

# Akshara

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## Principal's Message



Dear students,

*"You have to dream first  
before it comes true"*

*"Dreams are not those which come while we  
are sleeping, but dreams are those when u  
don't sleep before fulfilling them."*

Be proactive take conscious control over your life, setting goals and working to achieve them. Instead of reacting to events and waiting for opportunities, you go out and create your own events and opportunities.

When you want to succeed as badly as you want to breathe, then you'll be successful. If you want it bad enough, you'll never give up though the worst goes before you. When we pursue something that means more to us than anything, we are sure to succeed. Pursuing success will be hard, it will be exhausting, and sometimes it will be lonely, but it will be worth it.

- Viswanadham Bulusu  
Principal

## Editorial Board

Behold young readers,  
'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy' is a hackneyed saying but it still applies in this gadget-freak scenario. Physical exercise has taken a back seat in the lifestyle of the present day tech-savvy youth.

We are leaping and bounding in technological innovations. There is an influx of gadgets in the market every day to keep us engaged and to make us forget ourselves and our surroundings. But these have brought along with them their darker kins-ailments like the neck, shoulder, and finger joint pains and eyesight problems.

At the end of the day, all is lost if health is lost. Can we allow this to happen?

Then stop confining yourself to the virtual world and step out into the open air, not to eat chaat but to have a quick jog or play a game of cricket or football, enjoying the beauty of nature at the same time.

Keep Fit.

Go Green!

Viswanadham Bulusu (Principal)

Ms. Padmavathi S  
(Associate Professor - Dept. of English)

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## INDIA WITH ITS MERCHANTS OF DREAMS!

Sir APJ Abdul Kalam said those who don't dream are not alive, but when dreams are sold like animations shown in the construction projects and traded for political and personal gains, they are far beyond realism. Seventy years after 15 August, 1947, India has made undeniable progress. But there are many questions whether the 'Tryst with Destiny' that Jawaharlal Nehru spoke of at the dawn of at the dawn of Independence has been realized. The irony is that India has celebrated its first independence with the stains of victims of partition and seventy years after with the loud and clear stains of the killings of innocents at Gorakhpur hospital due to lack of oxygen, the Kashmir tragedy, the massive flood victims, farmers' suicides and the very recent Muzzafarnagar train accident or the victims of "bullet train dreams". Our country appears to have taken the line from TV ad 'daag acche hai' seriously, and when the stains are not washed off but rather concealed by sellers of 'tryst with destiny' or better 'merchants of dreams' the stains appear again with more viscosity and loudness. On the dawn of this I-day PM Narendra Modi called for an end to poverty, illiteracy and corruption. Unfortunately there have been similar calls for decades. The tryst with destiny can only be said to have been realized when such calls become redundant.

The vision a "New India" called by PM Modi would be distorted if it is confined merely to building shiny roads, airports, and power stations. It should incorporate changed mind-set as well, where citizens are empowered rather than seen as voting banks. Modi's slogan "minimum government, maximum governance", has been put into practice in the last three years. The slow pace in investments and formal job creation is weakening the

economy, farmers are shattered and "Make In India" has hardly taken off, even as millions of young people enter the job market every year.

The word "reservation" has become synonym or only tool for social justice while hardly debating the role of quality school education to uplift the underprivileged. The electronic media more or less became a propaganda tool for the ruling party to sell its dreams. The criticism of the government is dealt with sedition charges or an iron hand and if opposition criticizes, it is dealt with CBI.

The dream merchants sell 'Tryst with destiny' every day with new components such as Digital India\*, New India\*, Swacch Bharat\*, Clean Ganga Mission\* and Make in India\* to name a few. They come with \* conditions apply tag and will certainly have to face the realism and pragmatism of the young minds of the nation.

The night is darkest just before dawn and hope will rise above the dream "Tryst with Destiny" and this is the time for dawn to shine.

- Piyush Sharma

BBA II



*Science Day in Switzerland is dedicated to Ex-Indian President, APJ Abdul Kalam. The father of India's Missile Programme had visited Switzerland back in 2006. Upon his arrival, Switzerland declared May 26th as Science Day.*

