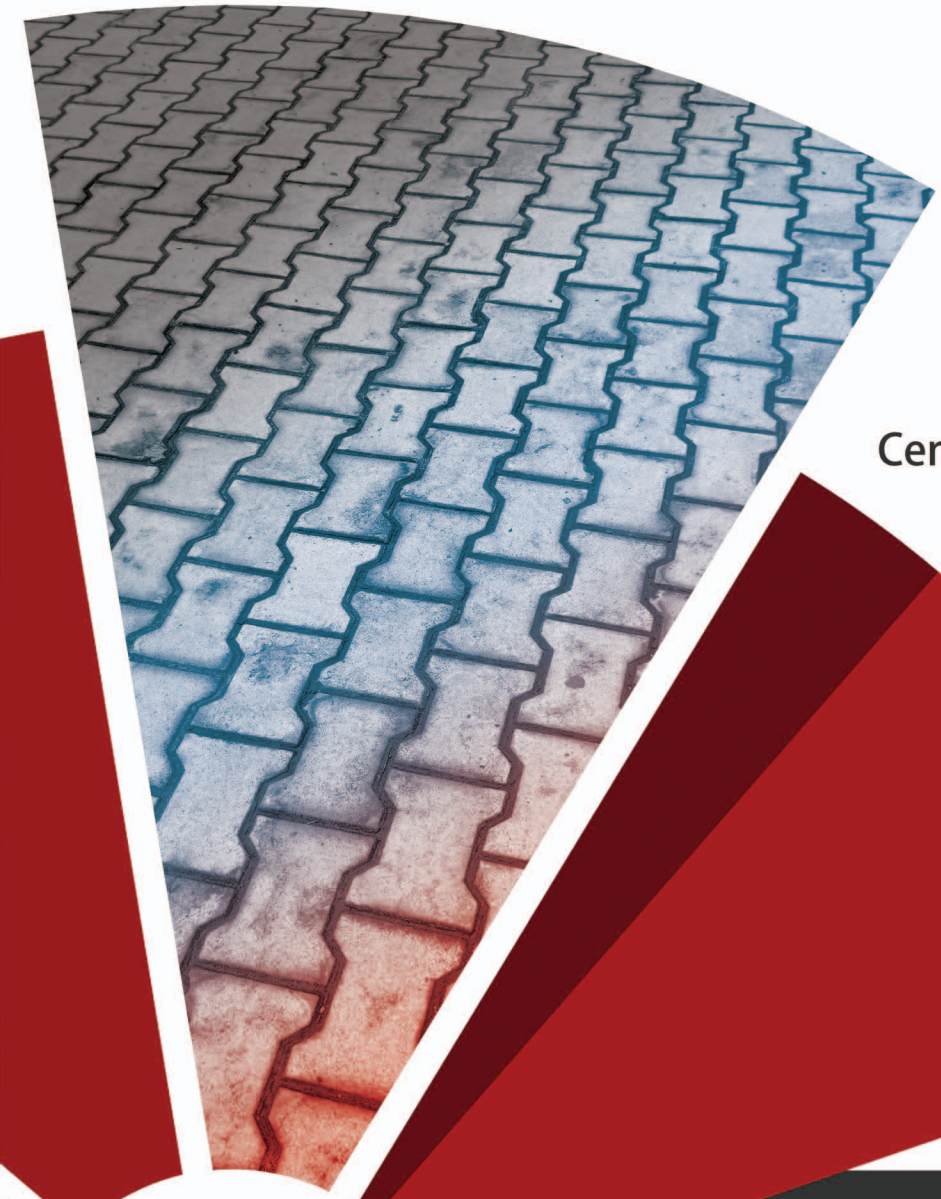


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MESSAGE



As you jubilantly celebrate the Alumni Meet, I congratulate you on unfolding the new edition of the Annual Alumni Magazine 'Expose'. 'Diversity per se is beautiful', so is the Alumni participation from diverse areas which is beautiful and the pride of CMS.

I hope the Alumni strength will grow to rope in more diverse ideas for the growth of the Centre as well as for the society at large.

Once again congratulations to the contributors of the 'Expose' for rolling on the momentum of the Alumni Association.

Best Wishes.

Abkonwar

(Ajanta B. Rajkonwar)



SAMANNAY
The CMSDU Alumni Association

MESSAGE

At the very beginning, I thank the last organizing committee who elected me for this prestigious position of honour and responsibility.

If we look back to last year, Samannay took some small initiatives like formation of a WhatsApp group as SAMANNAY for active interaction and to stay in touch among the alumni. We have tried to have representatives of every batch in that group. As a virtual activity, tagline competition for Samannay was organised from where the winning tagline **CONNECT.GROW.SHINE.** has been announced as the official Tagline of Samannay. I take the pleasure to congratulate the winner, Ms. Moni Gupta for her achievement. We also conducted a small tagline competition for SANMILAN this year.

Apart from this, Samannay decided to donate some books to the CMS Library worth ₹ 15,000/- Mr. Shankar Jyoti Kakoti, MBA(FT) FIRST BATCH donated ₹ 15000/- to Samannay to carry out various activities. As a small token of appreciation for the sincere and dedicated hard work of the three fourth grade staff of our Centre; they were felicitated with a small cash reward of ₹ 1500/- each on the occasion of the 15th Foundation Day of the Centre on February 3, 2018.

A very significant step to organize the Alumni Meet separately was taken last year and with the guru mantra of CMS, **Challenging the Challenges**, this year too we are trying to organize it with an aim to give a better hype and identity so that it helps to glorify the glory of CMS to an extended jurisdiction.

It is very natural that despite our love and affection towards our very own Centre, our busy professional schedule allows us very little time for it. Sparing a day in the year to attend the Alumni Meet and being connected virtually with social media like WhatsApp, Facebook means a lot.

The moments spent as President of Samannay will always be cherished with pride and I shall always remain in the front foot to help and get involved in every possible event in the coming days. I want to congratulate all those who contributed to this edition of Expose by different means and helped us to have a nice edition again.

My humble gratitude to all for your support, specially Himadri Sir and my fellow batchmates who kept me encouraging always and extended financial support to organize the most awaited 14th Alumni Meet.

By you, for you, for us always!

(Abdul Rakib)
President, Samannay



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EDITORIAL

This is the second year that I am editing the alumni mouthpiece, Expose. And this is one responsibility I will always take up without giving a second thought. I think it will be good to give an overview of the activities of Samannay in the last year through this editorial. In the last one year, some interesting developments have taken place as far as Samannay is concerned. We started a Samannay blog this year though we are having some issues in sourcing materials for the blog. But we are trying. We had a new President last year in the form of Mr. Abdul Rakib, an alumnus of the first batch of MBA (FT). He has been proactive and it was his idea that we could come up with a tagline of Samannay through a competition. The tagline, "Connect. Grow. Shine." given by Ms. Moni Gupta of the MBA (FT) 2017 Batch has been formally adopted by Samannay as its tagline.

