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TEKHACK - 2019 Hackathon Sees Large Participation From Students

TEKHACK – 2019 is a National level technology hackathon organized to solve the problems of society and Industry with the help of emerging technologies. Tekhack was conducted by Smartbridge in collaboration with IBM to develop solutions for the societal and industrial problem statements with Artificial Intelligence & Internet of Things. Healthcare, Agriculture, Manufacturing, Retail, Energy, Education, Environment, Public Safety, Smart Homes, and Supply Chain Management were few of the areas chosen to build innovative solutions which can be viable and deployable. The program was conducted on 3th, and 4th of October, followed by 24th, and 25th of October. It was a 1.5 day training, followed by a 24 hour hackathon. The HoD of IT department, Dr. K Srinivasa Reddy, has organized this hackathon. The students organizers are M.

Alekya, and Vamsi krishna from IT-3. Students from various departments participated actively in the event and completed their projects. Three teams were selected for state level hackathon. The first team that got selected is Team Mayabazar with team members V Sai Meghana, R Vikrant Sagar, K Sri Sai Dugra, and Malyala Alekya. The second team is Team Flash with team members Aditya Shiva Sai, Naveen Teja, Balaji, Rakesh, and Nachiketh. The third team is Team AI ON CLOUD with team members Seeram Sri Sai Chetan, Shaik. Lal Fareed Sha, Revanth Nunna, and Sattarapu Rahul. Along with the winner certificate, the add-on perk is that the team is awarded with cash prize of 1 lakh rupees, if they win the state level award. The winning teams of the national level event will be awarded with cash prize of 6 lakhs rupees.



CSE Departmental Activities



2019 has been a year of achievements for the Computer Science and Engineering department of the Institute of Aeronautical Engineering. Under the able guidance of the heads of the department, Dr. K Rajendra Prasad and Dr. P L Srinivasa Murthy, the students and faculty of this department have shown their capabilities. The students, Sai Charan Pedduri (16951A05F3) and Sai Ruchith Reddy Ginnavaram (18951A05G4) won the best paper award and a cash prize of Rs. 5000/- at the CCSN International Conference 2019, for "Photo Realistic Image Synthesis Using Spade Algorithm" under the guidance of Dr. Madhu Bala Myneni and Padmaja B from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

Dr. Madhu Bala Myneni, Professor, CSE department, received the "Sarvottam Acharya Puraskar" 2019 - Best Teacher Award by the IT Association of AP and Telangana on the 2nd of October, 2019. On the 24th of October, 2019, she also bagged the Unsung Hero Award for 2019-20 for exemplary work in leadership and research by CII- IWN at the leadership conclave. The department also conducted a workshop on the 4th of September, 2019. Guest lecturer, Mr.

Sandeep Manoj Burri, Cloud Operations Manager, Teradata, addressed the students and shared information about Cloud Computing applications. The topics covered during the workshop included definitions, characteristics, benefits, challenges, four deployment models, and three service models which were Cloud Architecture: NIST reference architecture, classless IP addressing; AWS and azure concepts; and Security, storage, and virtualization.

MARGADARSHI

Placement and training (PAT) officer of Institute of Aeronautical Engineering, Miss. P. Shrutilaya, has been felicitated with the "Margadarshi" award on 2nd October 2019, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi. Telangana Information Technology Association (TITA), and Information Technology of Andhra Pradesh (ITA), Indian Servers and Lions Club of Vijayawada organized Nav Bharata Nirman Award Presentation. Miss Shrutilaya received the award from Senior IPS Officers, Dr. Chakrapani, Dr. S Sageswara Rao, and Dr. Sridhar Babu.



Computing, Communication, and Sensor Networks (CCSN) - 2019



On 19th, and 20th October of 2019, the International Conference on Computing, Communication, and Sensor Networks (CCSN) was organized by the Institute of Aeronautical Engineering. CCSN is a major annual international conference to bring together researchers, engineers, developers, and scientists from academia and industry working in all interdisciplinary areas of computing and communication engineering fields to share their experience. The event was co-organized by Applied Computer Technology, Kolkata. The general syntax of such conferences include authors who are invited to submit their original and unpublished work based upon their research and observations. The themes of CCSN 2019 were Soft Computing, Swarm Intelligence, Combinatorial and Numerical Optimization, Computer Networks, Security and Coding Artificial Immune Systems, Wireless & Mobile Communication, Sensor Networks, Body Sensor

Network, Hybrid Intelligent Systems, Hybrid of Soft Computing and Statistical Learning Techniques, Nature-Inspired Computing Techniques, Nano devices, VLSI System, Circuit and Design, Hybridization with Novel Computing Paradigms, Image Sensing and Processing, Parallel, Grid, and Cloud Computing, Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Fault Detection, Isolation and Recovery, Bio-Technology & Medical Electronics, Big Data Storage Technology and Networks, and Digital Signal Processing. At the end of the event, when all the papers were submitted, few of them were accepted and were published in proceeding book. Some good and expanded versions of papers will be forwarded for publications in the journal of Microsystems Technologies of Springer Nature SCI indexed and impact factor=1.58, while other papers will be forwarded in other SCI/SCOPUS journals for publications.