## Alumni Desk



Aakash Singh  
B.Com - Honours  
Batch 2013-16

- 1. On your road to success, how did Aurora help you?**  
Aurora helped in bringing out the hidden talents in me. I've realized myself and my potentialities.
- 2. College being a first exposure to the real world in one's life, what kind of exposure did Aurora provide you with?**  
The college taught me to be successful and goal-oriented. The activities in college made me grow in all dimensions. It helped in toning my Leadership Skills, Team work, Organizing Skills and Problem-Solving Skills, which are very important for success.
- 3. What position do you hold right now and what more do you aspire for?**  
Currently I'm working with Bank of America as a team member of Client Data Service and expecting a promotion.
- 4. Tell us something about your work and how does Aurora help you in it?**  
We work for the US based clients regarding their account details. The college taught me how to work and coordinate well in a team and has improved my communication skills.
- 5. An incident or two in Aurora that had turned your life.**  
The best incidents in the college were the learning experiences at events like Abhiyaan and Perna which not only developed our personalities, but also taught us to aim high by giving our best.
- 6. Things you cherish at Aurora-**  
Classroom teachings, faculty and events are my loving memories for they made me what I am now.
- 7. Things you wished had been better at Aurora-**  
The college should have a ground as we missed playing games at college and we always longed for a canteen. I am sure every Auroran agrees with me.
- 8. How has Aurora helped you grow as a person?**  
My communications skills got a lot improved and my thinking grew more positive.
- 9. Your message to present Aurorans-**  
Work hard and enjoy college life. College days are priceless memories. Remember that what you do now speaks of your future and paves your destiny.

## College Events

### World Literacy Day

World Literacy Day was celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 to make students understand the importance of education and also contribute to the poor people who can't afford education. The students of B.Com - 1C Generals contributed money with great enthusiasm to buy books and stationary and distributed them among the orphaned children of Angel Homes, Mallapur.



The students were trained to teach the children the importance of education. They had a general discussion with the children about their aims and interests and conveyed them the importance of education and having an identity in the society. The children enthusiastically interacted with the students and showed interest to pursue their education and achieve in life.

Faculty Coordinator:  
Poornima V( Dept. of English)

### Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao Birthday Celebrations 2017

MSc Statistics students of Aurora's Degree & PG College had celebrated the 97th birth anniversary of Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao, FRS, also known as C R Rao on 10th September. He is an Indian born, naturalized American,

mathematician and statistician. He is also called as "Living Legend".



Posters were displayed on the notice board and PPT's were also presented by the students.

Faculty Coordinator :  
C. Meenakshi (Dept. of Statistics)

### World Peace Day

International day of peace, known as World peace Day, is celebrated on 15th September, 2017. It is dedicated to world peace and the absence of war and violence. The day was first celebrated in 1982. In 2013 the day was dedicated by the secretary general of the United Nations to Peace Education. Students of MPCs I actively participated in Essay Writing and JAM competitions conducted on that day. Students came to know the importance of maintaining peace and harmony not only among the countries but also in the society.

Faculty Coordinator:  
G. Sunanda  
Department of Physics and Electronics



### World Ozone Day

World Ozone Day was celebrated on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. Students of MPCs I & II were educated on the ozone layer which is a region of the earth's stratosphere that absorbs most of the sun's UV rays, and in doing so protecting the earth from the harmful sun rays. The students actively participated in poster presentation and prepared charts on how to protect ozone layer and the effects of the depletion of ozone layer on human beings.

Faculty Coordinator: KNL. Prashanthi



### “FDP ON PYTHON PROGRAMMING”

Osmania University has introduced widely used programming Language 'PYTHON' as a subject for UG and PG courses in computer science streams of the new CBCS System. Therefore it has become necessary to update the programming skills of the teachers through an FDP with hands on Experience on Python Programming. The faculty development program was intended to bridge the skill gap and provide a practical experience in data science using Python as well as to provide deep learning to faculty members.

The program was convened on 16th September, 2017. The speaker, Dr. D.V. Ramana, Consultant (Data Science) Wissen Infotech, Hyderabad & Executive Committee Member of CSI Big Data Analytics started the session with a brief description on python environment. He made every one work on Installing and Execution of Python in 32 bit & 64 Bit Operating Systems using Jupiter notebook and Spider. The session was very interactive and

the speaker gave practical exposure to the faculty.



### DRISHYA – Small Stories, Big Ideas

The Humanities stream of Aurora's Degree & PG College, Chikkadpally celebrated a one-day fest 'DRISHYA' – Small Stories, Big Ideas, on 19th September, 2017.

The guests of the day were Prof. Yoga Jyotsna Varanasi, Dean of faculty of Social Sciences & Arts, OU and Anshul Sinha, a short filmmaker. Prof. Jyotsna highlighted the importance and need of taking up Humanities for the betterment of the Society. Mr. Anshul spoke of his journey in short film making and his methods of using films as tools to bring changes in the society. There was enthusiastic participation from different colleges in short film making and candid photography.

Faculty Coordinators:  
Sonia Raju & Anurag Reddy  
(Dept. of Humanities)



### Bathukamma Celebrations

Bathukamma is a floral festival celebrated on Bhadrapada Amavasya, also known as Mahalaya Amavasya, usually in the months of September & October. It is a symbol of



Telangana's Rich Culture. It is celebrated by the women of Telangana, to exhibit the magnificence of multiple flowers. The event was organized on 22nd September in the college. The event began at 9:00 am with the competition of making of Bathukamma by the Degree & PG students. 'Thambulam' was given to all women. Everybody was dressed in traditional wear and took part in the event. Folk songs were sung and traditional dances were performed around the bathukamma. The students even narrated the story about



Bathukamma. In the evening the Bathukamma was immersed in tank bund as per tradition.