Samannay gave an amount of ₹ 15,000/- to LIRU (Learning and Information Resources' Unit) on completion of 15 years of the Centre on February 3, 2018 for buying books. 32 books were purchased from this amount. Financial help of ₹ 1500/- to each of the contractual fourth grade employees of the Centre was also given. The Association also offered its assistance in holding the 2017 - 18 edition of SANMILAN by sourcing a few sponsorships.

We have succeeded in increasing the membership of Samannay to 448 out of a total alumni count of 1131. Efforts are continuously on to enrol more members. I call upon all alumni who are yet to become members of Samannay to take the membership. I firmly believe that for an educational institution, its alumni is crucial and can be the foundation on which it can grow and excel. The alumni can also benefit through the Centre's brand value. I take this opportunity to thank the MBA (FT) 2003 batch who came forward to sponsor this year's Alumni Meet. I also thank all sponsors and alumni who gave financial contribution in their individual capacity for their help and support in organizing the meet. Last but not the least, my gratitude to the article contributors of this edition of Expose. To be honest, it is the most difficult thing to do.

(Himadri Barman)
Editor, Exposé

Remembrance

Late Swati Dutta (MBAFT 2003)

Late T. Vikram Ningthouja (MBAFT 2004)

Late Arnab Kumar Ghatak (MBAFT 2011)

Late Bhairav Bhushan Brahma (PGDTM 2007)

Late Biplab Raj Hazarika (BBA 2004)

Late Dipankar Kakati (CBM 2009)

Late Prafulla Chandra Das (CBM 2011)





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Tech-savvy Parenting...

The 21st century has seen dramatic changes in the socio-cultural framework; changes our predecessors could barely imagine. There was a time, parents would cut short the games their children's play outdoors and coerce them repeatedly to remind them of the time to get indoors. Times have changed. Today parents have to continuously plead children to get outdoors. The screen age has been instrumental in bringing the world closer, and narrowing down spaces; what it has affected is largely on the children who are so inclined to stick eyes on the screens; be it the television, the mobile phone or similar gadgets of entertainment. The hi-tech mode of presentation of children movies, cartoons and games has taken the child's world by a storm. The technological as well as artistic development in graphics has successfully produced better quality cartoons and similar programs sufficient to captivate children indefinitely. Technology has undoubtedly blessed us with better products and there is no debate on its consequential effects of technology, rather a discussion is imperative on our own usage of technology.

Where it all began and how is another story. We as parents would be biased if we do not bring ourselves under the scanner in the arena of influencing children to spend a major time indoors. The quality graphics and content of television programmes are appealing enough for us to expose young children for the ease in getting them to finish off their meals and other mundane assignments besides providing an added satisfaction of having helped them "invest" their valuable time. This trait is common irrespective of whether we are working parents or not.

Indoor activities have of late been associated with entertainment through gadgets. There is also a genuine parental urge to shield children from the not-so-safe society outside. The regular association in meals to entertainment gadgets constitute as second nature in behaviour of children better defined in psychology as "conditioning". Once children are conditioned to avail exposure to entertainment during meal times, it is difficult to relate meals in isolation or to something which is much lesser entertaining to a child's

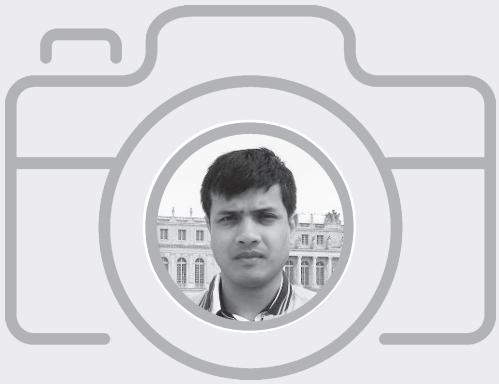
mind. In fact the gastronomic delight in a child's mind is often a rare phenomenon. Consequences are compounding, far reaching and irreversible. Many a time's we surrender to the undisputed demands of children and the process further continues to condition children to connect meals with gadgets. Consequences of efforts of disrupting the association of meals in such ways may be withdrawal from meals, the fear of which compels parents to surrender to the demands and the same continues. It is also painful for parents to be harsh on children to forcibly isolate meals and entertainment when children so peacefully agree to meals simply with their presence. The same progresses children into a tunnel with multifaceted consequences including isolation from other activities like reading, socialising and many others.

The other facet of the scenario is our level of comfort in the society around. The intrinsic fear of the unruly and non-appealing surrounding coupled with fear of uncertainties rampant proves that the safest place is within the brick and mortar walls of the house. Let us now not blame ourselves solely for this since a number of factors have contributed to this fear in us. To be better safe than sorry we resort to easy practices of facilitating mechanisms of keeping children engrossed and contented within the so called safe four walls.

Does this justify our role and responsibility in the backdrop of the present day scenario? The answer if positive is in a small fraction only. In the process of the blame game we have played, we have at least forgotten the way we have grown up and lived our childhood. We have ourselves forgotten to recollect the memories of stories exclusively fabricated to entertain us. We are yet to pass on folk tales that reminds us of our childhood. Simple indoor games of which a lot we have invented in different points of our time. We have somewhere become so elite that gifting items to children on celebrations include all but books and creative activity games. We are keener in taking children to shopping malls than to book fairs. Somewhere the better habits inculcated in us has changed. Change is definitely a welcome phenomenon. Yet simply to accept the change brought by time, we cannot ignore those time-tested norms of growing up of children.

We have been gifted by our time with easier options of handling children but the expensive effects which may not always be explicit, may reveal later. One primary consequence is in the disruption of thought –provoking nature of children. The curious minds of children are nipped in bud before the budding minds could unfurl their wings of imagination and explore the world. The prominently seen questioning nature of children is a rare phenomenon. Are in any way today's children lethargic to questioning, or are they born complacent to learning the environment around? The answer is undoubtedly in negative. Circumstances have been created by us, which are conducive to refrain from thinking, learning through questioning, and in many cases we are able enough to provide children the gadgets which do replace our role in facilitating learning through observation. It is difficult for us to realise and accept that our efforts are solely responsible for replacing our presence with gadgets in the lives of the innocent minds. Our own dependence on the electronic media for socialising have in some ways infused a gap in our socialising behaviour with the children. We ought to explore ways to harness technology for instilling creativity in the minds of children. Let us help children to develop the habit of reading using technology, learn with technology and progress with technology. Let us shoulder the responsibility of choosing games and television channels that enables the young minds to think and explore. With information available at our finger tips, we certainly can choose and not let our children choose for themselves addictive and regressive forms of entertainment. Carefully chosen music can be a better choice than many available entertainment sessions. Let us choose the best of technology not succumb to it. Let this be a wakeup call for all of us and start thinking. Let us begin being a step ahead in choosing, not surrendering so that we can hail ourselves as paving the right path for the torch-bearers of the society.

