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**Narsee Monjee**  
 College of Commerce & Economics



## Student's Council Presents **NEWS BULLETIN**

A Monthly Publication On What's Happening @ NM!!

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## January - 2015

### *Humans Of NM!!*

#### What makes our college the best college in town?

Picture this. If all of us in college had our own unique light around us, (like an aura if you know what I mean) our college would be the most colourful place I know. NM is full of bright sparks with different talents and strengths. But do we make NM or does NM make us?

Over the years I have met people - my peers, who say that they entered college as certain people and are now graduating as very different people. I can safely say that all of us evolve to a certain extent because of college - our first step into the real world. So I spoke to a few of my classmates who over the years have transformed in an unimaginable way!

Tapasya Pandey joined college for the NM tag and to later get an MBA to earn the big bucks. Today she is an Aam Aadmi Party committee member with dreams of becoming the Prime Minister someday. "I am more girly now, more vocal about my thoughts. The best part is when I see my friends going through the CA grind, I realize that even on my worst day I am happier than they are as I am doing what I love doing."

Ravi Shah, is popularly known around college as the go-to guy for information on any festivals and events that are being organised. He has discovered his amazing acting skills and organising after coming to college and now is a permanent fixture in the theatre acts that our college participates in. But was he always like this? Nah! Ravi, was one of the most mischievous kids in school. Nobody would want to be friends with him due to his notoriety. He didn't expect any different from college. But he met Mamta Ma'am, our Hindi teacher, whom he gives all the credit for the way he is today. She introduced him to the cultural society and since then there has been no looking back. He won the Super Event Manager award this year which goes to show how far he has come in life.

Siddharth Doshi (or SD as he is popularly known) says that he has seen it all in college. From being an introvert to the loudmouth that he is now is all because of Umang and Rotaract. (I have noticed many people change after joining the cult that is Umang and Rotatract. Once you are in, it is an obsession.) He went through a bad break up and was held back for a year in S.Y. B.Com. After all this, where a normal person would have been disappointed, our SD has realised that he had to get his priorities sorted. He worked hard, improved his grades, joined INTENT, weeded out his real friends from his fake ones and worked at a CA Firm for 6 months. He says, "I came to NM as a selfish person. I like to think that I am leaving it as a selfless person. I have learnt a lot here."

[P.S. In the years that have gone by SD even found time to open his own Hookah parlour with a few friends. It shut shop in a few months after constant fights in the group]

Ankita Phalle had it all in school. Scoring good grades, a member of the student council, everyone's favourite. Getting admission into NM was a cakewalk and doing Chartered Accountancy seemed like a great idea back then. "But when college actually started I was lost. I didn't connect with anyone around me. My only friends were the ones that I knew from school. Somewhere along the way I realised what I really wanted to do was travelling and I started my own company called as Mapping Journeys with my friends this year." This was her turning point. She gave up pursuing CA altogether. In her last year in college Ankita took 117 people on a trek because Radhika Maam believed she could. Now she is now more confident and has made many new friends. She is finally out of her shell and is regarded by everyone who knows her as a free spirit.

Mohnish Rangwala, in his own words was more of a loner kid. An aggressive, short tempered, mad at the world sort of a person who only needed his computer for company. It took some time but once in college he slowly changed. "Metamorphosis", he likes to call it. He discovered that he would probably stand to lose friends and happiness, if he were to get angry at the tiniest things instead of laughing it off. "I still have ego issues and dealing with jokes that are at my expense. But I am working on it", he says. Mohnish now has a group of friends who like him and his wit. The biggest shocker of all is he is dating which was unthinkable for him. NM has been a roller coaster of a journey for Mohnish. "But I've quite possibly become a better me: someone I like more and a person others like more!" he says and I couldn't agree more with him.

