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### From the Editor's Desk...

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

#### - Desmond Tutu

(Archbishop, Human Rights Activist and Nobel Peace Prize Winner)

The successful meet of a powerful U.S. President and the North Korean Dictator has put on the back burner the concerns regarding a nuclear war break out. Talks among the leaders of the two hostile nations have provided a way forward and given hope for peace. Coming to issues that affect people, women all over Saudi Arabia are celebrating a historic day for their country, one that has brought legal freedom to them to drive on the kingdom's roads, making Saudi Arabia the last country in the world to allow women to drive.

The City of London is fighting a war of another kind and has announced that they will be sourcing 100% of their energy needs from renewable sources by October 2018. The city plans to achieve this by installing solar panels on all government-owned buildings and investing in off-site renewable energy projects.

FIFA World Cup is going on in the Russian city of Sochi and among cut-throat competition and fan frenzy, it is heartening to know that the Japanese fans have made headlines for continuing their practice of

respectfully picking up trash and cleaning up stadiums after their games. Back home we have reasons to be proud. While the world becomes more and more aware of plastic pollution, a group of 5,000 fishermen from Kollam in Kerala have taken it upon themselves to clean up the oceans. So far, they have collected a whopping 65 metric tons worth of trash, mainly plastic bottles that get caught in their nets, and have used this in strengthening and creation of new roads which has also made way for new jobs.

The present government at centre is trying to touch the lives of people, and soon we shall witness the launch of 'Ayushman Bharat', or the National Health Protection Scheme, which aims to create a network of health and wellness centres to deliver comprehensive primary healthcare and provide medical insurance cover of up to 5 lakhs per family per year, to 40 per cent of India's population. Closer home, the Medical Council of India (MCI) has granted permission for admissions in two newly-established medical colleges in Balasore and Bolangir districts of our state, Odisha, which will provide career opportunities to young medical aspirants and bridge the shortfall of trained doctors.

We, at IMIS, are quite upbeat as we look forward yet again to welcome a new bunch of vibrant young minds in the new session...















### INTERNSHIP: THE JOURNEY OF EXPLORING MY FLAIR

"There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure" – Paulo Coelho

"No sir, I don't have any grip on the technicalities of cameras. How will I handle the customers?" I said, with a diffident voice. "But Sucharya, you will get to experience the work culture of a multinational company, something which students crave for!" Prof. Bhuyan explained to me with eagerness in his eyes. Still unsure, I shook my head and expressed my "No" and rushed quickly into the classroom which had already begun. After the class, Prof. Baboo asked me the reason for being late. I related to sir the entire episode and also my dilemma. Vexed with my NO-attitude, Prof. Baboo looked at me and smilingly said, "Listen Sucharya, opportunity does not come always. In this world of technology, gaining knowledge is very easy -just a click and you are ready to acquire the world. Nothing is impossible if you strive to achieve it. Come out of your comfort zone and then you will notice the pace of your learning!" Very much sorted now, I quickly went to Prof. Bhuyan and told him, "I am ready to go to Canon". With a grin from ear to ear, Prof. Bhuyan appreciated my decision and forwarded my details to the company. It was a long procedure and the last stage was a telephonic interview, after which I made my way as an intern into the multinational company.

I studied about the brand by going through the website of Canon and learnt about every product it deals with. I came across many terminologies which put me in frenzy. For details I explored YouTube which made the terms simpler for me to understand. The more I studied about the products, the more allured I became. All this preparation made me step confidently into Canon. It was my first day and with a fifty-fifty ratio of fear and confidence, I reported at Canon's exclusive brand outlet and asked for my company guide, Mr. Balunkeswar Jena, Business Manager of East Zone. I waited for him to come and within 15 minutes

he arrived. As soon as he saw me, he welcomed me with a warm smile which turned my ratio into an unequal one: less of fear and more of confidence!.

"Of all the hard jobs around, one of the hardest is being a good teacher" – Maggie Gallagher

Mr. Jena is no less than an excellent teacher. With vast product knowledge and magnificent communication skills, he made things clearer to me. He explained me by drawing a bridge between each term and an outstanding real life example. It was a step by step learning where I gradually began to have a grasp over the products. The Product Supervisor and the Store Manager also inspired me to approach customers. They showed me how to identify their needs and how to gently go for a closing. At first, I was a bit confused when customers asked me about the specifications, but I didn't give up. I kept on approaching the customers and each time I made a mistake, I could feel that the latent confidence within me increased. Mistakes experienced by us make us learn faster.