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Smart Choices Bad Moves

While I was thinking what to write for the first blogpost of Samannay, one old memory of CMS days flashed into my mind like a fresh lash of air. It was a bright winter morning. We were at the class and our teacher Anirban Sir came to the class with a new idea, an experiment called self retrospect. Incidentally it was my birthday, although nobody except me knew about it. The exercise was like this: all of us were asked to write about ourselves based on some questions. I don't remember the questions exactly, but one had to think of self as a product, make a tagline for oneself and give reasons for associating oneself with that product. We also had to write about great things and big mistakes we had done in the past. Associating me with a product was an easy and interesting job. But I had a tough time thinking and writing about the great things and mistakes I did in the past. I thought over and over again but could think of anything worthwhile. Nevertheless, it was an opportunity for me to delve into the past and realise - am I on the right track in life? Similarly, when I joined my present job and attended the induction training, we were asked to tell about how do we see ourselves in future - say after a period of 10 years. It's never easy to visualise the future but all the more interesting to imagine the future and tell things like - I want to see myself heading a division... or as a highly successful professional...or get my success story published ... and so on. But after spending a considerable amount of time, when we unknowingly enter mid career stage, when we look back and evaluate, we realise about the packet of good and not so good incidents and moves that have shaped the stage where we are today.

Self retrospect is a necessary exercise of one's life & career. It's just like a performance review. Just close your eyes and think about the first day of your job and the journey that led you to where you are today. While certain things would fill your mind with a joy of accomplishment, certain things would bring regret about certain decisions and moves. The feeling will be different at different stages of career and life. Consider our Alumni Association - while for fresh graduates the feeling of nostalgia that emotes from being part of the

association wouldn't be so natural, our batchmates being the most experienced (may not be more than some of the alumnus from part time batches), are in a better position to experience this phenomenon.

We often get to hear colleagues' comments such as - "I shouldn't have joined this industry, this isn't just right for me" or "I shouldn't have accepted the offer to stay back" or "I should have hopped long back but now it's too late". The problem is that, unless our job is too frustrating, we gradually develop a comfort zone in our career. We keep doing the same things; we started liking to do things in a certain style, so much so that this inertia pushes us to a point from where we can't go back. We get ready to go to the office every morning. We wait eagerly for the weekend. Weekend comes and goes in a whip. The cycle starts over. It continues and one day we realise that we've just become a robot and then we ask ourselves why haven't I broke this cycle, why haven't I switched to something I enjoyed, why did I let things happen instead of taking control of things.

It's always easier for a fresher to experiment with career. You can change as many jobs you want; you can even change your industry. You can keep changing until you settle somewhere you think your best fit. It becomes riskier and more challenging as you progress in your career. In the middle of one's career, changing job is possible but changing the industry may spell doom. Because it means starting from beginning; sacrificing years of experience you put in your previous job. Responsibility of family coupled with EMIs, peer pressure, health issues, concerns about layoffs act as big deterrents in mid career jumps. In classroom, we learn about managing so many things, but very little about managing our own career. Career is a sensitive thing which needs to be managed from the beginning taking each step consciously and evaluating each move continuously.

Everybody must have heard about Chetan Bhagat. Yes, the famous author who has not only written bestselling novels but also made English fiction popular in India. Many of us know that he was an Investment Banker in Hong Kong. After completing the most prestigious combo of IIT and IIM, he chose the obvious career path. But he was a writer at heart. After publishing his first 2 books, he rose to an enviable stardom. As he started selling the rights and movies were made based on his novels, success poured in terms of commercial gain. That was the time he gave a second thought to his career. Much to the surprise of his professional fraternity but not much surprise to his fans, he bid farewell to his hectic but blooming career in Banking, to take up full time writing as a career choice. He moved to Mumbai, ostensibly to get professional independence, to follow the passion, have time for family and activate a social life.

But as he released his new books one after another, the sales figure dwindled. The readers discovered that there was nothing new and all his books contained the same old masala with similar story-line. Movies were still being made based on his stories but he didn't receive good share of the pie. He realised fiction writing was not going to give him a steady stream of income. He changed his focus to political writing. But it was a completely new field for him where he faced tough competition from proficient journalists from established media houses. He used social media extensively - making comments on twitter and facebook posts - to popularise his political writings. But social media promotion is a full time job and many companies and media houses employ a team to manage their social media. The result: a more hectic life with little success and low commercial gain. Eventually, he had to say goodbye to the new found career and start something new - motivational speaking. He still writes novels but only as a second career option. Fortunately he had a strong brand reputation which helped him to hop from one career to another - banking-novelist-political writer-reality dance show judge-motivational speaker. Many of us are not as fortunate as him.

The bottom line is: if you want to follow your passion, recognise it early. Otherwise, keep it as a second career option. Remember the obvious and most sought after career options may not necessarily suit you. If you are good with numbers, it doesn't mean you can't sing & dance.

Popular Bollywood movies have been made to reinforce follow-your-passion brigade. Many of us know that the famous movie 3 Idiots was made based on Chetan Bhagat's book Five Point Someone. The maker of the movie accepts this and Mr. Bhagat was even paid for the rights. However, the truth is, the movie advocates a totally opposite philosophy. If you have read the book and have seen the movie as well, you will know that while the book was about - what not to do at IITs, the movie was about how not to mess up your career. In

fact, the movie was a big smack to the author himself. Consider Bhagat's own life: a young man with a natural passion for writing joins the nation's top Engineering college and then the top Management Institute. He then becomes an Investment Banker. But he is actually neither an Engineer nor a Banker. He is a writer by heart. The author's real life situation was depicted by a character in the movie - a young boy with a natural flair for wildlife photography who joins an Engineering college due to parental pressure. At the end of the movie, his parents realise that their son will be happy if and only if he is allowed to follow his passion. Also, the prime character of the movie was inspired by a real life person Sonam Wangchuk of Ladakh. An ordinary looking man from Ladakh, Mr. Wangchuk used his grassroots innovations for the betterment of the people of the region. He is a proof that one need not join MNCs and need not study in top institutes to make a difference to the society.

Finally, ask yourself, where do you want to see yourself in the future - say after 10 or 20 years. Take it as a mission and plan accordingly. Periodically, stop, look back and ask yourself the questions - "am I on the right track?", "do I need to change?" If yes, then the time is now!

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"Field-o-meter"... its Journey...!!! Leading Towards the Dream...!!!

If there is something that unifies the people of our nation beyond all diversities in religion & culture is the never ending affinity towards cricket. Cricket is not something that is played on grounds and proper green tracks. It is played everywhere in India. The bat-ball can be watched on streets, inside residential compounds, on terraces, in parking slots and on every spot where there is atleast 20 square feet of empty space. Gender, age, etc. does not keep the people away from the game. In the regime of cricket, an important development has taken place with respect to quantifying the fielding performance of players which did not exist in the past. With the continuous effort and dedications of the researchers, the measurement stick has been getting its proper shape, design & recognition. The measure stick has been introduced as "Field-o-meter".

Field–o-meter is a fielding measurement software developed for quantifying fielding performance of the cricket players. But, the journey of Field-o-meter was not very easy. As we all know, in most of the sports, the skills of the sportsmen are examined through performance statistics which indicate the level of achievement of the players. Likewise cricket has a number of performance related statistics that are used to measure the performance of players. For example, there exists proper mechanism for quantifying bowler's & batsman's performance. But, the important element of cricket, i.e., fielding is always being skipped from any measurement. Even its role in the win/loss of cricket match is of utmost importance.In Hindi, there is a famous saying "*Pakdo Catch, Jeeto Match*" (meaning- take catches to win matches). As it is stated above, this element of cricket is still not getting its due recognition.