IARE Comes Together for Consortium 2019



Consortium is a national level technical fest conducted by Institute of Aeronautical Engineering every year. Consortium 2019 has seen wider and larger audience than ever with various events that took place on 20th and 21st of September, 2019. The organizers of the event were highly appreciated for their efforts. Students also performed flash mob with the dance crew of IARE known as "Plugs", on the evening of 20th September. On 21st September, IARE hosted a comedy show "Main Samay Hoon" by Samay Raina. Students put up various food stalls which attracted many customers. All the technical events took place with utmost discipline and many students went home as winners. Huge participation by students and all the guidance provided by the faculty was highly appreciated.



Department of Computer Science and Engineering

As an integral part of college fest The Consortium, the Department of Computer Science and Engineering performed meticulously to bring the students a chance to showcase their talents and interests. The Department of CSE hosted technical events like a workshop on Artificial Intelligence, ProCoder, and Paper Presentation. The non-technical events included Srenema and SnapIT among others.

The Artificial Intelligence workshop was a two-day Bootcamp on Artificial Intelligence and IBM Watson: The Bootcamp included lectures and discussions on how Watson works alongside hands-on exercises that developers can use to gain a better understanding of what Watson does, what it doesn't do; how it works so that developers can build solutions for industrial needs. The agenda for the Day 1 resembled as follows: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, IBM's Cognitive Point of View, Building a Chatbot with IBM's Watson Assistant Service Lab, Speech to Text Lab Exercise, Text to Speech Lab Exercise, Visual Recognition. Lab Exercise Day 2 saw the implementation of Watson Discovery Introduction, Getting Started with Watson Discovery Lab Exercise, Watson Natural Language Understanding (NLU) Introduction, Getting Started with NLU Lab Exercise, Cognitive Examples Demos/Use Cases. Another spectacular techni-

cal event that took place was the "Pro-coder" which was primarily a coding contest where the students' programming and logical skills were put to the test. This coding contest constituted of 2 rounds. The final winner of the contest was awarded Rs. 1500. The third technical event was the Paper Presentation, where students presented a written report with a hypothesis, giving justification on any particular topic in the field of software technology. The winner of this event was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 2500. SnapIT was a photography contest that was conducted under two categories: Mobile Photography and DSLR Photography. In each of the categories there were two rounds. In the first round, the students were to click a shot over the college campus followed by the second round, where the students were given a particular place where they had to click a shot. The winners were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 2000. Srenema was the second non-technical event which was a short film contest that scrutinized the students' creativity in shooting a film on the theme 'moral values', with time limit of 5 minutes. The winner of the contest was awarded a cash prize. Great efforts were put both by student coordinators and the faculty coordinators to make the respective events successful. The continued zeal to participate and exhibit innovative ideas and notions was appreciated by all.



