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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Alumnus,

This is the first issue of the New Year and also the Newsletter. Issue No. 1 of Volume 2.

We commence the New Year on an extremely delightful note. The KJ Somaiya College of Science and Commerce has been conferred with the **BEST COLLEGE AWARD** during the 81st Foundation Day event held on 01 Dec 2022.

This award is a justified recognition of the unstinting efforts of the Principal, teaching and non-teaching staff of the college. The Alumni Association congratulates the entire team on this inspirational award.

In addition, **Dr. Trupti Tawade and Ms. Roshni Yadav** from KJSSC also won awards.

This Newsletter Campus Calling, is a quarterly publication. Under Volume No. 1, we mailed out four issues. This is Issue No. 1. under Volume No. 2. You will be happy to note that the current mailing list has about 13,000 email ids of our alumni.

As usual we have the following requests to make:

Please forward this Newsletter to your alumni friends. Ask them to get in touch with us to have their email included in our mailing list.

If you have an interesting anecdote from your college days which you would like to share, please send it in.

Do you have any photographs from your college days? Preferably a group photo. Please send it in.

Any artwork? By you or your family members. Please send it in.

The Managing Committee of the Alumni Association wishes you a Very Happy New Year

If you are planning to make some new year resolutions, please resolve to send in something to your Newsletter.

With warm regards

Dr. G. S. Rao

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K J SOMAIYA COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND COMMERCE WINS BEST COLLEGE AWARD

(ON THE 81ST FOUNDATION DAY)



Dr. Pradnya Prabhu, Principal KJSSC receives the award from Shri Samir Somaiya
The 81st Foundation Day was celebrated on 01st December 2022.



Dr. Trupti Tawade (KJSSC) receives the award for Excellence in Teaching

K J SOMAIYA COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND COMMERCE WINS BEST COLLEGE AWARD - CONTINUED

(ON THE 81ST FOUNDATION DAY)



Ms. Roshni Yadav (KJSSC) receives the award for Promising Faculty



GLIMPSES FROM THE ASMITA EVENT HELD ON 03 DEC 2022

(PHOTO MONTAGE BY DR. G. S. RAO)

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ALUMNUS ILLUMINATUS

MR. SUSHIL RAM SHINDE



Mr. Sushil Shinde receiving the award from the President of India along with Dr (Mrs) C T Chakraborty, PRINCIPAL Thakur college of Science and Commerce.

Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu conferred NSS Award 2020-21 on Sh. Sushil Ram Shinde, Programme Officer- TCSC, Maharashtra, in recognition of his exemplary & commendable social service through NSS. He received a silver medal, certificate & cash award of Rs. 1,50,000.

ALUMNUS ILLUMINATUS - (CONTINUED)

MR. SUSHIL RAM SHINDE

Alumnus, KJSSC (1996 -99 Batch)

Mr. Sushil Ram Shinde graduated in 1999 from the Department of Botany of KJ Somaiya College of Science and Commerce. He subsequently completed his M.Sc. from Sathaye College in Mumbai.

He is presently Asst. Professor Department of Botany, Thakur College of Science & Commerce, Kandivali; Officer on Special Duty, National Service Scheme NSS Cell University of Mumbai and NSS District Co-ordinator, Mumbai Western Suburban Zone.

During his student days in KJSSC, Sushil Shinde was a NSS Volunteer 1997-98; NSS Overall Leader from 1998-99 as also a member of Asmita Marathi VadmayMandal, Joint Secretary Student Council.

“The teachers of Somaiya made me what I am today. Their teachings and personal attention for the overall development of a mediocre student like me were most precious. Taking part in all the activities organized by the Botany department especially excursions to various places are the most memorable ones. NSS activities in Chembur Children Home (CCH) were life lessons for all of us”, he avers. He recalls with fond nostalgia the time spent in Suruchi Canteen and Nescafe House especially when planning the NSS activities.

His message to students: Enjoy your youthful days in college by participating in all the activities conducted by colleges along with studies. These days will never be back.

Campus Calling congratulates Mr. Sushil Ram Shinde for his noteworthy achievement.

If you know an alumnus who should be featured in this section, please send an email to campuscalling@somaiya.edu

ALUMNUS ILLUMINATUS - (CONTINUED)

MR. SUSHIL RAM SHINDE



Excursion at Ooty Botanical Garden with Prof. K N Babu December 1998



With NSS student volunteers

SOLUTIONS TO CLUES MAZE VOL. 1, NO. 4

1. Place near the sea (Coastal)
2. New business venture in modern times (startup)
3. Pronounced guilty (convicted)
4. Free? On the contrary (Priceless)
5. Circle, triangle, square among others (Figures)
6. Sweet, salty, bitter are examples (Taste)
7. People listed in the will (Heirs)
8. Encourages part of a plant (Roots)
9. Fires at small green ones (Shoots)
10. Slow boil...cooking method (Simmer)
11. Four of these make a whole (Quarters)
12. Important meeting at the highest level (Summit)

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T	N	Q	U	R	R	R	K	M	E	N	S
A	B	G	Z	E	S	T	A	S	T	E	T
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CONGRATULATIONS TO POOJA NANDI (Batch of 2017) who submitted the full correct answers to Clues Maze Vol. 1, No. 4

CONGRATULATION TO SWAPNIL TAMBE (Batch of 1998) who submitted who submitted most of the correct answers Clues Maze Vol. 1, No. 4

CLUES MAZE VOL. 2, NO 1.