To fill the gap, a management faculty from Assam University – Prof. Dibyojyoti Bhattacharjee (who is now a Professor of Statistics in the same University) took a lead and started dreaming of doing something big in this field.To convert his dream into reality, his PhD scholar, Hemanta Saikia (now an Assistant Professor of Assam Agriculture University) came forward & took the challenge. He has dedicated nearly 10 years of his

life towards this project. As the task progressed further, new entries started coming in, Prof. Hoffie H. Lemmer, a veteran researcher in the field of cricket analytics at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa came forward as a great help. He added extra flavor to the project and helped the same to reach the ears of then ICC CEO, David Richardson and then to the Statistician of ICC, Mr. Geoff Allandice. As the task started taking its own shape and place, another dynamic Assistant Professor of Dibrugarh University, Dr. Himadri Barman joined the team this year and helped to transform the statistical formula, tools & analysis to a full-fledged web-based software called "Field-o-meter". It is to be mentioned that an earlier version of the software (version 1.0) with limited capabilities was earlier developed at IIIT, Allahabad.In the meantime, to take the "Field-o-meter" to its destined heights and actual position, I joined hands with the team. With the effort of the team, Field-o-meter started reaching the sports lovers, analysts and administrators.



Dr. Hemanta Saikia (left) and Dr. Himadri Barman (right) at Barshapara Cricket Stadium on Sunday, the 21st October, 2018 inputting data to Field-o-meter, the fielding performance software. Inset contains photographs of (from left to right) Prof. H H Lemmer, Prof. Dibyojyoti Bhattacharjee and Dr. Dinesh Agarwala

"Field-o-meter" is a software which will make you think at least for a while. The same had happened while we met ACA Secretary, Mr. Pradeep Buragohain at ACA stadium, Barshapara on the 17th of March, 2018. After listening to us, Mr. Buragohain took a note of it and immediately, on the same day, arranged a meeting with Mr. Subhrajit Saikia, the Batting Coach of Assam & Mr. Subhradeep Ghosh, the Fielding Coach of Assam. Both the coaches were so convinced that they provided us the opportunity to test the earlier version of the software the very next day, i.e., on 18th of March at the ACA Stadium, Barshapara. Myself and Hemanta tested the performance of fielders during the Assam vs. Orissa girls' Cricket match and shared the results with the duo. Both the coaches were partly satisfied with the results and suggested some measures to develop the software in a way which can be useful to the fielding coaches as well. Taking these suggestions into positive note, we assured that we would definitely come up with an upgraded software incorporating their suggestions which will be more user friendly as well. And Dr. Himadri Barman started developing version 2.0.

On 29thof September, 2018, we (Hemanta & myself) again visited ACA & displayed the upgraded version of the software before Mr. Subhrajit Saikia to which he was completely satisfied. We then requested that we

be allowed to test our software in the one day international match to be played between India and West Indies on 21st October, 2018 at the ACA stadium, Barshapara. Mr. Saikia assured that he would help us to grab the opportunity to the extent possible but primarily we needed to convince Mr. Pradeep Buragohain, Secretary, ACA.

Both myself and Hemanta with the support of Prof. Dibyojyoti Bhattacharjee took the challenge of convincing Mr. Buragohain and was successful in doing so. But at a later stage, the ball had been moved from the court of Mr. Buragohain to the Acting President of ACA, Mr. Nilay Dutta, a gentleman and one of the legends of cricket from Assam and also a keen lover of cricket. Dealing with him was not so easy. He was not convinced in any manner at the initial stage due to various requirements of the BCCI. Many a time, I had to return home with an empty hand but it's our dream which I could not forego at any cost. I kept up my spirits and proceeded ahead. I had a telephonic conversation with Mr. Nilay Dutta regarding our entry and he straightway rejected our entry to the stadium in the way we expected. But,it was our goodluck that I got another opportunity to talk to Mr. Dutta with the help of Mr. Ajay Kumar Sarma, Honorary Joint Secretary, ACA. In this discussion, I clarified that we need a place to sit in any part of the stadium and a laptop without Internet connectivity will serve our purpose. Hearing my trembling voice and utmost willingness to be part of the match, he mentioned that he would re-discuss the matter with the officials and give confirmation the next day.

The word "next day" was very painful for me. I could not even sleep properly. Different thoughts were playing its game in my mind and finally, I woke up at 4 a.m. and took multiple rounds of walk to get myself relaxed. Positively at 7 a.m., I rushed to meet Mr. Pradeep Buragohain & requested him to give us the permission to prove our position before BCCI. Seeing my dark circles and sleep-deprived face, he realized the pain. I was having within and assured that he will have a talk with Mr. Nilay Dutta & manage to bring us to the door of the Stadium.

In the afternoon, my mobile phone rang; the number appearing on the display was unknown to me, but, the voice coming from the other end was very much familiar to me. Within a fraction of second, I could make out that he was Mr .Ajay Kumar Sarma. Mr. Sarma asked me to meet Mr. Nilay Dutta Sir at the Stadium at 3 O'clock in the afternoon. My heart beat started running its full pace and impatiently started waiting for the moment to meet him. That afternoon, the time was running so slow that I had to take many rounds of walk in the stadium to pass the waiting time. Finally at 5 p.m., he met me & told that myself & Hemanta would be permitted to enter the stadium. It was just like a tight slap on my face. Immediately, I disagreed and gave my argument, "Sir, if you are not allowing us to use Internet, we need three people & two laptops atleast. Since, it's a game of 100 overs comprising of 600 balls, it's quite difficult to do our analysis fairly. We need to see the movement of each player in the field. If two of us are busy in recording the inputs, who will follow their movement & position? Moreover, it's a tedious job which requires a lot of concentration." Being a lawyer, he accepted my argument and allowed three people with two laptops. But, again, he left the responsibility of getting the laptops in on our shoulders. No worries. At last,we were permitted to fulfill our dream. Mr. Parikshit Dutta was given the responsibility to provide us the logistic support. He understood the urgency and immediately helped us to meet the concerned person for passes. Mr. Prakash Deka, a nice gentleman, without wasting time, informed that we would get our passes on 16th of October, 2018 and the place allotted was north stand (scorer cabin). Here, it is interesting to mention that when I came to collect the passes on 16th October, 2018, I found that the two passes bearing the name of Himadri Barman Sir & Hemanta Saikia was incorrect. In both the passes, address of the venue was wrongly entered. Instead of north stand, it appeared as south stand. I informed Mr.Prakash about the error. He immediately took the passes for correction where he found that the printer was out of order. At every step, I was getting the buzzes from left and right. But "hope" kept me alive. I was remembering the "Sloka of Geeta" – "do your best without caring for the result". On 19th of October, 2018, I got the passes after correction. Now the passes of Hemanta & Himadri Sir became more privileged than mine having permission of entry to two stands, i.e., north & south stand. Actually, the printing guy had no option rather than inserting one more option in the space available. The incompetence of the printer converted my fellow team members to the privileged category having permission to entry to different locations, i.e., north & south stand.

