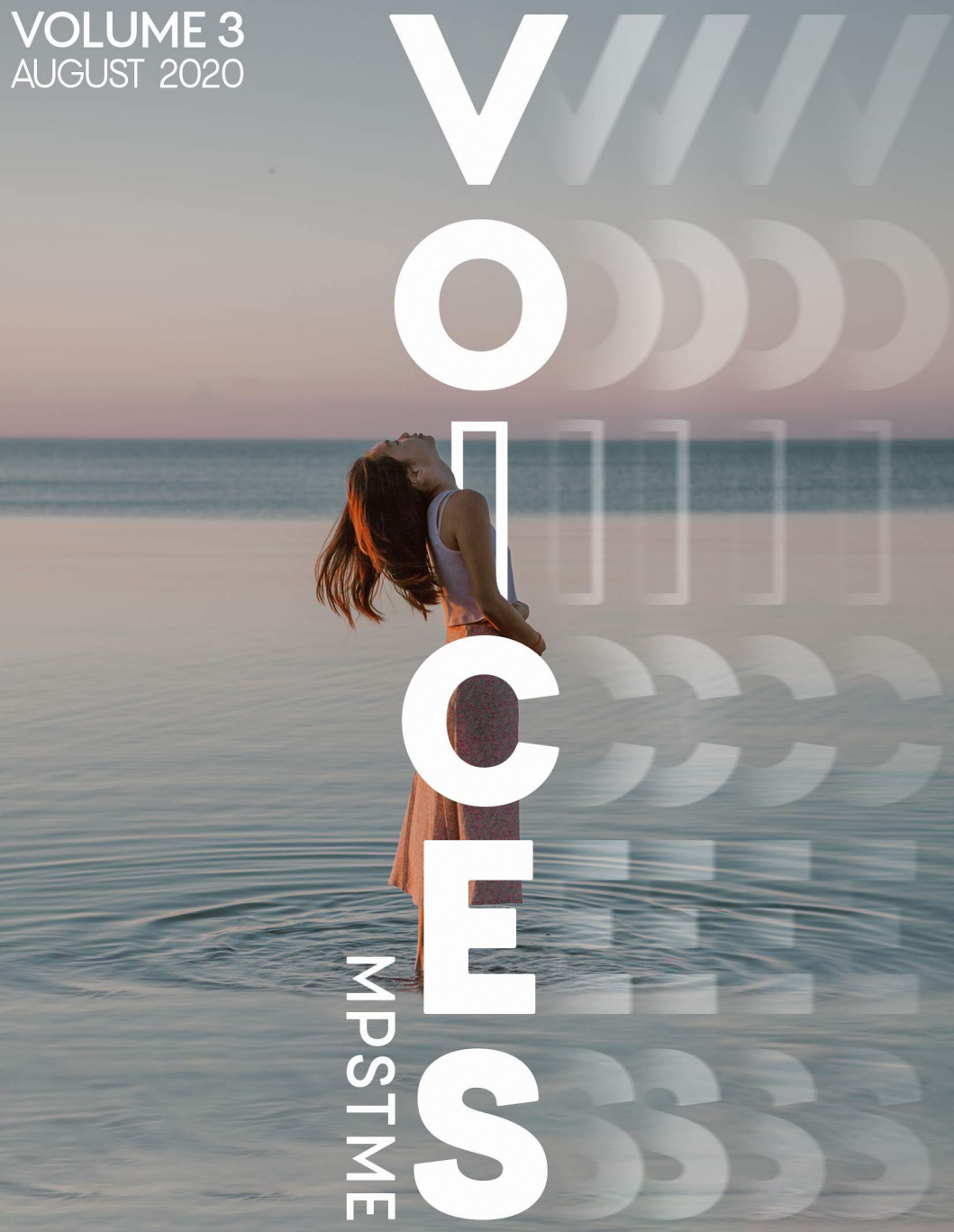


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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2020





**“HERE’S TO STRONG WOMEN: MAY WE KNOW THEM.
MAY WE BE THEM. MAY WE RAISE THEM.”**



On account of International Women’s Day, we the Students’ Council organized a celebration for female faculty and staff members as well as students of Mukesh Patel School of Technology Management and Engineering.