#### Faculty Coordinators:

P Chandrakala (Department of Maths)  
& A Pancha Tharani (Department of English)

### ED Cell Orientation Program

The event was held on 12th October, 2017 in the auditorium of Block VI. The Chief Guest for the day, Ms. Geetha Goti, President, Confederation of Women Entrepreneurs (COWE), Hyderabad Chapter shared her experiences and advised



the students on the nuances of Entrepreneurship. She had a good interactive session with the students and offered all support from her end and COWE in offering Internships to our students as well as offering hands on experience with budding women entrepreneurs. Ms. Suseela Kanduri presented a power point presentation introducing the students to various activities undertaken by the ED Cell in the last couple of years. More than 150 first year students enrolled into the cell this year predominantly from the Honours and BBA streams.

Faculty Lead: Suseela Kanduri

"Harsh -O- Ullas"- An Exhibition cum Sale of Handicrafts & Handlooms on the eve of Diwali  
A Diwali exhibition cum sale was organised in our college on the 13/10/17 to introduce and promote handloom and handicrafts to the student community and also to encourage the less privileged, handicapped and physically challenged persons engaged in these crafts. 14 stalls were set up under the aegis of various NGOs, at the exhibition.

Ms. Sudha Jain, Mrs. India Asia Pacific 1st Runner up -2017, the Chief Guest of the event, shared her experiences and advised the students to stay focused, mindful, and also take their role and responsibilities in the society seriously. Ms. Kavitha Reddy, Designer to Ms Sudha Jain, explained the difference between handloom and Khadi and the need to promote Khadi In India. A ramp walk competition was conducted to promote usage of handloom & Khadi



amongst college students. Sumit Kumar of 2 Hons B for Boys & Ms. Asha of BBA 1st year for girls won the 1st Prize at the contest. The prizes were given away to the winners by the Chief Guest.

#### Nutriweek-2017

Nutriweek 2017 has been conducted from 9th October to 16th October 2017. It is celebrated to create awareness among students and faculty about the importance of food & nutrition and make them conscious of healthy food and their nutritive values. Many students of different streams participated with great enthusiasm and competitive spirit.



The event had made an impact on the young minds and also increased their awareness on the lifestyle required to stay fit and maintain healthy life. Different competitions were held like nutri word cookies; nutri click; nutri darting; nutri sandwich; poster presentation; salad preparation; crack the code; collage making; essay writing.

#### IT Club Event

On 20th Oct, 2017 a session was conducted for the First Year students of B.Com and B.Sc. The session was based on awareness and importance of Knowledge in IT industry. The session was planned to make the students learn beyond the syllabus. The students explained about the Various Operating systems and the benefits including mobile operating systems. They spoke of the advantages of E-commerce, its types and payment modes online.

A Faculty coordinator of IT CLUB clarified the doubts of students and motivated the students to develop new presentations and to participate in the upcoming events.

Faculty Incharge :  
Srinivas U, IT Club Coordinator



#### International Internet Day

International Internet Day was conducted on 29th October, 2017 for the First Year students of B.Com, B.Sc and M.SC (Computer Science). The session was on awareness and importance of Knowledge in Internet. The session was chaired by Professor Dr. Radhakrishna, who explained the Innovations and benefits of internet and also the latest technology such as robotics, good governing and LI-Fi.

Faculty Incharge:  
Srinivas U

Sr. Asst. Professor, Dept. Of Computer Science





## Equip Your Vocab

### IDIOMS ARE FUN:

What's life without a little spice? What's a language without phrases and idioms? Little tidbits that hark back to history, draw from culture, take their origin from fashion and make the language, both spoken and written richer.

1. **DON'T LOOK A GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH-***don't be choosy or fuss about anything that comes as a gift*  
 ORIGIN: In the olden days, people would examine a horse's teeth to check whether it was a young strong horse or an old one. But if you were gifted a horse and you examined its teeth by looking into its mouth then you would be hurting the feelings of the person who gifted it to you.
2. **SMELL A RAT-***to be suspicious or get a feeling that something is wrong.*  
 ORIGIN: This saying was used as early as the 16th Century. Rats are considered as dirty and smelly creatures. Even a cat sniffs to check if a hole houses a rat. So, the usage to imply that you smell something wrong took place.
3. **STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH-***get the news directly from the person concerned.*  
 ORIGIN: The best way to find a horse's age is to look at its teeth and mouth instead of asking the seller.
4. **PUT ON THE WOODEN COAT-***to die.*  
 ORIGIN: When people die they are buried in wooden coffins and hence termed as having put on their wooden coats.
5. **WORTH YOUR SALT-***proving that you deserve something.*  
 ORIGIN: In the Roman army, the soldiers were paid salt as a part of their salary because it was so rare
6. **BURY YOUR HEAD IN SAND-***to ignore danger.*  
 ORIGIN: A long time ago, when people discovered ostriches and saw them bury their heads in the sand, they thought that the birds are hiding from their enemies. In reality, they search for berries and small grains.
7. **ONE -HORSE TOWN-***a place that is dull and with few comforts.*  
 ORIGIN: In the 19th Century, people around the world travelled on horses. In many towns there were more horses than people. A town with one horse meant very few comforts.
8. **WET BEHIND THE EARS-***young and inexperienced*  
 ORIGIN: A new born calf is all sticky and wet covered in its birth fluid. Though it dries off very quickly, the skin behind its ears takes a very long time to dry. In the early 20th Century, US army started using this expression to describe the new recruits.

