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#### **Editor's Note**

Dear Readers,

As I sit down to pen this final edition of our college newsletter for the academic year, I can't help but be overwhelmed by the roller coaster journey we have collectively experienced. It's been a year filled with unexpected twists and turns. Nonetheless, we have made countless memories together.

I also want to express my sincere appreciation for the contributors to our newsletter. To the writers, photographers, designers, mentors and all those who dedicated their time and talent to bring our stories to life; thank you. Your creative efforts have captured the essence of our college experience, gave a voice to our community and allowed us to share our triumphs and challenges with the world.

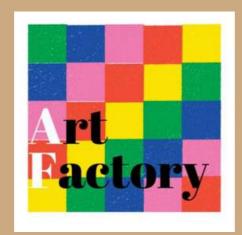
Let us all rejuvenate ourselves over the next couple of months and come back with exuberance. While we are all worried about our future let's ensure to take a break and appreciate what we have. I hope everyone had a great year.

We wish you a very Happy July!

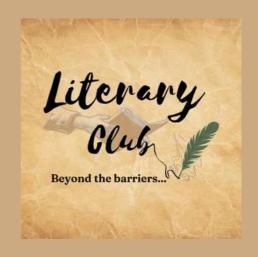
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# Clubs













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#### Kalakruti 22'

Kalakruti was a two-day art event, Day one consisted of CHITRAKALA, dedicated to fine arts and had participants create artwork on the theme "Two Halves" using various art supplies. Day two, named RANG MANCH, focused on performing arts with performances ranging from dance and music to poetry recitation and standup comedy. There was also a fashion show event called Mr & Ms Kalakruti where participants dressed up as Bollywood characters. The event was a huge success, with enthusiastic participation, talented performances, and appreciation from judges and sponsors.

By Gayatri Mishra (Treasurer, The Art Factory)

The Art Factory Club of NMIMS CIS stands as a testament to the power of creativity and expression. Vasant, yet another two-day event, brought the entire college community together to celebrate traditional culture. Day I was filled with colourful traditional attires, creative performances, and enthusiastic singing in Abhinay and Arz Kiya Hai events. Day 2 was Bollywood-themed, with students dressing up as their favourite Bollywood characters and capturing memories near the backdrop.

By Gayatri Mishra (Treasurer, The Art Factory)

Vasant 23'



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The Sports Club of NMIMS CIS organized an exhilarating Sports Day, Zest, showcasing the significance of teamwork, sportsmanship, and cooperation among students. The event, held on the sprawling grounds near the campus, brought together athletes from various disciplines who demonstrated their skills, enthusiasm, and competitive spirit. The event aimed to promote not only physical fitness but also the invaluable life skills of collaboration, fair play, and mutual support.



#### Zest 23'



By Mayank Agarwal (Treasurer, Sports Club)

Eco-Finesse Club organised "Money Fiesta" which aimed at providing all the students with basic knowledge of how the stock market works and guiding them towards financial freedom through investing and trading. CIS invited Mr. Abhishek Karande who helped the students in understanding the stock market from scratch. We then had two events 'Mock Stock' and 'Brand Quiz' wherein CIS students participated and showcased their financial and General knowledge.





By Raunak Kumar (Chairperson, Ecofinesse Club)





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#### **Beach Clean up 23'**

The Community Service Club of CIS, in collaboration with the esteemed Clean Mumbai Foundation, organised a beach clean-up event at Juhu Beach. The participants were equipped with gloves, bags, and masks to ensure their safety while collecting the waste. They also received a briefing on the proper disposal of the collected garbage. The initiative also received an overwhelming response from the community, with many people stopping by to appreciate the efforts of the volunteers. It was heartening to see the enthusiasm of the participants and the community in making the event successful.

By Sidhant Jain (Vice Chairperson, Community Service Club)





Amidst the monotonicity of life, the Literary Club of CIS organised "Kitaabein Aur Kahaniyaan". An event aimed at enhancing, augmenting and enriching the minds of today's youth. After weeks of planning, the event indeed was a success wherein not one but all participants proved their zeal. Participants were exposed to on-spot research, critical analysis and empathy. The event was filled with nostalgia for the past decades, passionate debate and fierce opinions. K&K was one of a kind event and gave everybody an opportunity to rejuvenate.

By Sampada Kulkarni (Treasurer, Literary Club)

#### Kitaabein aur Kahaniyaan 23'

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### **Zion 23'**

Zion's 5th year was filled with excitement as this was an offline event after 2 consecutive virtual events due to the Pandemic. This year's Zion showed the people a sense of connectivity to nature through its theme - Panchatatva, the five elements of nature. As we paid our respects and gratitude to nature for giving us this opportunity for formulating an incredible event through the ups and downs. Zion witnessed an immersive pool of talent from other college contingencies in music, dance, literary arts and more. We had invited an influencer to judge our singing event, Mr Yougansh Sharma. Having him on stage, performing and later judging our event felt unreal and amazing, to say the least.