The event began at 3 PM with a Talk by our Guest Ms. Nidhi Chaitanya who is the lead Philosopher and Founder of Project Self-Work, a TEDx Speaker, Ethnographer, Biohacker and a person who has 15 years of experience in training Women on self-work. The talk was based on the topic *“Why Self Working Women are the need of the hour”*. The 60-minute talk was an eye opener and gave all the attendees the motivation to be better versions of themselves.



Ms. Chaitanya was accompanied by Mr. Neo Chaitanya who then performed his version of ‘Khulne do’. The lyrics for inspiring for every woman in the room and gave everyone goosebumps.

The talk was followed by performances put up the Dance committee, Drama committee and Music Committee of MPSTME. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the acts put up by the students.

After the event refreshments were served to everyone who attended the event. The event wrapped up by 6pm and everyone took back the thought ‘Shine on...Not just today but Everyday!’



A vertical rectangular frame containing a night sky with a shooting star and a sunset horizon. The top half of the image shows a dark blue night sky with a bright shooting star streaking from the upper left towards the center. The bottom half shows a vibrant sunset or sunrise with a gradient of colors from deep red to orange, and dark silhouettes of clouds and land at the very bottom.

INSPIRATION FOR YOU

FACULTY

Dr. Anuja Agarwal : Selected as the Board Member for International Association for Management of Technology in November 2019 at Cairo, Egypt.

Dr. Jigisha Vashi : Awarded for best oral Technical Paper “Influence of the Geotextile Force on the Stability of Embankments’, during conference on 19th to 21st December 2019 organized by IGC 2019 at SVNIT Surat Gujrat India.

Prof Sulalah Qais Mirkar : Awarded for best Technical Paper Title: “Smart Round Robin CPU Scheduling algorithm for Operating Systems” organized by ICEECCOT 2019 at GSSSIET Mysore Bangalore IEEE Section, INDIA. On 13th and 14th December 2019.

Dr. Minirani S : Awarded Bharat Excellence Award (For excellence in education in Mathematics) by Friendship Forum of India on 28th July 2019 at India International Center, New Delhi.

Dr. Payal B. Joshi : Nominated and appointed IYPT 2019 India Program Coordinator by United Nations- IARC (Indian Astrobiology Research Center) on 2nd August 2019.

Dr. Usha Ghosh : received Coursera certificate on “Introduction to Molecular Spectroscopy” from University of Manchester with overall Grade of 98% on 21st September, 2019.



*Mukesh Patel School of Technology Management & Engineering (MPSTME) has been awarded Education Leadership Award by ET Now Business Leader of the Year 2020 at a glittering awards ceremony organised in Mumbai on 16th February, 2020. ET Now is India's leading business and finance news channel. In charge Deans of MPSTME – **Dr. Vaishali Kulkarni** and **Dr. Anuja Agarwal** received the award.*

Mukesh Patel School of Technology Management & Engineering (MPSTME)

was awarded for being the pioneer in the field of technology and management programs and developing technology-savvy managers and business leaders for all sectors of the economy.



STUDENTS

Nilima Pai, Diksha Maheshwari, Shaheen Mondal won 2nd Prize in Infosys TECHZOOKA 2019 Cyber hackathon competition on 29th November 2019 at Pune.

Mr. Varun Shah, Ms. Neepa Surana and Mr. Abhishek Nimbhorkar won the TATA Power's PowerQuest competition under guidance of *Prof. Yashodhan Karulkar and Prof. Ramanan Balakrishnan*.