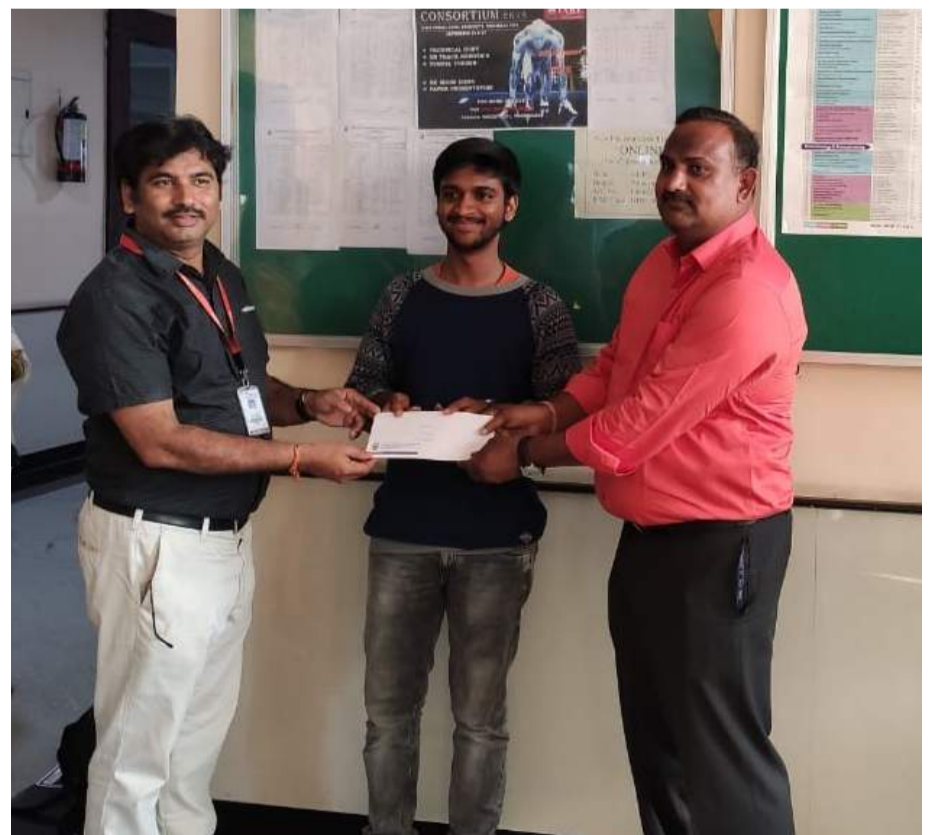
Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering

On the 20th and 21st, Sept 2019, the Institute of Aeronautical Engineering (IAE) hosted the national level technical fest The Consortium 2019. In this event, the Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) department conducted three technical events: Robotics, Technical Hunt and Paper Presentation. The Robotics event witnessed a very interesting course of three distinct events, namely: Ontrack robotics, RC showdown, and Tunnel Turner. The On-track Robotics event was to test the linearity of the robot by means of being able to follow a black line. The winners of this round were from Team Ravindher.



The RC Showdown was a very thrilling event that witnessed a war between two controlled cars. The winners for the RC showdown were from Team Tagore. The Tunnel turner was an exhilarating event that saw the working of obstacle-detector robots. The two winners of this round were Team Sanketh Sagar and Team Harsha. The five main themes of the Paper Presentation were: Applications of Nanotechnology,

Sensor Technology, Evolution of 5G, Plastic Solar Cell Technology and VLSI Logic Circuit using Silicon Transistor. The winners of Paper Presentation were from Team Revathi, Team Vamsi, and Team Harshitha. The technical hunt winners were from Team Sandeep and Team Rohit Babu. The prize money and certificates were given by the Heads of the Department, Dr. Ashok Babu and Mr. D Khalandar Basha.



Department of Mechanical Engineering

The mechanical department at The Consortium hosted various competitions and a workshop which saw participation of students of all branches from MLRIT, MLRIM, Malla Reddy college, CMR and IARE. The goal of the department's contribution to the college annual fest was crisp and clear - to get students ready for the industry. The events were planned and conducted for a duration of two days. The Paper Presentation Judges were Dr. P. Raghava and Dr. CH VKNSN Moorthy. Students presented their research papers on various topics. The Winners were K. Saikrishna who took the first place, and S. Shivanaga Sathvik and ASC Sidhartha took the second place. Auto Marvel was



another event which was judged by Mr. BVSN RAO and Mr. Anudeep. The Winners were P. Sachin, Sameer Joshi, Abhishek and Sambhavi Gupta who all took the first place and B. Jahnavi, K. Mounika and T. Mounika took the second place. The next event, Clay Prototype was judged by Mr. Arvind reddy and Mr. Sadanandam. The winners were M. Sai Sharath and J. Omeshwari took first place, and Rupa and Tarun took second place. Students presented their ideas and solutions in the Poster Presentation. The fest also saw innovative prototypes and models at the Project Expo. All design enthusiasts got a chance to develop their skills at the 3D Printing Workshop.



Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering

EEE department of IARE has coordinated their events successfully at The Consortium 2019. Total of 14 student groups have made their way through to earn the cash prizes ranging from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1500. Students have shown great enthusiasm in participating. The first event of the fest was the Technical Quiz. It included three rounds with Round One dealing with questions of Aptitude and Logical Thinking, Round Two dealing with basic Science questions and Round three consisting rapid fire questions from General IQ and Current Affairs. The next event of the

fest was Fast Fun and Furious (F3), where Round 1 dealt with solving puzzles and mazes, round 2 dealt with Light the Dim where participants are required to light an LED using a circuit. Time is a constraint in this event hence the fastest fingers have won the game. Two of the teams have won cash prizes worth Rs. 800 and Rs. 400. The last event was the paper presentation. Five teams participated in this event and have presented their research papers on various topics. Two of Five participated have won cash prizes worth Rs. 600 and Rs. 400.