George Bernard Shaw once said, "Life isn't about finding you. It is about creating yourself." These are just a few people who represent the thousands that grow and change continuously because of the fabulous phenomenon called the 'NM Life'. It is this place that lets you start afresh. Gives you ample opportunities and lets you become whoever you want to be. You meet so many diverse people here from different histories, different upbringing and different approaches; and yet we manage to co-exist harmoniously. When I was in the 11th I remember I bought the college T- shirt. It said, "I will find my way or make my own." I will remember and cherish this always as I am an NM'ite forever.

- Madhu Rao, TYBCom - F



**Ankita Phalle**



**Siddharth Doshi**



**Mohnish Rangwala**



**Tapasya Pandey**



**Ravi Shah**

## From The Principal's Desk...

Dear Students,  
Communication is one of the most important aspects of human interaction, more so, in an educational institute where the teaching learning process happens. It is a place which broadens a student's horizon and enables the student to think more, think logically and dreams big. Reading is one of the tools which will help the students think. A very small but important aspect of college life is to know the college in terms of its academic offerings and contents and other curricular activities like activities and events of gymkhana, cultural, sports and other associations. Knowing about these activities helps the student identify and then participate in the activities and events that he/she is interested in. Besides the notices displayed on the notice board, the Student Council has taken this initiative of publishing this e-bulletin to ensure that the student colleagues are kept informed about the happenings in the college. All the students are requested to participate in these activities by reading the bulletin regularly, contributing articles, anecdotes, poem, jokes etc to the bulletin, volunteering to work for the bulletin as reporter, page designer, proof reader, editor etc. The e-bulletin is available on the college website [www.nmcollege.in](http://www.nmcollege.in) with a link on the home page and will also be displayed on the notice boards. Appreciation to the Student Council for taking this initiative and also Congratulations for the first e-bulletin. So students wishing you happy reading."

**Shri. Sunil B. Mantri**

## Vice Principal Speaks...

Dear Students,  
In the current scenario ignorance is no more a bliss. People need to be well informed and well connected be it is academics, or activities of different associations conducted within the college or outside. We all need to know the latest developments in various fields, and relate it to real life application of the concepts learnt in the class room. E- Bulletin is a good initiative by Student Council. It will be a platform of sharing information and there by completing the teaching learning process. I wish the all the best for this endeavor and hope the students will take this opportunity to read, contribute, participate and make this initiative a fruitful one.

**Mrs. Gomathi V.**

## Vice Principal Speaks...

Dear Students,  
A college is a place where you grow, a college is a place where you learn and gain knowledge, a college is a place where you make and meet new friends and nurture relationships, a college is a place where you look up to your role models and find your mentors, a college is platform for your overall personal development and growth, a college prepares you to face the real world, a college helps you to decide future course of action and the path to achieve your goals and fulfill your ambitions. Last but not the least the year spent in college are the best memorable years of a student's life. So make the most of it and do not miss out on these wonderful years.

**Ms. Ameer Vora**

## Teacher-in-charge Speaks...

Congratulations to the Students' Council for taking the lead in bringing out the College newsletter. This fulfills a long felt need of the students. Ours is a College that is bustling with activity – academic, co- curricular and extra-curricular – at any time of the year. The purpose of a newsletter is to enhance communication both within and outside the College. The calendar of activities and other information provided should motivate greater participation in all association events in even larger numbers. A newsletter is also a channel for sharing of ideas and information. We hope that the NM newsletter sees many lively, healthy and academic discussion on the news and issues of this country and around the globe.

All the very best.

**Mrs. Chitra Thomas**

## Team News Bulletin...

It is said that, 'when you communicate, you grow'. Here, the Student's Council brings to you the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the newsletter with the aim to establish a strong connect with every student of our college. It is a small step towards providing a platform for every student, to participate in the various activities and inter-college fests as well as to contribute by the way of various articles, poems, photographs and suggestions for improvement.

Because, it's not just academics but also the overall development of the student which makes NM College what it is today! Hope you enjoy reading it and enjoy even more by actively participating.