It was two weeks of learning by which I armed myself with the knowledge of products, so that I could land on the market securely, and make customers aware of the recent advancements in Canon and features that make Canon uniquely beautiful. Starting from Canon's photo papers to printers, my guide had given the basics so that I could approach any kind of guery of customers. During my initial days of SIP, I had visited different stores of competitors as a customer and had asked about the benefits of their products, which made me capable to put my product's benefits over others, in front of respondents. A target was given to me to study the perception of 200 studio owners using DSLRs, towards Canon, in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar.

"Your most unhappy customers are your greatest source of learning" – *Bill Gates* The experience in the market was totally different from studies. There was a need to make a proper beat plan and essentially understand the questionnaire

before one expected the respondents to answer them. Some respondents were conscious about sharing their views and asked for my authentication and some were very eager to be a part of the survey and share their experience. A rapport building was necessary to get more out of the respondents and also build brand credence. The difficult kinds of respondents were the ones, who were highly dissatisfied with the performance of the product. They gave vent to their anger and were very rude while communicating. I listened to their complaints thoroughly and asked more about their dissatisfaction, which gradually cooled down their minds and after that they became comfortable to share their experience. I learnt how important the service of a company is to its customer. I found out that many of the studio owners accept that the quality of Canon is best but they fear to buy because of poor service. To my utter surprise, I found this critical loophole in the operation of the company. I have passed on the information to the company as I feel honest feedbacks lead us to improvisation.

In these two months of summer internship, I have seen growth in myself: I have grown in confidence and knowledge. From a pampered girl to a marketing bird, there is a vast change between then and now. Managing different people, moods, problems, weather and places, I learnt to comfort myself in each and every situation and strengthen my adapting capabilities. Rightly said by Abraham H. Maslow, "In any given moment we have two options -- to step forward into growth or to step back into safety" and I am happy that I had chosen the first one and my perception about significance of internship has changed from "addition of two lines in CV" to "a beautiful journey of exploring one's flair".

> Sucharya Parida PGDM (2017-19)

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## **ProQuest Seminar**







## **Kunal Priyadarshi**

Sr. Analyst
Tata Consultancy Services, Bengaluru
IMIS Alumnus - PGDM (2008-2010)

#### 1) TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

I completed my graduation from St. Xavier's Ranchi and post-graduation from IMIS. My two years of stay at IMIS was wonderful. With a bunch of friends around me, it felt more like home away from home. I have industrial experience of 8 years, which started with Fractal Analytics Ltd. and is continuing with Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. as Sr. Analyst and SME in Media Analytics. I like to play badminton and hangout with my friends in my leisure time. Presently I am in Bangalore.

# 2) ABOUT YOUR SPOUSE (IF ANY) AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS

I got married two years back on 4th Feb. 2016 to Ms. Binita Sinha, working with Canara Bank as a Manager. I am the youngest in my family, my father is a retired Sr. Manager from Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. My elder brother Mr. Kumar Sumit is Regional Manager in Scharder Duncan Ltd. and stays in Kolkata with his family.

# 3) SOME OF YOUR BEST ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEARS AFTER YOU PASSED OUT FROM IMIS

I have been fortunate to meet a few top- notch people of industry like Mr. Adi Godrej and Mr. Naveen Jindal. In my professional career with TCS, I have been awarded various awards for contribution in automating the process for our client. I completed my green belt in Six Sigma from TCS.

# 4) YOUR VIEWS ON CAREER GROWTH IN YOUR PARTICULAR SECTOR

Today we live in a digital world, ever second there is generation of several terabytes of data which requires to be processed, and to process the data industry requires people with updated knowledge of tools like SQL, SAS, Python, R, Hadoop and various other tools. Knowledge of the growing digital world will keep you shoulder to shoulder with the world. There are various courses on youtube and google, which can make you learn the language from basics. Digital world is one of the biggest employers of youths and according to me, we should not keep ourselves deprived from it.

# 5) YOUR COMPANY'S RECRUITMENT PROCESS AND YOUR REMARKS ON IT

Our company goes for on campus as well as off campus drives and I personally find that it nurtures talent and provides opportunity to all those people who have the hunger to learn and want to progress in life.

#### 6) YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR JUNIORS

Make use of the time you have in college to learn new things and also enjoy this time, as it will be one of the most memorable parts of your life. Believe in adding value during your stay at IMIS and one day you will be proud of yourself when you will revisit your college again.

#### 7) FOR YOUR ALMA MATER

IMIS has provided best of the talents to the industry and is continuing to do so. Thanks to all the faculty members and management for providing good facilities and environment for students. Hope to find more of our students placed at good positions in the industry and see the IMIS flag flying high.



#### **Dr. Ashish Kumar Mohanty**

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The National Chapter Meet was held on 22nd October 2016 at Bhubaneswar and the office bearers are as follows.