BY, DR. G. S. RAO

Solve the following clues using words shown in the maze below.

One clue has been solved for you.

Send in only the answers. You do not have to send in the maze.

Submit your answers to campuscalling@somaiya.edu

1. Propels into the air
2. Famous escape artist
3. Horse rider in the sports arena
4. One must have this to say sorry
5. Raise these when surprised
6. Lag behind on the well-trodden path
7. Tune of a song
8. Cover of a book. And of a person
9. Moving connectivity instrument
10. Cut these to save money

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R	A	M	O	B	I	L	E	T	B	E
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WAITING FOR OTP

BY, DR. G. S. RAO

I was waiting for the OTP to appear on my mobile phone. The thing beeped. Indicating that a new message has been received. I knew it was the OTP I was waiting for. But I couldn't see it. I realized that I had to switch from my ticket booking application to the SMS screen.

I fumbled with many different buttons. Didn't work. A new WhatsApp message popped up. Something about a mega sale with fabulous discounts. I cursed. Fumbled some more. Managed to find the OTP message. It started with "OTP is secret. Do not reveal...". Had to scroll to the bottom to spot the four digit number. Hurriedly scribbled it in the notebook I had kept ready.

Went back to the ticket booking application. "Sixteen seconds left" it said. I peered at what I had scribbled. A doubt surfaced. Was that a "1" or a "7". Damn. Tried to recall what I had read on the screen. Couldn't remember. The thing beeped. "Session timed out" it said.

I moaned. In anguish, in frustration and in despair. At my inability to conquer this damn thing.

I am 72 years old. It was a small consolation that many of my peers were no better. All of us were fighting this new technology of mobile phones.

I always was proud of my long list of accomplishments in the corporate sector. Many years ago, at my farewell party on retirement, my colleagues and juniors said so many nice things about me.

Even now, in the morning, when I am nursing my first cup of hot coffee and in a pensive mood, I smile as I recall those praises.

"Not only survived but flourished in the male-dominated manufacturing industry. Revolutionised the packaging industry with her innovative manufacturing techniques. Mentored so many youngsters. Was the go-to person for all kinds of problems. Personal and professional. Became known as the "Agony Aunt".

And now I was in agony myself.

WAITING FOR OTP - (CONTINUED)

BY, DR. G. S. RAO

I could only wait for the one person ready and willing to help me. Nalini. She is my fifteen year old going on twenty one granddaughter. "Call me Neel. It is way too cool, you know."

She says "you know" far too often. I hate it when she does that. I tried to wean her away from that habit. Tried to explain to her that she should be able to construct a sentence without using the completely irrelevant phrase "you know". I failed miserably.

She also says "anyways" instead of "anyway". I told her that she would not find the word "anyways" in any dictionary. It is a word that simply does not exist. "Ammamma, everybody says anyways" was her justification. "If they do then they are wrong" I countered. I think she secretly looked it up in the dictionary. She now says "anyway". I succeeded partially.

"Like" is another of her favourites. As with "you know", "like" dominates her conversation. But that is a battle I did not even get into. I failed without even trying.

"Hi! Ammamma!" she yelled as she breezed in. "Did you book the tickets for the show??"

"I tried to but it didn't work out".

"Why? Even after I spent hours yesterday showing you how to do it. Your "i will do it myself or I will never learn" streak is sheer obstinacy, you know." She said this in a tone bordering on mockery.

The hurt look in my eyes must have got to her.

"Never mind Ammamma", she said contritely. "We will both do it together."

And that is how it went. She smiled sweetly when I insisted that she do it slowly. She waited patiently while I made notes of each of the steps involved. She showed me how to switch between different screens.

WAITING FOR OTP

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And finally we finished the task. Booked tickets for the movie that we had planned to see.

"Nalini", I said, "I want to tell you two things."

"WOW! Ammamma. Finally! Confession time! What is it?"

"First. I am grateful that you are willing to spend time with me".

"Awww Ammamma!. You know I don't like this senti stuff!"

"Second. I have decided to launch a Start-Up!"

"Great Ammamma!! Moving with times, like, you know. Like, what is the start-up all about?"

"I will write and publish a printed manual on how to use the mobile phone and all its various Apps. I have a wealth of material for it." I brandished my cherished notebook. "All oldies above the age of 65 will buy it. It will become a best seller."

"And, like, you know, what will you call this manual?"

"Mobile Phones for Dummies".

Nalini let out a shriek of laughter. And I heartily joined in.

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