## Decoding Feminism...

I said that I'm a feminist. All of them suddenly looked smilingly at me. Some were vocal about their feelings and told me that they don't really like the bra-burning, men hating women. When I said that I like dressing up and want to get married some day, they call me a hypocrite because, you know, you can't be a feminist and do these things. I think feminism is one of the most misunderstood concepts. So I've come up with a list of certain things that are major feminism related misconceptions!

### 1. It is all about male bashing !

The dictionary meaning of feminism isn't misandry. "It's the advocacy of women's rights on the ground of the equality of the sexes". A feminist wishes to see an equal society without stereotypes and gender roles. And hating men is no way to go about it!

They don't judge all men to be chauvinist and sexist just on the basis of their gender. What they disapprove of, really, is patriarchy and the idea that man is superior to woman and of course, anybody who promotes it in any form, irrespective of the gender. And a feminist who hates men solely because they belong to the other gender is no feminist. Period.

### 2. Only women can be feminists!

Just like you don't have to be an animal to support animal rights, you don't have to be a woman to support equal rights for women. Feminism is gender neutral. One only needs a sense of equality to be a feminist. No gender parameters are determined for it. A lot of men are feminists. Some of the feminists of historic importance are Jyotirao Phule, Raja Ram Mohan Roy, John Stuart Mill and many more. These men have helped the society be a better and more equal place!

### 3. Feminism is detrimental to men!

Stereotypes and gender bias is as ( if not more) harmful to men than women. Men have to be bread winners, they cannot cry or express emotions, they cannot like things like cooking, crafts, art because it is not a man's job and the list goes on. The society puts a lot of pressure on men and harms their psychology due to these stereotypes. A study has shown that heart attacks are more frequent in men as against women and the reason for this is that men are not able to express their emotion. So feminism's efforts to free the society from the stereotypes is important so that both men and women feel free to be themselves and help us perceive gender as a spectrum and not two set of opposing ideas.



#### 4. Feminists want it easy!

That feminists want everything easy in life is a complete myth. They understand the difference between equality and privilege. They don't want higher platforms than men, just equal opportunity. Feminism does not support quotas for women in educational institutions but it demands availability of equal opportunities for women to learn so that they can get into the institutions. They don't want to be paid more by working less but they want remunerations that are work centric and gender neutral.

#### 5. Male feminists are traitors of their own gender!

Male feminists often face a lot of wrath from other men for being the 'traitors'. They're considered to be gay and accused of misandry, for no valid reason. Feminism isn't a war of the two sexes. It is you standing up for what is right, for humanity's sake. You don't have to be against one sex to be helping the other one. In fact, male feminists are bringing down stereotypes against men too, making life much easier for their fellow men.

#### 6. Feminists cannot do feminine things!

Dressing up, putting on red lipstick, invincible love for high heels, unexplainable love for that amazing short dress are the things that feminists are not supposed to have. If it was so, feminism would defeat its own purpose of allowing women to be themselves. Women have all the freedom to do all the girly stuff and still be a proud feminist.

#### 7. Feminists should be career oriented!

All the women who are feminists need not be career oriented. Anybody can stay at home and do the household chores, bring up kids, cook food and be a feminist if they love doing so. Real feminists respect every woman's choice of who she wants to be. It respects a woman who has chosen to become a homemaker as much as it embraces a woman who steps out and makes a mark in the big bad corporate world.

#### 8. We don't NEED feminism now!

Some say that women are now allowed to work, drive, party, deny sex, choose own career paths, what more could she ask for? Equality is already achieved. But it is still sad to see that every other woman in the world is underpaid, taking care of the house is a woman's duty, only 2% of the top management positions are held by women, a rape happens every other second in the world, female infanticide is rampant in the world and equality is not yet achieved. We need feminism now more than ever before.