Finally, the passes and letter of consent from the Secretary to carry laptops to the stadium were with us, but the major components of this experiment were in horrible condition. Yes, I am talking about our main duo - Hemanta & Himadri Sir, both of whom were having severe fever, cold & cough. The new problem frightened me much since I did not have any control over it except praying to the Almighty. Without my knowledge, my wife Shipra Agarwala prayed to lord Ganesha to help us in achieving our goal which I came to know after the match.

In a way, we put all our efforts to fulfill the dream of testing the software in the ODI of 21st October, 2018. We applied all the techniques required for, i.e., ("Sam, Daam, Dwanda & Vedha").

The D-Day had come. We sought blessings from God, parents and our mentor - Prof. Dibyojyoti Bhattacharjee and marched towards our destination. Cheering smile of my wife and kid boosted our confidence. Within 30 minutes, we arrived at our destination. The stadium was occupied with large number of spectators and security personnel. The entire stadium looked like a pandal with fliers and merchandising. Presence of Mr. Sudhir Gautam,the die hard fan of India multiplied the excitement of the Assam Cricket lovers. Practice session was in motion on the playground. Players of both teams were warming up before the match. First time in our life, we three sat with the scorer (Mr. Tapas Roy) and his team to view the match and do our analysis through "Field-o-meter". Just next to our cabin on the right side, the third umpire and match referee were sitting and on the left side, the BCCI national selectors, Mr. Gagan Khoda & Mr. Saba Karim. At that time, we felt like we three were also among the VIPs who had been invited to this match. The feeling was awesome. The match was about to start at 1.30 p.m. The voice of the official announcer, Ms. Nabanita Kalitash outing "Hello Guwahati" over the Public Address System signaled the start of the proceedings. The toss happened and India won. India decided to field first. Seeing the new West Indies team, we felt like we could not test our software to the level of our expectations. The WI team proved us wrong and with their beautiful batting line up, they played the entire 50 overs and scored 322.At the end of the last ball of the first innings, we saw our analysis and found that Ravindra Jadeja was the best fielder among all the fielders scoring 1 point and Yuzvendra Chahal was at the last position scoring 0.81 points.



OVER THE SHOULDERS: Hemanta Saikia (right) and Himadri Barman (left) in action with Field-o-meter software at Barshapara Cricket Stadium on Sunday the 21st October, 2018

We were quite happy with the result and willing to share the same with any of the BCCI members.The proud moment came when I chatted with Mr. Gagan Khoda, the national selector of BCCI and former India player during the lunch. He agreed to see our analysis. Taking the opportunity, I called Hemanta & Himadri Sir as well to introduce them with Gagan Khoda. After an hour, Mr. Gagan Khoda came to our cabin & saw the

analysis. He appreciated our effort and shared his email id to send further details regarding the "Field-o-meter" and also the other works carried out so far with respect to cricket. After sharing the analysis with Mr. Khoda, we were quite confident for the analysis to be carried out for the West Indies team.



Mr. Gagan Khoda, former Indian Cricketer and National Selector of BCCI while interacting with Dr. Hemanta Saikia (left), Dr. Dinesh Agarwala (left to right) and Dr. Himadri Barman (right) during the 1st One Day International Cricket Match between India & West Indies on 21st October, 2018 at ACA Stadium, Barshapara.

We successfully did the analysis and found that S Hope was the best fielder scoring 1 point & A Nurse was at the last position scoring 0.81 points. After the match, we merged the results of both the team and shared the same with the scorer, Tapas Roy, Mr. Pradeep Buragohain, Secretary, ACA, Mr. Nilay Dutta, Acting President, ACA and also with Prakash Deka. The Secretary & Acting President assured that they will definitely send the report to BCCI for assessing and adopting it as an official statistic for fielding performance. Through this write up, we admit that our objective is very academic, we are not here to make big money out of our work but we want to see our efforts through & find our academic knowledge in real use. We dream of seeing the fielding performance measure, the model for objective team selection and the pressure index to be of real use to cricketers, coaches and cricket officials. We want them to be the end users of what we are producing. We claim that application of our models and software can help in taking objective decisions in and out of the cricket field by coaches, players and officials. This shall in turn develop the game further.

With folded hands, I on behalf of the entire "Field-o-meter "team comprising Prof. Dibyojyoti Bhattacharjee, Prof. H. Lemmer, Dr. Hemanta Saikia & Dr. Himadri Barman would extend our gratitude to the entire family of Assam Crick Association. Specifically,we would like to thank Mr. Pradeep Buragohain, Mr. Nilay Dutta, Mr. Subhrajit Saikia, Mr. Subhadeep Ghosh, Mr. Ajay Kumar Sarma, Mr. Sujit Choudhury, Mr. Prakash Deka, Mr. Parikshit Dutta, Mr. Kaustav Buragohain along with the print media & visual media including The Assam Tribune, Dainik Asom, Asomiya Khabar, Jugashankha, Eastern Chronicle & Pratidin Time, etc.

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Shall we be Friends?

It was my first day at the University. With a mind full of self-doubt and apprehension, my small but swift steps were covering the narrow lanes from my hostel to the Centre. I came across several groups of students walking towards their respective classes and chatting merrily in the regional language (one which I understood but had never spoken before). I knew that my stay here is not going to be easy but I was thankful for being here pursuing my MBA, 50 kms away from home. I had always been a bright student, always a topper in fact, but never a popular one. My presence or absence never mattered in any function or gathering or get-togethers. Always the silent one, I was never noticed except for my results. As I neared the entrance door to my Centre, I stopped, closed my eyes, took a deep breath and told myself, "Cheer up! This is a big day in your life. Don't let yourself spoil it. They are only boys. Just ignore them and avoid them. Attend your classes and go back to hostel. How hard can it be? In fact this is the best you do." Trying to maintain a calm composure, I stepped into the class. Nobody took a notice. Ahh! Relieved, I ran a quick look at the arrangement of chairs, instantly made up my mind and swiftly moved to the cornermost chair in the class. As I settled down, a bespectacled girl approached me and asked (rather ordered), "Is this seat taken?" I responded in the negative and she threw her bag and sat on it with a thump. And in no more than a couple of minutes, she started complaining about the heat and the inefficiency of the two ceiling fans that were provided to us by the authorities. It was a five minutes wait before the professor arrived and in these 300 seconds, she had talked to almost everyone present in the class. She seemed to know everyone. Whom she didn't know was introduced to her. I was in awe of this fine lady and took a mental note of staying away from her. Once she talked to me, she would think that I am a duffer. She turned towards me and before we could have our small talk, the professor arrived and rescued me. After the day was over, I was back in my room and to avoid getting caught with anyone in conversation, I settled with my novel. Next day was uneventful till we finished our classes. I was leaving the Centre and as I took the turn towards my hostel, I found her standing in the middle of the road bidding bye to a group of classmates who had decided to pay a visit to the canteen.