Zion hosted its very own flea market, the Z-flea, which was a success. We had stalls for food, shopping, games and more, to entertain our audience which was enjoying and expending their energies to the performances.





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#### **Enrichment Week**



Every year NMIMS CIS organises an enrichment week for the students filled with activities, guest sessions and more, relaxing them from academic responsibilities for a while. For the academic year 2022-23, the theme for the enrichment week was, "Entrepreneurship: Disruptive Innovation, Opportunity and Social Responsibility".

Starting the week with Mr Kanisha Thakur, an NMIMS and Symbiosis University alumnus. Starting his career with diverse internships in the IT, automobile and advertising industries. He joined his family business and then changed his career trajectory by establishing the plastic industry, which gained great support post the covid-19 pandemic. He now works with MNCs like Toyota and Renault. He believes that trust and loyalty can be earned by good quality products. His business is sustainable with zero carbon emissions.

Rohini Jog, founder of 'CRAFT CIRCLE' a craft store that collaborates with local artisans and runs a handicraft venture. She believes in the talent of local artisans and through this initiative, she is rediscovering Indian handicrafts. She also started a CRAFT CULTURE CLUB where she holds different activities like dance forms, book launches, and writers' events. Being an entrepreneur means a life full of struggles but finding happiness in people around you while going through the process keeps you motivated and strong.

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The third speaker was Shubham More, a 2020 batch pass-out student from NMIMS, CIS. He started his start-up career at the age of 18. Through a lot of ups and downs, this is his 4th start-up where his company 'PERSINGE' produces essential oils used in fragrances. He brainstormed and came up with a crop named Geranium (aromatic crop), a special crop found in Japan and South Africa which is used as a crucial raw material. Sometimes, going with the flow makes our lives easy but living an easy one will not help us achieve our goal. He can be a living example of "Entrepreneurs are not born, they are made."

The enrichment week concluded with the session of Piyush Kulshreshta, the founder and CEO of Khul Ke, who spoke about his entrepreneurial journey during his guest speaker session. He began his career as a radio jockey while also handling branding and advertising at Motilal Oswal. Mr Kulshreshta emphasised that investments in entrepreneurship are high risk-high returns. His session revolved around the importance of empathy and social consciousness in entrepreneurship. He advised putting a team together before finding a work-life balance and giving them autonomy and an open work environment for better results.

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#### Outbound Trip - Silvassa 23'





CIS organised an Outbound Trip to Silvassa on February 17th and 18th, 2023, as part of their Group Dynamics and Team Building Activities. A total of 101 students from levels 4 and 5, along with 4 CIS staff members, participated in the trip. The destination chosen for the trip was the serene Khanvel Resort in Silvassa, offering a natural setting conducive to learning new skills, fostering teamwork, and gaining valuable experiences for personal and professional growth. The itinerary included a range of team bonding games and adventure activities, such as Australian Walk, Pipes & Marbles, Blindfold, Ball and the Ring, Rug and Ball, and Bombing the City (Thumb game). This trip served as an excellent opportunity for students to acquire valuable skills, prioritise physical fitness and well-being, and cultivate relationships with their peers and faculty members.

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# Holistic Wellbeing 23'

Ms Madhu Raina Pande, in her role as the guide, led NMIMS CIS to organise a comprehensive wellness workshop that aimed to educate students about the importance of maintaining a healthy work-life balance. The workshop, an integral part of the Organisational Behaviour course, catered to individuals of all ages and genders. Through her expertise, Ms Pande facilitated a process where students could explore their innate abilities to enhance their mental and physical well-being. She provided them with simple and regular exercise routines to unlock their full potential.





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#### **HR Connect - Panel 23'**







NMIMS Centre for International Studies (NMIMS CIS) successfully organised a panel discussion titled "Fostering an Inclusive, Fair, and Diverse Work Environment" as part of their annual intellectual event, HR Connect 23'. The event took place on March 18 at the Juhu Jagruti Auditorium (JJH). The primary objective of the discussion was to facilitate knowledge sharing and interaction with HR professionals. Distinguished panellists, including Ms Gauri Das, Ms Akshatha Karangutkar, Dr Gayatri Puranik, Ms Sneha Pujari, and Mr Biju Dominic, along with Ms Shrutika Paralkar as the panel moderator, engaged in a fruitful conversation. The discussion provided valuable insights into progressive HR practices, leaving the audience well-informed about the ever-evolving industry landscape.

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## **Alumni Meet 23'**





On 27th April 2023, the Centre for International Studies hosted its first-ever alumni meet for batches as far back as 2014 - 17. It was a wonderful evening, reminiscing about their lively college days and reconnecting with their professors and mentors. With two hosts from the current batches and in the presence of the whole Mumbai team, the alumni meet was also graced with the presence of Dr John Pereira, the course director and members of the London personnel, Becky and Allison who came to visit.

It was an eventful evening, making connections, looking back at the journey and sharing it with others. The alumni meet surely gave the students an opportunity to take a look back and rekindle the joyful bundle of college memories.

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### **Introducing the Team!**



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