Shrivathsan Venkat, Amanpreet Singh Pandher, Rahul Kamath, Chakshu Motta, Anubhav Rane, Tanay Jain, Vaibhav Sagar, Juhi Tarde, Devyani Medane, Shaunit Jain, Wen-How Hsiung, Harsh Makad, Siddhay Kapat, Manan Bhatt, Shreyas Shivniwar, Siddharth Mandana, Kush Shah, Arjun Warriar, Vishesh Sompura and Shubhankar Pandey who are a part of MPSTME PHOENIX RACING TEAM Participated in event SAE Supra under guidance of *Dr. Ashish Deshmukh* and received a memento for their participation by Society of Automotive Engineering India in July 2019 at Buddh International Circuit, Greater Noida.

ISA MPSTME Student Section was awarded ISA Best Student Section Award 2019 under guidance of *Prof. Dattatray Sawant* by ISA Maharashtra Section on 6 July 2019 at NMSA, Vashi, Navi Mumbai.

Shreya Malanker, Nilanjana Chakrabarty, Murali Saketh Turlapati and Aditya Iyer under guidance of *Dr. Keerti Saxena* (Google Approved Professor) registered to contest at the reputed Google Online Marketing Challenge (GOMC). All 4 students have bagged personalized certificates from Google which has declared them as “one of the top teams” of the international contest and have also received invitations to apply for internships and jobs at Google.



*From the
Students*

The girl who conquered Mount Everest with a prosthetic leg

The day her leg was severed, Arunima Sinha took a vow that many would discover even hard to fathom. Her target, from that day onwards, was not just to demonstrate her capability with a prosthetic leg, but on the other hand, was to vanquish the most noteworthy top on the planet – The Mount Everest. The feeling of achievement was what brought back her bravery just as it made her an inspiration for everyone back home.

As a national level volleyball player, Arunima from Ambedkarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, was a relentless soul. At the point when a posse of looters drove her out of a moving train in 2011, she solidly presumed that she would not wince down. She was burnt out on individuals looking at her with pity in their eyes, and mountaineering got her attention. She discovered it as an ideal activity for an emblematic and unmistakable accomplishment. It actually typified the soul of battling and overcoming obstructions.

She reached Bachendri Pal in 2011 by phone and pursued preparing under her at the Uttarkashi camp of the Tata Steel Adventure Foundation (TSAF) 2012. Sinha climbed Island Peak (6150 meters) in 2012 as groundwork for her rising of Everest. Nothing could deviate her from her fantasy. On her first deed while in travel to the summit, she was so sprightly to have accomplished the base camp that she lost her balance and tumbled to the ground, harming herself simultaneously. In the accompanying excursion, there were no venturing instruments to support her to the other side of a wide crevice. She was constrained to skip across over the openings which if she missed, would have taken her life. On the day she attempted to summit Mount Everest, she and her Sherpa were the first to leave the camp. When they were exceptionally near the summit, her Sherpa gave her some horrible news. Their oxygen levels were rapidly falling, and they needed to return the next day for another endeavor. Sinha was adamant about finishing the summit that very day. With the assistance of the Sherpa, the following two hours, they were at the apex of Mount Everest, and of her success at 10:55 am on 21 May 2013. Those 7 minutes on the summit were the best snapshots of her life. She simply needed to whoop to the world that she had done it.

Arunima Sinha has been incorporated as one of the 'People of the Year' by Limca Book of Records in 2016. She is currently committed to social welfare and she wants

to open a free sports foundation for poor people and differently-abled people. She is giving all the financial aids she receives through grants and seminars for the same reason. The institute would be named Pandit Chandra Shekhar Vikalang Khel Academy. In her site arunimasinha.com, she is noted as saying, "I have achieved my goal but now I want to help physically challenged people to achieve their goal so that they can also become self-dependent and nobody looks at them with pity."

*If you don't like something, Change it!
If you can't change it, change your attitude!*

- Contributed by Bharat Udhawat,
Secretary Students' Council Technical Committee



Breaking the Glass-Ceiling

From managing multiple transfers to a long distance relationship and a daughter who needed special care, this retired SBI chairperson has checked most of the boxes in the banking sector and is arguably the most successful women in India, Arundhati Bhattacharya.

