Chunni and Munni. They are the darling of the joint. Two mynahs. Identical twins. Absolutely adorable. They set the place on fire. Vivacious, ebullient. They make a lot of money on the side. By challenging everyone with their favourite guessing game. *Chunni kaun aur Munni kaun*. Said to be richest birds this side of the nallah.



Munni



Jackie

Jackie: This guy is a crow. Quite a sight. Breaks into a song now and then. Especially after downing a couple. Proud of his baritone voice. Stops after the mukhda. But when his fellow crows urge him on (after they have downed a couple) his vanity takes over. And he breaks into the full song.

The rest of the patrons disappear. For a quick toilet break.

Motarima: Beautiful gracious visitor from abroad. She is of royal descent. (They say she is related to Di. Yes. That one. The one who died.) She is single. But doesn't want to mingle.



Motarima



Chimpu

Chimpu: A Squirrel. Rarely seen. As elusive as the yeti. Difficult to photograph. Flits from here to there in 1/125 th of a second. He's gone before you can say click.

Mr. and Mrs. Ravan: Began appearing around Dusshera time. Look like crows, But are actually ravens. Jet black in colour.

Huge prominent beaks. A hush settles on the joint when they waltz in. The

barman at the counter hides all the expensive bottles. Lest they break a few for no reason at all. And crack the barman's jaw for good measure.

They are visitors in transit. Huge sigh of relief when they leave.



Mr and Mrs Ravan

Would you like to drop in for a visit? Mask compulsory. Maintain complete silence. Otherwise you will scare them all away. And make me look like a bird-brained idiot.

SNAP SHOT

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Tail Light



Staircase



Milk Crates



Brick Wall

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