Department of Civil Engineering

On 20th of September the morning session started with Paper Presentation of 5 to 10 minutes. Each participant had to present their research paper in teams of 2 on the following topics: Intelligent transport system, Chemical resisting concrete, Remote sensing application in water resources, Ground improvement techniques, and Wastewater management. Project Expo was conducted in the afternoon session where a model was constructed in front of the judges with the primary rule that there should be no model made with thermocol, and a team should have maximum of two students. A new day started on 21st with the Cadovation event, which was a progressive step to motivate and encourage young designers with their participation. This competition identified the best student designers and rewarded them. The competition was designed to provide a platform for technical

performers to help them showcase their talents of designing. The competition motivates students to think, create and exhibit innovative designs on a global platform for projects that can be practically implemented. This event had 2 rounds namely, Auto Cad - 2D and Revit, each 30 minutes long, having individual performers showcase their designs. The afternoon session started with the Bridge Mockup which is a prototype that provides the functionality of a system and enables testing of a design for load bearing capacity, which is one of the earliest forms of construction. It should bear loads of the elements resting upon it by conducting its weight to a structure. Materials were provided for this competition. This event was for 60 minutes and 90 minutes with teams of 2. Many students won cash prizes for winning in these events.

Department of Information Technology

IT department of IARE has coordinated their events successfully at The Consortium 2019. Many students formed teams and have made their way through to earn the cash prizes ranging from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1500. Students have shown great enthusiasm in participating. Chasse-aucode was a event conducted which consisted of group of three to four players try to find a hidden code following a series of clues. This game was meant for fun and relaxation. It was a Treasure

Hunt alike game. A total of 42 members participated in the game, out of which 3 have won cash prizes worth Rs. 1500, Rs. 1000 and Rs. 500. LAN Gaming, Asphalt 8, and Counter Strike were conducted. Forty teams took part in this event and five of them were awarded with cash prizes. Paper Presentation was conducted where students presented their research papers on various topics of science and technology.



Street Cause - IARE

Another Day, Another Time



Street Cause is an NGO comprising of students who intent on doing their bit for the betterment of society. This October, street cause gifted RO water purifier and benches to Srikara Deaf and Dumb school, Hasmathpet, Bowenpally for which the Chairman of IARE, Mr. Rajashekar Reddy graced his presence as the Chief Guest. Shortage of benches and no proper drinking water at Srikara Deaf and Dumb school was resolved by IARE Street Cause, by gifting them with benches and 25 litre per hour water purifier. The Chairman of IARE, Sri M. Rajasekhar Reddy, and IARE Street Cause distributed 26 three-seater benches which can offer seating arrangement for 78

students. A total of 27 students of IARE Street Cause attended and this was marked as their third event for this academic session under Teja Kandala (Divisional President of IARE Street Cause). The school has a strength of 250 members of deaf and dumb students. "It was very dispiriting to see those students without proper facilities. It becomes a time for self learning after visiting them", says Teja. Srikara School students were filled with joy and happiness after spending time with Street Cause members. Mr. Rajashekar Reddy was felicitated with a big thanks giving gesture from all the street cause members. "There is a new experience and new lesson to be learnt in every project of Street Cause. It really brings out the humanity and the responsibility of people towards the society. We thank the almighty for giving the best team and a big helping hand to the needy people. There is always a magical moment felt after helping them. It is really an inspiration. The funds we collect is the pocket money of students and team members. We encourage people to join us and lend a



helping hand. The college management has also taken a huge responsibility towards IARE Street Cause and we will always be thankful to them and the people who donated funds. Our next plan is to visit an orphanage and teach them about the importance of education with the help of videos and PPTs. We are planning to execute this in December", said a member of IARE Street Cause Team. Their first project was a school renovation in Mehadipatnam which was funded with Rs.1,10,570 to construct washrooms, manhole systems, hand wash area, steps, sinks, and wash basins. The second project of Street Cause IARE which was funded with Rs. 30,000 was used to provide sports equipment to Chevella Girls' School in Ranga Reddy District.