*India is second only to the USA when it comes to speaking English with around 125 million people speaking the language, which is only 10% of our population. This is expected to grow by quite a margin in the coming years.*

## The Star of the Month

Harish Sharma  
- Mr. India Popular Telangana, 2017

The reason behind me getting this title is my "family". They were the first persons who supported me when I expressed my intention. I thank god for blessing me with such a supportive and loving family.

Now here comes my story. My journey began as a fitness freak. I was just a person known to few. The fever for fitness started in my school days when i was called and teased by other boys as a coward. I was bullied by many of them. This rose a strong desire in me to concentrate on my physique.

"The very first step towards success in any occupation or profession is to become interested in it"

I still remember my first day at gym -18th April 2014. It was the biggest turn and a right one in my life. I wanted to show everyone by achieving many fitness and bodybuilding titles. My dream came true when I bagged the Mr. Popular Telangana 2017 title. I owe it all to my trainer, my Guru, Mr. Mukesh whom I call with love 'Mukesh Bhaiya'. He was the one who transformed me from "no one" to "Someone".

The secret of our future is hidden in our daily routine. I start my day with gyming and end it with gyming. I have participated in many bodybuilding competitions. I have participated in wrestling competitions too. I was trained not to give up even though I have experienced failures many times, and this line started ruling my mind-

"Do it because they said you couldn't" .



Mr. India Popular Telangana-2017 is just a first step towards success. I have struggled alot for achieving this title and mainly concentrated on my physique, my dressing sense and my communication skills. The main thing which matters in this type of contest is good personality and communication skills-the way you express yourself and make an impression.

I am indebted to all those who attended the event, voted for me and gave their support to me. At the time when results were announced, it was stated that I was leading with more than 70% of the votes over the other contestants and that's what made me win Mr. India Popular Telangana, 2017 title. The mindset to prove myself made me win this contest. This is just the first step and the beginning of my success story. I expect to win many more titles.

By winning this title I made my family happy and proved myself. The next morning after the win I was called by radio city 91.1 FM. I was at the top of the world as it was my first interview. My hard work helped me achieve my goals.

Lastly I would like to give a message to every fellow student to have a goal in his/her life. I want to be an inspiration to others, I want them to look at me and say"because of you i didn't give up". I would like to conclude saying that "motivation is what gets you started and habit is what keeps you going". So have the habit of dreaming and proving yourself.  
Thank you.

## Sports & Games

Department of Physical Education

### ATHLETICS:



Tejaswi of B.Com 2C Computers secured Two Bronze Medals in 100 & 200 mtrs in the OU Inter College Athletic Championship at GMC Balayogi Stadium, Gachibowli. She is also selected for Osmania University Athletic Team for the year 2017-18

### BOXING:

Uday Kishore Yadav of BTBIC 2 B secured Gold Medal in the Osmania University Inter College Championship, 2017 and is also selected for Osmania University Boxing Team for the year 2017-18



### WEIGHTLIFTING:



Siddharth Yadav of B.Com 2C General secured Gold Medal in the OU Inter College Weight Lifting (77 KGS) Championship 2017-18.

Sagar Kaweti of B.Com 1C General secured Silver Medal in the OU Inter College Weight Lifting (105 KGS) Championship 2017-18.

Three of them secured Bronze Medals in the OU Inter College Wrestling (Free Style) Championship 2017-18.

### POWERLIFTING:



Sagar Kaweti of B.Com 1C General secured Silver Medal in the OU Inter College Power Lifting (105 KGS) Championship 2017-18.

C Saikumar Yadav of B.Com 2C General secured Bronze Medal in the OU Inter College Power Lifting (95 KGS) Championship 2017-18

### WRESTLING:

- 1) Praneesh Kumar Yadav of B.Com - Hons - 3A
- 2) Jai Kishan of B.Com Comp 2A
- 3) Sagar Kaweti of B.Com 1C Gen.

### HANDBALL:

Our College Team secured Second Place in the Osmania University Inter College Handball Tournament for the year 2017-18.