**Urmi Badiyani**

**T.Y.Bcom. B**

### Give the Writer in you a Chance!!

Pen your own story which will begin with the following lines:

*It was a wrong number that started it, the telephone ringing three times in the dead of the night and the voice on the other end asking for someone he was not...*

Use 500 words or less and your creativity. Send us your responses to [nmnewsletter@googlegroups.com](mailto:nmnewsletter@googlegroups.com) at the earliest and we'll feature the best story in the next newsletter!!



### NSS

An education drive conducted by NSS team at a Marathi Medium School of Zilla Parishad, Kalampedi.



### Rotaract Club of NM College

RCNM Academy at Vivekanad Youth Forum, Jamnabai Narsee High School.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS – RCNM

- Paralympics
- Project -1

#### UPCOMING EVENTS - NSS

- Plane Adoption Drive
- Blood Donation Drive



### Advertising & Marketing Committee

Winners felicitated by faculties of NM College on an event hosted by Advertising and Marketing Committee.



### Drishti 2015

Official Club Visit was organized in the month of January by RCNM to make the District ROTaract Representative, Rtr. Hemang Jakhia about the activities of the club.

## ASSOCIATIONS

### ❖ **NSS:**

Continuing to do what they are known for, the NM NSS unit conducted a beach clean drive at the Juhu beach on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January thus, taking ahead the MODified vision of Swacch Bharat. 24<sup>th</sup> of January also saw the convocation ceremony at the Kalina campus of the Mumbai University followed by the NM NSS camp to Padghe village in Umroli, Palghar district. (27<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February). The unit will continue to take up many more initiatives with 'thoda sa dil and thodi si will'.

### ❖ **RCNM:**

The Rotaract Club of NM College celebrated its 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, District Rotaract Representatives and District 3140 officials visited RCNM and had a 4 hour intense session in terms of discussion and feedback with club.

Also, Adlabs Imagica hosted 6 monthly conference for Rotaract Mumbai on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January and RCNM was an active participant in it.

### ❖ **DRISHVI '15:**

Drishti, is Narsee Monjee College's three day intercollegiate management youth festival which aims to hone the skills of the management maestros of tomorrow. With a spirit of philanthropy in our hearts, Drishti '15 has collaborated with JOSH Foundation. JOSH is a movement initiated by eminent ENT surgeon Dr. Jayant Gandhi and Mrs. Devangi Dalal, a renowned audiologist to uplift and empower the hearing impaired individuals of our society. This year, our Social Week extended from the 24<sup>th</sup> of January to the 1<sup>st</sup> of February.

### ❖ **ADVERTISING AND MARKETING**

#### **COMMITTEE:**

The advertising and marketing circle had its event on 16<sup>th</sup> January, known as the socio fad. It was a chance for the students to display their creative skills on paper. They were asked to prepare a social advertisement on a given topic and explain the poster to the audience. The whole idea behind the event was to make students understand the importance of social issues as well as have a fun filled time.

# Participation in Inter-College Events

After the months of November and December being flooded with college fests, January was like a small cooling period. Nevertheless, our students participated in every event crossing their way getting in more and more laurels for our college.

1. **Ahaan:** UPG's Ahaan (7-8-9<sup>th</sup> January) was well swept with titles like 'NFS Most Wanted', 'Tekken 2', 'Franchise frenzy' and 'Clash of clans' to our credit.
2. **Zephyrus:** (24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January) St.Xaviers College too, saw clean sweep of titles with our students winning competitions like 'Triumvirate (debate)', 'Wall street (commodity exchange)', 'Mock Stock Market', 'Fantasy football' and 'Money Multiplier'.
3. **Ka-ching:** (15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> January) "Ka-ching-The sound of success" had NMites winning 'Rush-the amazing race', 'War of Westeros' and 'Impressions'. And not to forget, we stood 2<sup>nd</sup> in the overall fest.

## Winners



Winners of Zephyrus festival in St.Xaviers



Contingents of Ka-ching.