IARE Street Cause Team comprises of Teja Kandala - Divisional president, Sujith - Treasurer, Harsha Varma - Vice president (digital, documentation head, media and publicity), Kaushik Ballari - Vice president (orphanages, old age homes, schools), Sumanth Sree - Vice President (social initiatives and

environment), Vinitha Reddy - Vice president (Women Empowerment), M. Anusha (Ex-president 2018-19, Hr and Alumini 2019-20), Sankeerth - Ex Vice President (2018-19), Mounish - Ex treasurer (2018-19), K. Pranay Teja - Mech, Sriharsha - ECE, Y Anudeep - IT, K Tanmayee - IT, A Harshitha -

IT, S Mayukha - IT, Nitin Baradhvaj - IT, T Subha Chandrika - Aero, K Sai Charat Koushal - Aero, S.Samyuktha - ECE, NLVDNS Varsha - Aero, Ch Karthik - Ece, Y Mrinal sai Raghavendra - Mech, N Sucharitha - Ece, M.Madhunisha - Aero, Meghana - Aero, Sainath - Aero, Nikitha - IT.



WWF - Well Wishers Foundation



Today's world has become a place where people have become so self centered and are leading lives of sumptuousness oblivious of sufferings of poor, pathetic climatic conditions and the ignorant mindset towards very important things in terms of sustainability. Five school students started the Well Wisher's Foundation - WWF, with the main aim to fight against pollution by recreating alternatives for pollutants

like plastic and take anti-pollutant safety measures while also helping the poor and orphaned. They believe that as a responsible citizen, the best fit to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. With utmost determination, the students formed this Organization and are trying to make the world a better place to live in.

Very recently, they have completed three major projects, one being the distribution of cloth bags, paper trays as an alternative of plastic bags in 'Reliance Bazar' in the presence of Begumpet ACP, BJP MLC Ram Chander Rao, Bonthu Sridevi, W/O Bonthu Ram Mohan, along with

local cantonment leaders. Anti-pollution mask distribution at GHMC office in Medchal-Malkajgiri to the GHMC workers for their sanitation in the presence of Sri Marri Rajashekar Reddy Garu, the Chairman of IARE was their second project. This mask is ISO certificated for its three-layer filtration process and the comfortable design is an add-on to this mask which is made of cotton. For their third project, they distributed over 25 benches to the Government school of Gundlapochampally, yet again, with the support of Sri Marri Rajashekar Reddy Garu.

Science and Technology

“A Pale Blue Dot”

A tribute to imagination, thought, science and engineering.

The dot here might not seem of any particular interest but the truth is, this is where we live. Yes it is our Earth, our home. We are living on an insignificant mote of dust. How fascinating is this? Are we such minute? Yes, we are. Although we are 750 crore people on this tiny planet, we might be alone in this vast universe containing some billions of galaxies, stars and planets. We are a bunch of miniatures evolving daily optimistically. Whenever we look back at our evolution, we feel amazed, things that are today weren't there yesterday and may not be present tomorrow. We are evolving everyday in terms of technology and new discoveries. But while thinking about this, a question arises, how did it all begin? From striking two stones against each other for spark to operating nuclear reactors, how did it all happen? From counting the stars in the sky to placing satellites around them, how had we come this long? From hand signs to all means of modern communication, how intriguing is this? And from thinking to making machines think, how fascinating is this? Everything, every development, every comfort we are having today, has taken a lot of time to attain this

level, but behind this, there's hard work of millions of scientists and engineers. Human mind is always inquisitive, without the love towards science and engineering, we today wouldn't have achieved this much. Science is a way to discover ourselves. Science is a way of life. Science expresses itself through engineering. We made our lives simpler through science and engineering. We made mathematics the language of science and engineering. The scientists and engineers all around this pale blue dot who had dedicated themselves to science without whom, our human community wouldn't have come to this level are always appreciated. They made our lives simpler. The dedication, passion and love towards science should always continue at the same pace so that we move forward as a community. Although our existence is insignificant in this vast universe, we have discovered the mysteries of the universe and have come this long. This is our strength, this is the power of our imagination, and as a bunch of optimistic people we should continue to extend our work in every area of research. Thought we are restricted to a pale blue dot, our imagination can travel through this vast peaceful universe.