*The highest Cricket Ground in the world!  
At an altitude of 2,444 meters,  
the Chail Cricket Ground in Chail,  
Himachal Pradesh, is the highest in the world.  
It was built in 1893 and is a part of the  
Chail Military School.*

## Movie Review

### THOR: RAGNAROK

Thor Ragnarok is the third movie in the Marvel's Thor franchise. The movie was released in India on the third of November. In this movie Thor (played by Chris Hemsworth) is imprisoned on the other side of the universe without his mighty hammer and finds himself in a race against time to get back to Asgard to stop Ragnarok--the destruction of his home world and the end of Asgardian civilization--at the hands of an all-powerful new threat, the ruthless Hela (played by Cate Blanchett). But first he must survive a deadly gladiatorial contest that pits him against his former ally and fellow Avenger--the Incredible Hulk!

The director of the movie Taika Waititi who has directed other super hit movies like "Hunt For The Wilder people" and "Green Lantern" has done an extremely good job with this movie as well. The characterization of the movie is very detailed. The director has also infused a lot of Ironman like humour into the movie which adds to the overall movie going experience. Also the small cameo played by Dr. Strange (Benedict Cumber batch) was decent although I would've liked to see more of him towards the end. I was particularly intrigued by the music and background score of the movie given by



Mark Mothersbaugh. The music, unlike other Marvel movies was quite predominant and wonderful.

On the whole the movie was very good and has set a benchmark for the Marvel movies to come. It has gotten 93% rotten tomatoes which is second after Ironman played by Robert Downey Jr.



- Sri Harsha Varma  
B.Com III D (gen)



*Dilip Kumar was offered a lead role in the International project Lawrence of Arabia (1962) by Director David Lean. However for reasons unknown, the Dilip Kumar declined the offer. The role subsequently went to Egyptian actor Omar Sharif*



## Book Review

### A Thousand Splendid Suns - by Khaled Hosseini

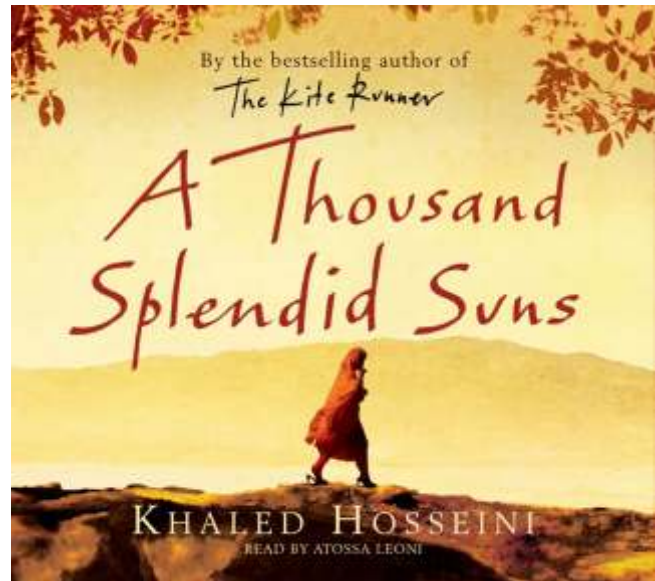
*"Of all the hardships a person has to face,  
none was more punishing than the simple act  
of waiting"*

*"A society has no chance of success if its  
women are uneducated"*

Just when people thought that *The Kite Runner* was the best book Khaled Hosseini could ever write, he released his other book, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. One of the most critically acclaimed books of all times, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* was also a huge commercial success. The book topped the New York Times' Bestsellers list for four straight weeks and then remained on the list for twenty-one weeks.

The author, Khaled Hosseini, was born and brought up in Afghanistan, and writes books to raise awareness on what the Taliban is doing to his homeland. A lot of things described in his books, though written in a fictional landscape, were experienced by the author first hand. Hosseini is an outspoken advocate of the theory that education is of paramount importance when rebuilding a ravaged country. His outspoken support for the education of the girl child and all children in general is evident in all his books.

The storyline - Hosseini is known to weave a story together so good, that it makes the reader want to cry. This is typically true of *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. The story revolves around a little girl named Mariam and it marks her journey from childhood to



death. Mariam was a brave girl who later in her life helps another girl, Laila in ways the reader cannot even imagine...

The story is set in Afghanistan of 1980's and is, naturally descriptive of all customs and traditions of the country. Mariam is a little girl who lives with her mother. She is the illegitimate child of the son of a wealthy and powerful person. She is married off to a friend of her father's and that is when life takes a turn for the worst. Life becomes hell for Mariam, especially after she has two miscarriages. The story is about the pain that she endures and the courage that she radiates.

Laila is a little girl, the daughter of a learned man who wants to educate his little girl so she can reach great heights. Laila's mother, though is not an advocate of educating girls. She plans on marrying off Laila as soon as possible so she can get rid of the 'burden' that the little girl is. Laila grows playing with probably her only male friend, Tariq. As is predicted, she falls in love with Tariq but then quite a few things go wrong. Things take a wild turn when Mariam's husband brings home Laila as his newly wedded wife. Naturally, Mariam and Laila share a sour relationship from the very beginning. A little later

into the story, Tariq, Laila's first love turns up at her doorstep. This is when one sees the ultimate of plot-twists.