Best Art: T-Shirt Designing  
Deevsh Chudasama(TYBCom. B)



## January - 2015 Events (Highlights)

### GEN NEXT CA SEMINAR

The Students' Council of Narsee Monjee College of Commerce & Economics arranged a seminar for all aspiring Chartered Accountant students on the topic "Generation Next Chartered Accountants" on January 15, 2014 in Bhaidas Hall. The seminar was conducted to sensitize students to the upcoming trends, expectation and opportunities in the Chartered Accountancy domain. The Guests present for the Inauguration Session were Shri Amrish Patel, Prof. Sunil Mantri, Mr. Nirmal Jain, CA Anil Bhandari, CA Sanjeev Maheshwari and CA Shruti Shah. The speakers at the seminar were CA Y.M. Kale, Major General Neeraj Bali, Mr. Prashant Verma and CA Atul Bheda.

The session was successful in enlightening more than 800 students. The event was well appreciated by all the students and teachers. We would like to thank Mr. Sunil Mantri, Principal, Mrs. Gomathi Iyer, Vice Principal and Ms. Amee H Vora, Vice Principal and Mrs. Chitra Thomas, Student Council Teacher-in-charge without whose support and effort this event would not have been a huge success. For preview of the session follow FB page of Students Council of Narsee Monjee College of Commerce & Economics.



## February Upcoming Events - Associations

1. **Marathi sahitya mandal:** The Marathi Sahitya Mandal is hosting a quiz competition by the name Prashnamanjusha around 7<sup>th</sup> of February. Contact: Siddhant - 9820480193
2. **Wildlife and nature club:** Fond of nature? Want to try your hand at trekking? Here is the chance! The WNC has organized a trek to Peth Fort on 8<sup>th</sup> of February for a fun filled, memorable experience. Contact: Jinen - 9821241395
3. **Economics association:** Epsilon 2015- Intercollegiate Research Paper Competition is to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2015. The competition aims to encourage students from various fields to present their ideas on the theme of Finance and Economics.  
Contact: [epsilon2015@gmail.com](mailto:epsilon2015@gmail.com)
4. **Students' Forum:** Farewell function for TY.BCom., TY.B.M.S., TY.B.A.F, TY.Bsc.IT & MCom. Part II organized on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 4 p.m. onwards at JRM. Highlights: Class Photograph, Dinner & D.J.



## More about the News Bulletin...

All of us come to college, attend our lectures, go work like donkeys all day and are back home fully drained and exhausted with our final destinations being our oh-so-cozy beds! And when somebody suddenly comes and says, 'You know about this event coming up in college? It sounds so exiting!' the only expression on our face is a huge question mark, 'Like really? I didn't know!'

This is why NM Student's Council has come up with this monthly student's newsletter where you can grab the opportunity to become not just a lecture-attending-student but an all rounder. Every happening in the college will come to your notice right here!

But we cannot accomplish what we have initiated without your contributions.

We would love to receive your inputs in the form of:

- ❖ Articles
- ❖ Poems
- ❖ Photographs
- ❖ Artwork
- ❖ Any other suggestions

And yes, how about a better name to the bulletin? Our college definitely has a lot of creative minds to come up with a unique name! Don't worry; the selected work will surely deserve a special mention, in our edition next month.

You can also, join our team and help in making better, this monthly bulletin.

Send your contributions at [nmnewsletter@googlegroups.com](mailto:nmnewsletter@googlegroups.com) . Do come ahead and make this student friendly initiative a successful one.

## Team News Bulletin!!

- Jugal Mundra (T.Y.Bcom. B)
- Madhu Rao (T.Y.Bcom. F)
- Dhvani Majithia (S.Y.Bcom.E)
- Arushi Jain ( T.Y.BMS )
- Janam Parikh (T.Y.Bsc.IT A)
- Madhav Agarwal ( S.Y. BAF )