- V. Abhijith Tej, Editor

“Milky Way's supermassive black hole exploded 3.5 million years ago”

A recent study has shown that a supermassive black hole, Sagittarius - about 4.2 million times bigger than the sun, had exploded due to nuclear activity. The burst, known as a Seyfert flare, created two huge 'ionization cones' of radiation, which flared to both poles of the galaxy and out into deep space. The impact was felt at an average of 200,000 light-years away from the Milky Way at the Magellanic Stream. The Australian-US research team believes that this explosion was

too big to have been triggered by anything other than nuclear activity associated with the supermassive black hole at the center of our galaxy. This means that the Milky Way's center transitioned from an active to a quiet phase recently in Earth's history, possibly when early human ancestors were roaming the planet. If they looked up towards the Milky Way, they could have seen this huge explosion to the naked eye, shining about 10 times fainter than the full moon. Fol-

lowing the trail, it was found that the Milky Way's active history includes giant bubbles of gas ballooning from the disk of the galaxy. Scientists now feel that Sgr A could be the future of astrophysics like searching for life signatories around various planets. These new results open a completely new possibility for a reinterpretation of its evolution and nature. Studies are yet being conducted for the new learning of this explosion.

- Vennela Manmohan, Editor

World Today

“US, UK Sign Deal to Access Data from Tech-Companies like Facebook and Google”

The U.S. and the U.K. have signed a first-of-its-kind agreement that will allow agencies in the countries to access data from tech companies more quickly in criminal investigations. Police and intelligence agencies are to be given expedited access to electronic communications sent by terrorists, serious crime gangs and white-collar criminals, under a new agreement between the U.K. and the U.S. The pact will allow U.K. authorities to go directly to tech companies like Facebook, Google or Twitter for evidence in cases related to terrorism, child sexual abuse, other serious crimes. U.S. officials will also be able to receive access to British communication service providers. It takes police and security services from six months to two years to request and access electronic data between the U.S. and U.K. governments. Officials believe that the

new agreement will reduce this process to “weeks or even “days”. Data from the company shows that Facebook received just over 7,000 such requests from British authorities in the second half of last year. U.S. technology companies including Facebook, Google, and Twitter to hand over the content of emails, texts and direct messages to British law enforcement bodies, and require the same of U.K. companies holding information sought by U.S. investigators.

The statement by Facebook said, “We strongly oppose government attempts to build backdoors because they would undermine the privacy and security of people everywhere”, while Twitter declined to comment on the new agreement, and Google was not immediately available for comment.

- Mokshitha, Editor

“Protesters fight against Hongkong’s surveillance”

The experimental operations to increase surveillance in Hong Kong have led to fear in the protesters against China’s growing control over Hong Kong. Protesters in Hong Kong fear they are being watched and tracked when on the streets and just showing up may expose them to retaliation from the government. Since the pro-democracy movement started in June, there have been over a thousand arrests recorded. They might be charged based upon camera footage, geolocation data from mobiles, etc. The scary part is that no one knows what data Hong Kong law enforcement is sharing with Chinese law enforcement. People have started using protective gear, and are sharing files using Air-drop, creating online groups on Telegram, a privacy-friendly, encrypted messaging app, etc. as tactics. Many protesters carry around laser pointers to distract police and also blind cameras. They are wrapping their Hong Kong IDs with tinfoil hoping the law enforcement officials won’t be able to scan the IDs remotely using radio frequency identification chips embedded

in Hong Kong identification cards along with their subway and credit cards. People of Hongkong have the right to not reveal any knowledge that might incriminate them. People have started using only the passwords and passcodes instead of face recognition and finger print. More hardcore protesters have started ripping off the cameras or spray painting them to blind them completely. Police, on the other hand, have come up with their tactics to tag protesters, like using water cannons with blue dye. The protesters seem to continue and won’t stop until the government meets their demands, including an inquiry into police brutality and direct elections. The Hong Kong government took some action like withdrawing a controversial extradition bill that sparked the protests. But in the end, the odds are stacked against them. It’s essentially a group of young Hong Kongers with laser pointers and umbrellas against the will of mainland China.

- Akshay Gangadhar, Editor

“Let’s wage a war on plastic !”

Single use plastic is used by almost all consumer facing industries including food processing and food delivery, retailers for packaging and selling finished goods, pharmaceuticals and agriculture. The plastic discarded at landfills slowly degenerates into small fragments and leeches cancer causing chemicals into groundwater. Plastic which is very light in weight, floats on water bodies and clogs airways of marine animals. Due to this various chemicals enter the human food chain endangering marine life. Plastic has engulfed the world and become an existential threat to most of the living norms. While the problem is global, the war against plastic should be fought locally. PM Modi has addressed this at the G7 summit, highlighting India’s large scale efforts to rampantly eliminate single-use plastic. He also urged people to observe the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma

Gandhi to make India plastic-free and adjourned Municipal corporations and NGOs to come up with ways for safe plastic disposal. His appeal to the working professionals to innovate ways to recycle plastic, is expected to be fruitful. A huge response followed his Independence Day’s address wherein he urged people to shun plastic and use eco-friendly bags. The government has to fund research for materials which can substitute plastic . Meanwhile imposing heavy fines will act as a deterrent to the proliferation of single use plastic. Since the year 1950, about 9 billion tonnes of plastic has been produced globally which is equivalent to more than four Mount Everest of waste and almost 44 percent of it being produced after the year 2000. A whopping 79 percent of all plastic produced since 1950 is still in the environment. So it’s high time we stop using single use plastic and find better ways to make our environment harm free.