*"...but the game involves only male names. Because, if it's a girl, Laila has already named her."*

The characters bring alive the atmosphere that was prevalent in 1980's Afghanistan. The taboo of women being educated was very much prevalent and worsened when Afghanistan came under the dark shadow of the Taliban. This is very much evident in the book as the story progresses. All in all, the story is one of anger, disgust and hope. "Laila has moved on, because in the end she knows that's all she can do. That and hope."

#### The Commercial Aspect -

The book was appreciated by critics all over the world. The commercial aspect of the book was just as good. As has already been mentioned, A Thousand Splendid Suns topped the New York Best Sellers list for one full month and remained on the list for twenty-one weeks. In the first week of the launch, the initial 1,255,000 copies were sold out and the book had to go for a reprint. This has been the case of almost all of Hosseini's books. The book has sold over 15 million copies worldwide and is still going on. The book has made over \$50 million in sales all over the world. Where do those profits go, though? Most of the profits that came from the book went to charitable institutions that help in the rehabilitation of refugees displaced from Afghanistan due to the Taliban. The writer hopes that one day, they will be strong enough to defeat the Taliban and kick the barbaric organization out of their home country.



- Anunaad Shastri  
B.Com - Honours - 2A

## Poems

### SUCCESS

"Your success will depend on your attitude towards life."

"The secret of success is constancy of purpose."

"Success comes when preparation meets opportunity."

"Nothing succeeds like success."

"Success is often a matter of hanging on

longer, when others have given up."

"Search for better way to do things and you will find success."

"Be what you are and become what you are capable of becoming."

"Take charge of your life, become the Person you would like to be."



- Shivani Singh  
B.Sc - MPCs - IB

### *The Human Calculator*

*Shakuntla Devi was given this title after she demonstrated the calculation of two 13 digit numbers:*

*7,686,369,774,870 × 2,465,099,745,779*

*which were picked at random. She answered correctly within 28 seconds.*

From womb to tomb-  
A SUFFERING UNSPOKEN OF

Hearts filled with joy and happiness  
unbound,  
The family celebrated the news of an  
expected baby ,  
The father knew no limits of ecstasy,  
And the lady suddenly turned  
empowered centrally!  
She; who until then was treated with  
least of dignity,  
Is now altogether looked upon with  
unexpected awe,  
Who till yesterday was beaten black  
and blue  
for not having fetched enough dowry,  
Is now treated with utmost care in a  
way most away!  
The lady who went weak with no  
proper food earlier,  
And had been a victim of daily  
domestic violence  
By people so surlier,  
Who threatened to burn her alive with  
unmasked malice.  
Then came the question -why?  
Why are the merciless eyes  
Now filled with such unforeseen love  
and affection?  
Well, the change in heart is quite  
justified.  
As they expected a baby boy to arrive  
With whom the lost power and prestige  
would revive!  
All the while,  
I in-here was alive  
Made me even more excited thinking  
Of the day I arrive.  
But as I was born,  
It turned out to be a day to mourn,  
Instantly killed was I,  
My voice silenced even before heard,  
My dreams snuffed even before seen.  
A BABY GIRL WAS !!



- G. Sahithi  
B.Com - Generals - 2A

## अनुभव

मंजिले छोड गयी रासतो ने सम्भल लिया ।  
जिंदगी तेरी ज़रूरत नहीं मुझे हादसो ने पाल लिया

ठोड़ी मस्ती थोडा सा ईमान बचा पाया , है  
ये क्या कम है मैं अपनी पहचान बचा पाया है

कुछ उम्मीद कुछ सपने कुछ महकती यादें,  
जीने का मैं इतना हि सामान बचा पाया है

ढोडतो भागतो जिंदगी का  
यही तोहफा है,  
खूब लुटाते रहे अपनापन  
फिर भी लोग खफा है.

जिन्के होठों पे हंसी और पाव में छले होंगे ,  
वही लोग अपने मंजिलो को पाने वाले होंगे

जो मुस्कुरा रहें है उसे डर ने पाल होगा,  
जो चल रहा है उसके पाव में चाल होगा  
बिना संघर्ष के इंसान चमक नहीं सकता,  
जो जलेगा उसी दीये में तो उजाला होगा!

खुलते हैं मुझपे राज़ खाई उस जहान के,  
उस्की हसीन आंखों में जब झांकता हन में.



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## Faculty Column

### My Take: Justice League (2017)

The most sought after DCEU film of the year has finally arrived at the theatres. (Sigh!)

Back in the day when 'Man of Steel' was released, the DC fan boy in me and many others like me, started dreaming and speculating about how the awe inspiring 'Justice League' would come to be.

No one ever thought Bale would be replaced. No one ever thought 'BvS' would flop that bad and no one would have ever known that 'Wonder Woman' would be DCEU's biggest hit yet. They all happened right? Similarly, no one would've thought that Zack would go through so much of personal tragedy while shooting this film. Thanks to Joss Whedon for stepping up and completing the film.