PRESIDENT
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Batch: 1995-1997
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SECRETARY
Girish R. Mishra
Batch: 1997-1999
Asst. Vice President
IndusInd Bank, Bhubaneswar



JT. SECRETARY
Santosh Ku. Jena
Batch: 1999-2001
Managing Director
Axis Outsourcing Pvt. Ltd.,
Bhubaneswar



TREASURER Bandana Sarangi Batch: 2010-2012 Manager, Central Bank of India, Ranchi



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Batch: 2010-2012
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Cuttack



EXECUTIVE MEMBER
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Bhubaneswar



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Bhubaneswar



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Customer Strategy
Future Group Ltd.,Kolkata



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Hyderabad



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Batch: 2008-2010
Alliances Manager, Atos
Corporation, Mumbai



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EXECUTIVE MEMBER Chinmayee Sahoo Batch: 2012-2014 Auditor, A.G.Office, Puri



EXECUTIVE MEMBER
Debidutta Dash
Batch: 2004-2006
Branch Head
Kotak Mahindra Asset
Management Co.Ltd., Cuttack

### **KOLKATA CHAPTER MEET**

The National Chapter Meet was held on 5th February 2017 at Kolkata and the office bearers are as follows.



PRESIDENT Sudipta Talukdar Batch: 1995-1997 Proprietor, Express Auto



SECRETARY
Ranjeet Suraj Singh
Batch: 1996-1998
General Manager & SME Head,
Vodafone Business Services



TREASURER Shreyasi Gupta Batch: 2010-2012 Deputy Manager, NPCI



EXECUTIVE MEMBER
Navin Bansal
Batch: 2003-2005
Emerging Marketing Manager,
Tata Motors



EXECUTIVE MEMBER Purnima Mondal Batch: 2008-2010 Deputy Manager, Fever 104FM (HT Media Ltd.)

#### **BENGALURU CHAPTER MEET**

The Bengaluru Chapter Meet was held on 9th September 2017 at Bengaluru and the office bearers are as follows.



PRESIDENT
Jagannath Ojha
Batch: 2007-2009
Sr. Manager Retail Operations,
Landmark Group



SECRETARY
Tanima Patra
Batch: 2003-2005
HR Manager, Rapid Global
Business Solutions
India Pvt. Ltd.



TREASURER Manas Bharadwaj Batch: 2007-09 Business Manager, HCL Technologies



EXECUTIVE MEMBER
Debadyuti Saha
Batch: 2007-2009
Specialist, Fidelity Investment



EXECUTIVE MEMBER
Barnali Dey
Batch: 2007-2009
Deputy Manager Operations,
HGS

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The Mumbai Chapter Meet was held on 15th April 2018 at Mumbai and the office bearers as follows



PRESIDENT Akshay Patra Batch: 1995-1997 AVP, Anand Rathi



SECRETARY Sujoy Roy Batch: 1998-2000 DVP, Kotak Securities Ltd.



TREASURER
Puja Das
Batch: 2011-2013
Wealth Counsellor,
Citibank



EXECUTIVE MEMBER
Sukanya Roy Choudhury
Batch: 2000-2002
Founder & CEO, Learning
Levers



EXECUTIVE MEMBER Debiprasad Patnaik Batch: 1997-1999 AGM, IDBI Bank



EXECUTIVE MEMBER
Alok Kumar Verma
Batch: 2006-2008
Sr. Finance Executive,
Metropolitian Stock
Exchange



EXECUTIVE MEMBER
Joydeep Shee
Batch: 2010-2012
Sr. Project Manager, PayU
Payments Pvt. Ltd.

### **DELHI CHAPTER MEET**

The Delhi Chapter Meet was held on 24th June 2018 in Delhi and the office bearers are as follows.



PRESIDENT
Rohit Modawal
Batch: 1996-1998
Head-India & South Asia
Securiton AG, Alarm & Security
Systems



SECRETARY Sulekha Verma Batch: 1997-1999 Trainer, NIIT Ltd.



TREASURER
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Shanker
Batch: 2009-2011
Cluster Manager
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and Retail Ltd.



EXECUTIVE MEMBER
Padmanav Sahoo
Batch: 2012-2014
Sr. Business Analyst
Evalueseve India



EXECUTIVE MEMBER Sumeet Bhardwaj Batch: 2010-2012 ASM (Merchant Acquisition), HDFC Bank



EXECUTIVE MEMBER
Sk Imran Haque
Batch: 2010-2012
ASM-Pre Sales Nippon Paints
(I) Pvt. Ltd.



EXECUTIVE MEMBER Vikas Kumar Batch: 2009-2011 Retail Operation Manager Shoppers Stop Itd.



EXECUTIVE MEMBER Amit Kumar Batch: 2008-2010 AVP, CITI (CSIPL)



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