Starting off at 21 years of age as a probationary officer at SBI, she went on to become the first women to head a public sector bank, also is the first chairperson in the 210-year long history of SBI to get an extension after the age of retirement, i.e 60.

From a very tender age, she was lured towards journalism and never wanted to dawn the role of a banker, it were her teachers who new that she perfectly fit the bill to become a good editor.

Bhattacharya worked with the different pillars of the banking sector from handling portfolios such as HR, Foreign exchange, retail operations, and more, and she excelled in every position, going on to become an icon for every women.

Her husband, who was with her through thick and thin took care of all the household chores after the birth of their child. In 2006 came a time when she found it arduous to strike balance between work and home and decide to hang her boots and look after her family, that is when her mentor, MS Verma coaxed her to stay on and contiune and this was a rise of a phoeni and is currently joined as additional director of Reliance Industries for five years commencing October 2018.

No matter what hurdles she had to cross, Bhattacharya remained positive and never lost hope.

- Contributed by Ishaan Shetty,
Joint Secretary Students' Council Colloquium

Together we Grow

Back in 2012, my family and I had come across an instance when we were going to our native place which is in Satara. We don't know how this came up, but one night all of us were having a talk and Dad suddenly comes up with a thought that we should do something for the people. We discussed about what all things we could do. Though the ideas were quite superficial, Dad didn't seem to be convinced. He came up with one idea which was about helping poor families to host a wedding for their daughter. It is every girl's dream to host a wedding where she could invite people and remember this wonderful moment of her life even if she could get the barest of what she had dreamed about. We all agreed on this idea and thought about hosting a simple wedding at least once every year. We would set up a pandaal and arrange food for the guests in the simplest manner, but what made us happy was to see the smile on the bride's face. We have been doing this since the last 7 years and I am very proud of the example my Dad has set for our family. Though this may be a small initiative by him, but it keeps our family motivated to do something for others.

- Contributed by Yash Sankpal,
Executive Students' Council Social Impact

Indra Nooyi- The Most Powerful Lady

In India, we hear a lot of stories about successful men who started from scratch and now a billionaire. But there are not many women entrepreneurs whose name pop up in our mind when talking about self-made entrepreneurs. India has immensely talented women who can make a lot of difference to the economy if given a chance.

Indra Krishnamurthy Nooyi who is an Indian born in Madras, belongs to a south Indian family, being featured as the world's top 100 most powerful women who are created by Forbes magazines. From starting her career as a product manager at Johnson & Johnson to becoming the CEO of PepsiCo, Indra Nooyi has come a long way and has paved the path for many successful women to follow in her footsteps. They say, 'the future is female' and Nooyi, one of the most successful, top honchos of our time, is a living, breathing example of the same.

The human side to her success story:

Once when her desk at PepsiCo was being changed during renovation, her younger daughter told her, " Mom, you can't give away that desk". She asked, " Why not?" She said " I slept in that little area under your table with my blanket while I was growing up". Nooyi recollects what a moment it was for her to realise the kind of memory her daughter had. She said this while recollecting how busy she used to be around that time. She had to spend long hours at work which often trickled to midnight. Her younger daughter was just 18 months old then.

As she went through the old files on that desk, she found a letter that her daughter had written when she was 5 years-old, which said – "Dear Mom, I love you. Please come home. Please, please, please come home. I love you, but I love you more when you come home".

As a woman achiever, Nooyi created a stir with her remarks in 2014 when she acknowledged that it is difficult to maintain a work-life balance and women cannot "have it all". Nooyi had said she has died "with guilt" several times as she tried to bring up her two daughters. Apart from the ups and downs in her professional life she has also come a long way and proved herself as a good mother and housewife.

Indra Nooyi's journey is a soul touching one that gives hope and inspiration to all the women out there whether rich or poor, highly educated or average student to dream big and to follow their dream to make it true.