I must say I was surprised to see her not going with them. She was always the centre of anything happening. She smiled at me and said "you know, we both are in the same hostel." I nodded and returned the gesture. "I am going to the hostel and so are you. Shall we walk together?" I must say I was surprised and also impressed with myself but couldn't think of anything that I had done to gain her attention. We started walking towards the hostel, making small talks, exchanging phone numbers (oh I didn't have a mobile phone then, she gave me a look as if she was going in to a shock), and knowing each other's background. Next morning as I hurried down the stairs of my hostel, I found her waiting for me in the lobby. Her happy face wished good morning and said "shall we?" And then that was it. It became a habit with both of us to walk together to and fro from the Centre, sitting next to each other during the classes, exploring the University. We always were together and we have stuck around with each other since then.

Little did we know that that day we were not just walking towards the hostel together, but we would be walking together for many years to come; may be not hand in hand but surely in spirit!

Friendship is an act which is not experienced as easily as it is spoken about. We meet new people every day but a few stay with us because with them, we don't just share our time, but also our thoughts and experiences. This place will throw towards you a plethora of people, from varied backgrounds and mixes, and a few of those, in a few years time, shall fall in your category of "best friends". How similar you are, in terms of what you like or don't, won't really matter because it will be what you all do together every day that will define your relationship and the strength of it.

It's not just about the place, they say. But it's always about the people. How true is that!

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Simple Ways to Make your Free Time Productive

Using our free time in a productive way is not a sacrifice but it is an adjustment. How we choose to spend our free time really reflects our personality. Those who do this in an intelligent way stands way apart from lot of people and turns to be a little different, of course in a positive way.

When we come home from our office or work, tired and stressed or simply when we have enough leisure time on our hand some days, we normally want to relax and cut loose. Most of the times, we hang into some unnecessary activities such as watching unnecessary stuff on television, gossiping or most of the time lazing around.

Now are those really the best productive ways to use free time? Of course, Not! There are actually lot of exciting stuff around us which are less tedious and turn our free time way lot productive.

Some of the simple ways you can follow:

a) **TRAVEL**: Travelling is a therapy for me and one and of my absolute favourite things to do whenever I have enough free time at my disposal. There are so many things to learn and experience from it. You got to see different cultures, enjoy different food and most importantly how you adapt yourself in a changing environment is one thing that you could learn from travelling. Someone has rightly said that: "The world is a book and those who do not travel read only a page". Now it is also not mandatory to travel only to exotic locations and so frequently. Even a long weekend to a nearby location every quarter or 6 months is better than nothing.

b) **Learning online**: In this world of Internet, learning anything became so damn easy and so hustle free. Online learning has to be the greatest revolution in contemporary education. Some of the learning portals that are my recent favourites have to be:

- Unacademy: Unacademy is a free learning platform from Bengaluru, India. It offers courses from various topics and prepare you for any examinations by their educators who are either students who have cleared various exams or mentors who have teaching experience.
- Skillshare: Another great website is Skillshare, a learning community with thousands of classes in design, business, technology, music, drawing, brand building and so on.

c) **Learning a New Language**: In this global world bilingualism is becoming a necessary skill and have so many added benefits that provide a competitive edge in your career. It also enhances listening skills and memory. A great way to learn a new language in the simplestform is this website called DUOLINGO, where you can choose 81 different language courses in 37 languages. I often visit this website whenever I feel like to learn some new words. It has a free subscription for lifetime where you can select the level of courses to start from and you also get a score card at the end of the course. Isn't it cool that without spending a penny, you got to learn new languages sitting at one place.

d) **Working on a Hobby**: When we are at school, how proudly we use to boast about our hobbies to others such as painting, dancing, singing, gaming and so on. But do most of us really follow or actually do something serious to work on our hobbies?? No! The reality is that we all of us have hidden talents, desires and the ability to do things that make us happy. But we always tend to hold ourselves back for no valid reasons. It is in this free time, when we can work on our hobbies. Start working on it. You will feel happy, amazing and productive for sure.

e) **Online Business**: We all love social media. Right?? But do you guys know you can actually make money through social media. Utilise your free time in social media marketing or running your own business in Facebook, Instagram, Shopify and even WhatsApp. It is that easy actually. Simply create your own business profile, showcase your products and promote them. Most of the time, you can start your own business through these sites without investing a single rupee or without having a shop of your own.

f) **Blogging**: If you are a person who loves to share even that little part of you to the world through Internet, blogging can be the best option you can go for. Using your free time in blogging and reading other's blog post has to be my current favourite pass time. It really surprises me how beautifully some bloggers express their feelings and experiences through their own blogs. You can also start your very own blog in bloggers.com or wordpress.com. It is simple and can be used free if you are starting new.

g) **Youtube**: Youtube is my absolute favourite thing right now to do in my free time. I can literally watch it for so long and I never get bored out of it. There is so much to learn from this wonderful platform from so many wonderful creators. It is of course way lot beneficial to watch Youtube than those unnecessary serials and TV shows. My favourite Youtube channels have to be Pick up Limes, Lavender, Rachel Talbott, and Sejal Kumar (Indian). They are my inspiration to start eventually my own Youtube channel (JUTHIKA D).

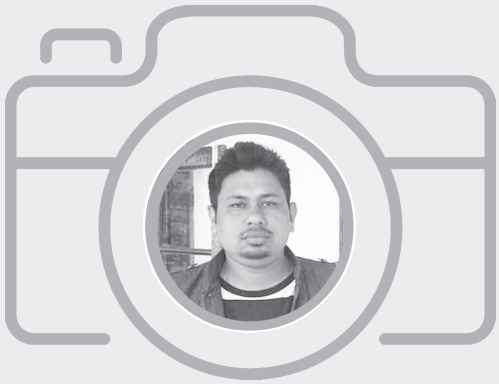
h) **Podcast**: In simple terms, Podcast means a TV show or radio show that you can download from the Internet for free. And since they are made for a specific audience, you can find podcasts that cater to your specific tastes. So how to listen to or watch podcast?

- Download and use one of the many podcast player apps available on your phone.
- Add your favourite podcast.
- And enjoy shows offline whenever or wherever you wish.

So next time when you are free or even stuck in traffic, jogging or just bored at work, listen to podcast.

So these are some of the very simple ways you can spend your free time in a productive way and I hope you consider yourself investing in any of these ways next time when you are free.

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Voice of an Alumnus

Despite having the allegations that the hectic and monotonous schedule and the tedious workload of the modern day-to-day life and corporate humdrums often tend to snatch the basic human emotions and integrities, but the very word "CMS"is ample enough to bring before us some of the vivid and cherished slices of memories and thereby making us a bit nostalgic and absolutely emotional in a whisker.

It has been almost six long years since we left CMS, but still I would like to reckon my CMS days as one of the most precious and jubilant moments of my student life. I am greatly indebted to each and every esteemed faculty members for their valuable inputs for which I am capable of standing on my own ground today. What attracts me most is that CMS gives every possible platform to forge, groom and develop the all-round attributes and thus shaping the potentialities of the students to versatilities.