- Rohit D, editor

“The Great Green Wall Of Africa: Homo Sapiens’ Solution Of Desertification“

Increasing climate change and global warming has become a serious problem for more than five decades and every country is getting its share of punishment. For Africa, the cradle of civilization, it has been worse. With the Sahara desert occupying most of its continent and with the Equator, it is a land of scanty rainfall. Therefore, climatic changes tend to be rather nasty and troublesome for them. More and more land of Africa suffers desertification. It has led to a major food crisis in the Sahel. So, to stop the Sahara from spreading, several African nations have come together with a proposition i.e., to build a great green wall full of trees. Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, and Chad have come together as PAGGW (Pan-African Agency of the Great Green Wall). Their main aim is to stop desertification. It is regarded as possible, as old murals and paintings depict that Sahara had fertile lands. Their motto is "Africa’s flagship initiative to combat land degradation, desertification, and drought." The plants that are being used are Acacia Nilotica (which are drought resistant). It is supposed to be 15km

wide and 8000km long spreading across the heart of Africa. Several organizations have agreed to fund this operation such as World Bank and GEF (Global Environment Facility). Senegal has made the most progress by planting 50,000 acres of trees. It is already working as the trees are leading to rejuvenation of groundwater and preventing dust from the Sahara. People are hoping that it may lead to an increase of Lake Chad which has depleted by over 95% from 1960. People are benefitting as they can rear cattle and cultivate crops at the same time. But this can only be possible if all the countries involved in this participate actively without cutting funds. There is also the problem of trees dying due to a lack of their natural habitat. But these problems can be easily covered with a proper agenda. From this example, the Indian government is planning to build a green wall along the Aravali mountain ranges to stop desertification as well as to stop the smoke from Pakistan. This is the best solution the world has taken against global warming till now and it’s efficient working shows us that there’s still time.

- Vaishnavi, sub-editor

“Fridays For Future”

“No one is too small to make a difference” - Greta Thunberg

What started out as just another average school girl with a placard in August 2018, led to the largest global environmental strike in history. Greta Thunberg, a Swedish 9th grader in 2018, decided to not attend school until the 2018 Sweden general elections (9th September) after the heatwaves and wildfires in Sweden. She skipped school every day during school hours to protest in front of the Swedish Parliament holding a sign that read “Skolstrejk för klimatet” (“School strike for the climate”), to urge their leaders for immediate action and laws for the rapid climatic changes. On 7th Sept 2018, Greta announced that she would continue striking every Friday until the Swedish Parliament would put the Paris Agreement into execution. The Paris Agreement “urges nations to work towards a shared cause to undertake efforts to combat climate change and to adapt to its effects.” The Paris Agreement’s key objective is to subject nations and the people of the nations to self-actualization to the threat of climate change by keeping a global temperature rise this century below 2 degrees Celsius. It also aims to strengthen the ability of countries to deal with

the impacts of climate change. What started as a school strike for the climate snowballed into a Youth Strike for Climate, and lastly into FridaysForFuture, which was coined by Greta. Greta inspired hundreds of thousands of school children to fight for their future. Her powerful speech at the UN Climate Summit, New York on 23rd September 2019 was delivered to all the world leaders who are taking no action to implement laws to combat climate change. The Global Climate Strike Week took place from September 20th to September 27th. Youth from all over the globe took place in protesting. The protests took place in India and Hyderabad as well. It is pretty clear from researches and surveys that people of the West are prone to consumerism. Instead sustainable consumerism must be maintained in response to the biggest challenge humanity has ever faced. Sustainable consumerism includes the use of alternatives of plastics, alternative methods for disposal of waste instead of incineration/ dumping waste into landfills, and implementing sustainable consumerism. Greta urges millennials and adults alike to retrospect while purchasing if it is sustainable to the environment or not.

In true Greta Thunberg- style, “I want you to act like the house is on fire. Because it is.”

- Bhavana Priya, Editor

“Jetting Away..”