- Contributed by Anika Santani,
Joint Secretary Students' Council Technical Committee



A message from Lady Representative

2019-2020

As I sign off from my position as the Lady Representative of the college, I look back fondly and with immense pride at what my team and I here at Voices were able to achieve last year.

The very inception of Voices, as a woman-centric initiative, was groundbreaking to say the very least. We cut right through the heart of any stigma about women at college and nipped any such issue right at the bud.

It took me time and patience to come up with this, but at the end it was all worth it. MPSTME now holds a more open platform for women to speak up on, for them to get recognised on, and for them to feel more inclusive on. And that has been my greatest achievement as the Lady Representative.

From the installation of Sanitary Napkin Dispensers, to the introduction of a Women's Newsletter, the activities held during the Breast Cancer Awareness Month and celebration of Women's Day in college, this year was nothing short of glorious in my eyes, and it only sets a precedent for greater experiences in the near future.

Supporting Women in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) has always been a cause I'm extremely passionate about. Wherever I will be in the future, I will continue doing my bit to support this cause.

There's a bright future ahead, and I've only set this machine into motion, with the hope and the surety that Vidhi and her successors will take Voices beyond my simple imagination. I can only look back and smile.

Rhea Gupta
Lady Representative , The Students' Council 2019-20

A message from Lady Representative 2020-2021



My name is Vidhi Kapoor, a student of B-Tech Data Science in the 3rd Year. I've been a part of the Students' Council for the last 2 years. Having begun my journey with The Students' Council Colloquium in my First Year, I went on to be it's Joint Secretary in my Second Year, and I now stand before you as the Lady Representative of the college.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the faculty and staff of MPSTME for giving me this opportunity to work for the betterment and upliftment of women in the college.

Voices is a women-centric platform which was created last year with the aim of building a community of dedicated women who would help each other grow, share their thoughts openly, without prejudice and fear, and form ideas that help them and those around them become better versions of themselves.

I pledge to take Voices to greater heights during my time as the Lady Representative and work towards the empowerment of all women of MPSTME - be it the students, the teaching staff or the non-teaching staff.

My vision for Voices is to create a safe space where we all can have open discussions on issues that concern women, understand as well as address them. Voices will be a place, where we work together, encourage and motivate each other and ensure equal opportunities for all. In case any student faces any issues, I'll be the point of contact to connect them to the correct authorities.

I have planned various events and activities which will go on throughout the year. Voices will have open discussion campaigns to engage groups of girls into discussions to explore particular questions or issues that affect the life of the modern woman. Informative webinars will be organised on career opportunities for women, sex education, menstruation, so on and so forth. Self-defence workshops would be conducted for the students, teaching staff as well as non-teaching staff.

A series known as the "Organization Of Knowledge" would be done during the Breast Cancer Awareness month, alongside informative sessions for the non-teaching staff, to impart basic and necessary knowledge about the same. The Women's Day celebration will see a massive upgrade, as we intend to host it not just for a day, but for the whole week of its inception, to collectively celebrate the lives and achievements of women who make MPSTME what it is.

Hashtag Campaigns and live sessions will be held more frequently on the official Instagram Page for Voices, and will go on throughout the year.

A well-planned newsletter for Voices will be issued every 2 months, which will include the recognition of girls who have done exceptionally well in various fields, reports of open discussion campaigns, and articles contributed by students, faculties and alumni members.

I plan to collaborate with various committees within the college to ensure a larger and more diverse participation of women in events, which would have a larger impact in the college in return.

My vision and ideas are set to come true, but only if the students of MPSTME will help me and actively support Voices, and spread the word about it.

It's a request from my side to contribute as much as you can, either by sending in articles, or helping in the organisation of events.

The next volume of Voices will contain a more intricate blueprint for all my aforementioned plans, with a larger eye for detail.

Let's all contribute and grow together.

To contribute your bit, you can get in touch with me at vidhikapoor20@gmail.com, or on the official Instagram/Facebook Page for Voices.

Vidhi Kapoor

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