In the august occasion of the 14th Alumni Meet of CMS, I wish to introspect some of the thoughts that I feel imperative to share. As alumni, every one of us has some responsibilities and obligations towards our alma-mater. Our relationship with the Centre should not end with the final mark sheet of the MBA degree. We need to have some attachment towards our alma-mater as we had during our stay. But, alarmingly enough, I personally feel that some of our brothers and sisters, become reluctant to be associated with CMS since their passing out. It may be due to their hectic professional life or some other unavoidable factors as well.But it is really a cause of concern. So, in this juncture, SAMANNAY - the Alumni Association has lot to do in restoring and ensuring the maximum participation of the alumni and to ignite some of their lukewarm responses.

Forming a new committee in the alumni meet and sitting idle till the next alumni meet is not the sole criteria and it is not suffice to the cause. The Alumni Association needs to have certain frameworks, agenda and activities to reach at the desired directions. An updated profile of each and every alumnus with their

address of communication should be maintained. In this regard, alumni also need to intimate their recent updates and changes for helping to maintain the updated profile.

While forming the Alumni committee, onus should be given on the requirement that office bearers should be from various parts, so that hassle free communications can be made for maximum participation among the alumni. It will be nice to have occasional and informal get-together sometimes among the members in various regions. This type of gathering will be instrumental in uniting the force and spirit.

Alumni association can think of organizing certain workshops, strategic meets, etc. on their own behalf at least once in a year. Alumni should come up and intimate regarding vacancies in corporate houses and it should be reflected in the CMS website or Alumni page. A group of Conveners should be initiated from each batch and they should be entrusted with the responsibility to contact their batchmates to be a member of the Alumni Association in order to increase the strength ofthe Association.

In order to make the association more vibrant and participative, office bearers of the Alumni Association should be nominated for the tenure of one year. And emphasis should be given so that each and every batch gets their representative. Being an alumnus of CMS and a die hearted and ardent worshipper of CMS, these are some of the realizations from my end. Eventually I wish CMS will go on spreading its light of knowledge in the days to come thereby illuminating the mind and intellect of millions.

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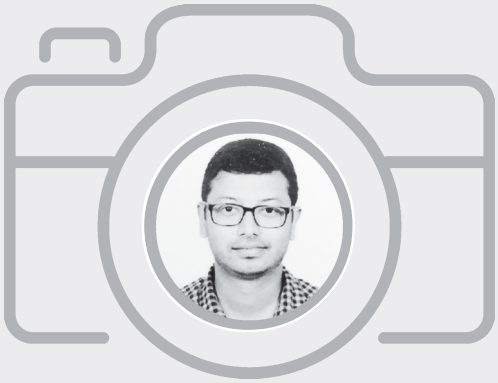
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Being Professional & Social - Food for Thought

We all know the word *'Profession'* means - a paid occupation, especially one that involves prolonged training and a formal qualification. Today, if we look around us we see a lot many professions - some of them are highly seeking ones whereas some are just to make a living out of (for some people). Being truthful I am yet to find the right profession for myself, yet I am happy in my present profession though not passionate in it. The problem which I think *(is a grave one*) in today's job life is in that most individuals are not happy in their professions which maybe either a full-fledged unhappiness or to some extent. And this is impacting their social cum personal lives too. From time immemorial, human beings *(Homo sapiens)* tend to socialize anywhere on this planet and with this socializing behaviour we are what we see today - a brave new world of civilised human beings yet not satisfied either professionally or socially. The question - Where lies the cause of this unsatiety? I believe the reason for this *"unsatiety"* is nothing but Professional and Social competence that is pushing human minds and desires to *"nowhere"* (maybe Mars!). Summing up all these unsatisfied professional minds, they are negatively influencing the social interactions which otherwise would have been a welcoming one for the human kind itself. Because of *this "bad social output"*, it is harming the natural environment of this Planet Earth at an alarming rate. People want to have *"the professional"* tag with big digit pay packages, perks, residences, vehicles, better food, etc. But where is the *"professional"* urge to grow food for a better society of tomorrow and a better planet Earth? Today the whole human race is running for such *"pseudo- professionalism"* that is posing the greatest of threats for their *"social future"* and for this planet we live in.

Folks, our lives on this planet is only because of *"this planet"*; we have developed into civilised social beings on *"this planet"* only by taking in whatever this planet have got to offer. Please do not get lost amidst this race for *"Professional Excellence"* that you forget your social responsibility towards your mother planet. ***It was never a negligible profession to be a "farmer" who raised food for today's generation X "food wasting professionals"***.

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Chanakya's Neeti: Analogy in Today's Perspective

Chanakya also known as Kautilya or Vishnugupta was an economist, political thinker and a king maker. He was the man to envision the first Indian empire by unification of the then numerous kingdoms. Chankaya is known for his two famous books - Arthashastra and Nitishastra. The *Arthashastra* discusses monetary and fiscal policies, international relations and war strategies in detail. *Nitishastra* is a treatise on the ideal way of life and shows Chanakyas in depth study of the Indian way of life.

Here are some of the sayings of Chanakya that holds much significance in today's world. They can be related to our everyday life which will help us to understand the political, social and moral ethics to make life better.

1. Education beats the beauty and the youth

True education is to see that learning has manifested in us and our works. Education must provide 'life building, man-making and character making' assimilation of ideas so as to develop an integrated person. An educated person is respected everywhere. Beauty and youth diminishes after a certain period of time but the proper education remains forever with us. Hence, education should be used as a divine light to create an aura of our personality.

2. Even if a snake is not poisonous, it should pretend to be venomous

Every individual possesses some unique personality traits that should not be lost. Chanakya narrates the story of a snake whose presence in the village made everyone afraid. Once a saint asked the snake not to harm anyone. The snake lost its trait and tried being friendly to all. As a result of which people used his innocence and started abusing him. The snake felt helpless and informed the saint about his awful condition. The saint told the snake that I asked you not to bite anyone but I had not stopped you from pretending to be venomous or showing your fangs.

Thus, we should never forget our survival instinct. Moreover, we should not be vulnerable and very much malleable and ductile so that anyone can get away with us.

3. Never share your secrets with anybody; it will destroy you

People changes loyalties very fast to gain acceptability. So sharing secrets with anyone become perilous in today's competitive world. We should always think that if someone spills the beans on us and gives up on some of our secrets then it may prove to be catastrophic to us and our career. Thus, it is advised to always be cautious while sharing secrets to anyone.

4. Time perfects men as well as destroys them

We should respect and understand the value of time as it can give reactions of evil as well as good. Time is always not perfect for an individual. But when we go through the hardest times of our life we should be patient and take wise decisions. If a person reacts in the momentum, he can face dreadful consequences in life. The more efficiently we act and be conscious about the value of time we can achieve the zenith of success.

5. As soon as the fear approaches near, attack and destroy it

The fear of failure is very dangerous as it prevents people from doing certain things. Fears can cause hindrance from reaching our goals. Individuals who have this fear and do not strive hard will end up becoming unsuccessful. While those who take the necessary steps to overcome this fear couples with commitment, dedication and hard work end up as successful personas in their field of choice. So, Chanakya advices us to destroy and ignore our fears as soon as we sense it.