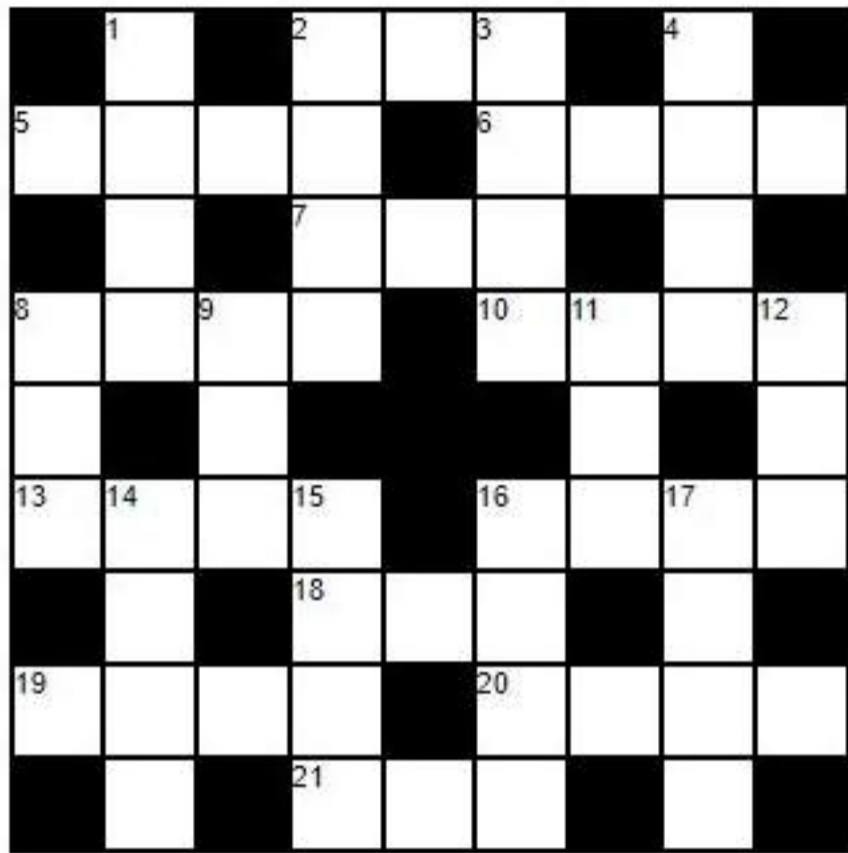
What do you do when someone doesn't follow basic mannerisms? You don't let him fly in your jet! Imran Khan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, was in Jeddah before heading to New York for attending the 74th UN General Assembly when Mohammed Bin Salman, the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, offered him his private jet, saying he couldn't allow his guest to travel in a commercial plane. But while the Pakistani Prime Minister was returning from the session in New York, on September 28, it was reported that the Saudi plane developed a technical glitch following which the Prime Minister and his delegation returned to New York and then took a commercial flight back to Pakistan. It is believed that the

jet was called back on purpose by the Saudi Crown Prince as he was quite alienated by the diplomacy of the Pakistani Prime Minister during the session.

“...He visibly snubbed Imran by ordering his private jet to disembowel the Pakistani delegation...” claims the Friday Times Weekly Magazine. A Pakistani government spokesperson said that they were false claims and called it a “cooked up story”, saying that the leaders of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have good relations. “The report is aimed at political vendetta. We dismiss this report,” the spokesman added.

- Moulshree Srivastava, Deputy Editor-in-chief

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Across

- 2: Public Transport
- 5: Singing threesome
- 6: Transport
- 7: Sci-fi Doctor
- 8: Scream
- 10: Determination
- 13: Sulk
- 16: Hop along happily
- 18: Target towards a goal
- 19: Upper limbs
- 20: Secondhand
- 21: Yank

Down

- 1: Strongly encourage
- 2: Soup dish
- 3: Demonstrate
- 4: Weightlifting exercise
- 8: Sweet potato
- 9: Part of the mouth
- 11: Pen filler
- 12: Hack off
- 14: Shrek, for example
- 15: Vane direction
- 16: Self-satisfied
- 17: New thought

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HERE ARE SOME FACTS

Do you know?

All gold ever mined would fit into a cube of 25m. On a side.
 Polar bears are nearly undetectable by infrared cameras
 36 human hearts could fit inside a giraffe's heart.
 The human eye has around 576 megapixels.
 Kangaroos cannot walk backwards
 Cheese is the most stolen food in the world.
 A lightning bolt is 6 times hotter than sun's surface
 Hippopotamus milk is pink
 If you google the words "zerg rush", google will eat the Search page.