So, what does that have an effect on the film? Yes, it does have a very contrasting effect. Because the film looks like Joss was given creative freedom all restricted to reshoots and rewrites and was asked to shoot exactly in the way Zack would've. That same dark greyish templates, stereotypical slo-mo shots and overdoing of CGI, which was relatively less but was still there, has made this movie a polariser for the fanboys. The Producers literally asked Joss to 'fill' Zack's shoes! Cut him some slack you people!

Since I watch Marvel and DC films all alike, I had no issues with the movie trying to be funny all



through. I had no issues when it continuously followed a particular story / character arc and never always ran around beating up bad guys and blowing up shit, which it did in previous films.

It has all those wow and bad fan service moments and is fun to watch too. But they just have to put a lot more capping on the CGI they do. They just always overdo it by a tad at least! That makes the film lose the aesthetic authenticity in the way it is presented. That's my biggest issue with DCEU films.

Editing this time was thankfully good. Other technical aspects have no issues whatsoever. Music at times seemed a bit inconsistent.

Multiple directors, multiple writers make this big ticket film a not so great watch. A polariser for sure.

Rating: 7.5/10

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A Dussehra Superstition is Killing this  
Beautiful Bird.  
Here's How We Can Save It.

Every year, thousands of Indian Roller birds (neelkanth) are captured and tortured during Dussehra – all because of a superstition that sighting this bird during the festival will absolve the viewer of his or her sins. It's time to end this inhuman practice, and these people are showing us how.

The Indian Roller bird or Indian Blue Jay, *coracias benghalensis*, is commonly known in the country as Palapitta or Neelkanth, and is a protected species. This beautiful bird is easily spotted in southern and western India as well as in the foothills of the Himalayas.

Indian Rollers live around open grounds, cultivated fields and in local parks in cities. They usually do not migrate, although they do make seasonal movements in search of food. They are also popularly known as 'friends of farmers,' as these birds are known to help in pest control by feeding on insects, arachnids, small reptiles, and amphibians.

Every year, Dussehra ends up being the most harrowing time of the year for the Indian Roller. This state bird of five Indian states – namely Telangana, Andhra, Karnataka, Odisha, and Bihar – remains undisturbed all through the year but at the time of Dussehra, the torture begins.



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There is a very popular superstition that sighting a Neelkanth on Dussehra day will help absolve people of their sins. It is also believed that if a

person sees a Neelkanth and makes a wish, the bird will take the wish to the similarly blue-throated Lord Shiva on Mt Kailash who will fulfil the wish.

To cater to these superstitious beliefs, bird catchers start trapping these vivid birds almost a month before the festival. The birds are caged, their legs tied, their wings trimmed and even glued, so that they cannot fly (because many people like to hold the birds on Dussehra day).



Many people buy these birds from the bird market, like the Murgi bazar in Hyderabad, and let them free after making a wish. The less well-to-do get to take a peek at a bird in a cage or under a towel in the hands of a 'bird charmer.'

Usually, these 'charmers' sit outside temples late in the evening on Dussehra day and let people take a peek at the bird or hold it, for a small fee. Once the festival is over, the unfortunate bird usually dies, as it would have been starved for almost a month (Indian Rollers are hard to feed in captivity).

One of the many NGOs working towards protecting these birds during the Dussehra season is the Humane Society International (HSI) in Hyderabad. As part of its many campaigns for conservation of wild animals, the NGO recently conducted a school awareness campaign to save Indian Rollers.

To sensitise the children, it conducted an awareness session highlighting the beauty and ecological importance of this bird, and explained how religious superstition leads to cruelty towards this protected species.

Another superstition attached to this bird is that adding its chopped feathers to grass and feeding them to cows will increase the latter's milk yield.



The birds are hard to feed and this is why they starve for many days when they are kept in a cage.

Ms. C. Samyukta, Campaign Manager – Wildlife, Humane Society International/India, says, “Children are naturally compassionate towards animal and birds and we hope to develop them as ambassadors for the protection of nature. As harbingers of change, we hope that these children will help put an end to an age-old belief that results in the illegal trade and tremendous suffering of these birds.”

The superstition also says that the bird has to be set free to ensure the wish comes true. However, “thanks to the miserable manner in which these birds are treated after their capture, it is very rare that a bird survives. They are not grain-eating birds and hence feeding them is not an easy task at all. They can only drink a little water whenever it is offered to them. They are usually in tremendous pain and misery and extremely traumatised by the flow of events,” says Ms. Samyukta.



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Once released from their cages, they hop off as fast as they can and disappear into the bushes,

hiding from humans so well that most people believe they have flown away. If they are released in open farmlands, away from city limits, where they can get enough of their natural food, they have some chance of survival. This is what most wildlife conservation organisations do to the birds seized and freed from the 'charmers' during the festival.

To stop the violence towards this bird, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) of Telangana, Mr. P K Sharma, has requested all NGOs in the state working for wildlife to help the Forest Department in seizing these birds from the charmers and bringing them to book.



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The PCCF has also called for a press conference before Dussehra to sensitize people through print as well as social media about this issue. Letters to all districts and taluks have been sent out by Mr. Sharma to help nab as many bird charmers as possible. “The main plan is to put an end to this inhuman activity. On a social level, we have made plans to help these uneducated bird catchers and charmers by suggesting alternate means of occupation to help them earn a living in the long run,” says the PCCF, Telangana.

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### Lady Macbeth - Wonder woman of 17thC

Elizabethan era is a culmination of renaissance and new thinking. Theatre and watching street plays became a popular pastime. Greatest writers like Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe took over the theatres with their divergent works. Noble women got an opportunity for education not a formal one but an education which will make them skilled in the domestic field. They were expected to marry, bear children and be subservient to their male partners. They were raised to believe that they were inferior to men not just to their husbands but father, brother and other male member of the family also. Disobeying the male was seen as a crime against the religion. Ironically, this era was ruled by Queen Elizabeth, a dominant woman, who would not share her throne with a man.

In contrast to the era, the playwright Shakespeare moved ahead and showcased Lady Macbeth as a strong and ambitious lady who has an overwhelming thirst for power. She empowers her husband and plots the regicide after coming to know about the prophecy that her husband, Macbeth, shall become the king of Scotland. She prefers masculinity over her femininity and begs all the powers of darkness to strip her off her femininity in order to make her strong enough to plot the evil deed. She feels cock-a-hoop when her husband tells that a lady like her should give birth only to a male child.

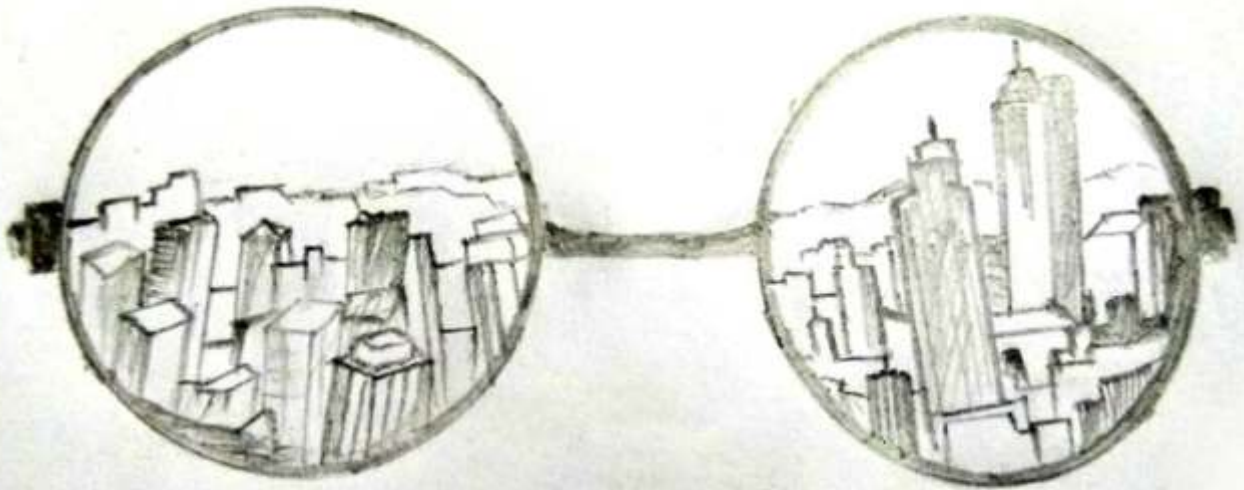
When it comes to her ambition, trappings of femininity like kindness, compassion, motherhood does not bother her. Images like mother's milk turning to poison, killing her own nursing child for the promise, asking to be "unsexed" are the instances to show how aggressive she can be. She provokes her husband with caustic words constantly

questioning his manhood until he proves himself by committing the crime. She even takes over when her husband dithers. More than Macbeth becoming the king she wanted to be the queen of Scotland. Throughout the play Lady Macbeth proves to be an empowered woman who can do anything for her ambition.

Lady Macbeth entirely breaks the stereotype of women, although kind and benevolent in the beginning she turns hysterical for the goal. The relationship between Lady Macbeth and Macbeth was always based on political achievements and not love. After Macbeth writes about the witches' prophecies, Lady Macbeth is driven by ambition and talks to evil spirits as sub-consciously she understands the fact that a woman cannot commit such a heinous act. Because women often lack the ruthlessness to kill someone she asks the spirits to make her a male. Because of her intense ambition to be a queen, nothing can prevent her from achieving this goal and she will kill anyone who is in the way of the throne which may be politically right.

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*Macbeth was often unpopular for its reference to witches which created fear in the Middle ages. There remained a long theatre superstition of saying aloud the name "Macbeth"*



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