6. Purity of speech, of the mind, of the senses and of a compassionate heart are needed by one who desires to rise to divine platform

We are so focussed on our goals that we sometimes get hold of shortcuts and unfair means to achieve it. Such goals are never long term. We will feel guilty and worry about our deeds and our direction will also not be clear. So we should always be pure and righteous in following our dreams. We should think good, say good words and have a good heart that will help us to reach our goals with happiness. So it is advised to be pure and righteous to get the divine feeling of happiness and accomplishments.

Life is a beautiful journey of surprises and opportunities waiting to greet us. We should take right decisions and overcome the obstacles causing hindrance in achieving our goals. Lastly, I would like to quote the famous saying of Chanakya which inspires us to focus on our 'Karma' and contribute for the wellbeing of the society:

"A man is great by his deeds not by birth"

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A Wish - Relive my Days at CMS

One of the most interesting stages in life that gives you an opportunity to explore is the "college phase". My experience at Centre for Management Studies, Dibrugarh University during my MBA has taught me one fundamental thing - life is unpredictable. It might be good, it might be bad, it might be weird, and it might not interest you, but expect anything to happen. It is a perfect blend of joy and hardships. My entire course was happily carried out in the company of two good friends, Manoj and Ankit. From scolding to good remarks, the trio shared it all. Annual SANMILAN and varsity weeks were no less than a grand festival for us. These two programs brought the best out of every student and boosted their morale for sure. Our teachers are certainly the best faculty. No adjectives shall do justice here to describe what they meant to us. They were a rich blend of discipline and kindness. Talking about teachers, I would love to express my gratitude to Respected Himadri Sir. He is loved by all and is the group's favourite mentor. To drive his car was one big goal of the team because he was never that kind to let go off the keys. But thankfully I had the pleasure to drive and tease the other two member of my gang. Bunking classes in the name of practice for varsity programmes always landed us to enjoying great meals and hangouts with other fellow groups. Although the university years were always flooded with assignments, quizzes, presentations, papers and exams, but the guidance from enthusiastic teachers and all the efforts made by me were rewarded at last. The experience here turned me to a more curious and achieving person. The support of the faculty members not only helped me to score good marks, but also helped me to overcome the flaws for being a good human being. I still miss those moments and want to relive it again because those were the best days of my life.

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Time Hyperloops !

Just like I read somewhere that university life is the ocean of new beginnings and possibilities, it was no different for me. After having decided to no longer continue with my studies right after my graduation, Istarted pursuing photography as my career and was doing quiet good but, destiny had something else planned for me it seemed. Being an average student, reverting to studies was tough but I managed to get into CMS and my distant dream of being an university student came to life and I set off for a new chapter of my life. Being at the threshold of a new beginning, my excitement had almost overpowered my nervousness.

I found CMS to be very surreal. It was like a benevolent despot to me that ruled my life for 2 years but yes in a constructive way of course. It proffered best opportunities to polish myself and has never let me down in any sphere. I was able to perceive a new me in myself. The journey marked from being a glassophobic to being a confident presenter in group presentations, from being unable to address people at first meet to becoming friends in few days, from being a unsteady boy to attending lectures for hours, from not liking sports to enjoying and cheering for my in-house teams at varsity week, from not doing a thing myself to being in the organizing committee of big events like our pride SanMilan, was my journey in CMS. Let me say CMS was equipping me for life, for the challenges of life with a better and strong foundation of knowledge and learning. It made us assimilate the two very indispensable aspects of the corporate world which are time management and working in pressure, by its tons of assignments, seasonals, presentations, etc. The fabulous teachers of course, are the one to whom the credits should be given as they are the backbone of CMS, always supporting us and not giving up on us; they are the one who takes out the best in us and creates better persons for the world every year batch after batch. Here I would also like to mention about our very own LIRU which was indeed the true treasure for us. Another fortuitous and worth mentioning thing that happened to me in CMS was me being voted as one of the student training and placement coordinator, which was a big deal for me as along with helping my friends in placements and internships, I got the opportunity to experience

the recruitment activities from a close cordon and also was able to learn how to confront companies. It also developed my soft skills and after a lot of work at the end, it was a very sweet and sour experience not having any single company confirming their presence till December end at first and then making it 80% + placed percentage.

Along with concocting us to be a better self and a better manager, CMS made me discern the true meaning of friendship. I was bestowed with a 2nd family, my Maniram Dewan Boys Hostel family. I have lived many moments of pure bliss with sentimental values which taught me the true meaning of brotherhood, friendship and unity. Friend as usual played an indispensable part in my journey; without them, my life would have been unimaginable. I can never preterite the moments I have spent with my friends going for lunch or tea at breaks, sitting in our lobby relaxing, the taunts and teasing, backbiting, planning road trips, bunking classes, going out for snacks every evening to DU Hut, the hour long lectures in rooms, will always remain as an indelible part of CMS in my heart. The success of any event like Rhapsody, SanMilan, and every event celebrated in our campus are also some of the blessed moments of joy I have encountered in CMS. These events gave me many memories to revere for my life time and have edified us as to how to work as a team. Cooperation strengthened my relationship with my classmates and my friends.

CMS was a tough row to hoe, but I am glad I went through it and I am totally smitten by the fact that I was a CMSian, and now as an alumnus I am contented to write about my journey in CMS. The beautiful peregrination of 2 years came to an end and now I can't help but only miss those days. Time waits for none and you never know how it goes by, just like I say time hyperloops!

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Incomplete Writing from a Semi-complete Alumni

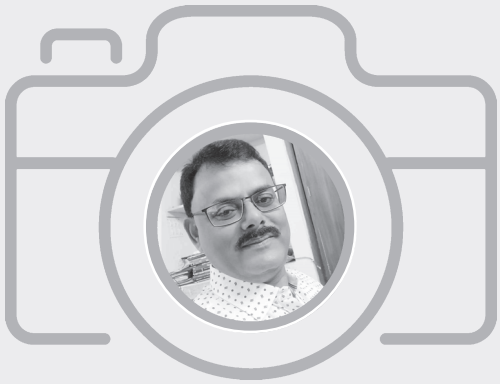
I had interest on Entrepreneurship from my college days. Many Assamese entrepreneurs impressed me a lot through their works (though I don't even know many of their names). I was in Mizoram for a year after my graduation, working for a social project, "Students' Experience in Interstate Living", which is working for National Integration by bridging North Eastern States with other parts of India by various activities. For that purpose I used to visit various educational institutions including Mizoram University. I came to know about a seminar on Entrepreneurship at Mizoram University to be held after some days. It was about October of 2015. After initiation from some professors (I must mention the names of Prof. Elangbam Nixon Singh sir, Dr. Amit Kumar Singh sir and many), I prepared to participate in the seminar. In that seminar, I met many educationists of Mizoram University as well as many other universities/colleges of various parts of India. I was also fortunate enough to meet the Chairperson of India's Easternmost B School, Centre for Management Studies, Dibrugarh University, Prof. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar madam. That was the first time I came to know about the Centre and the MBA programme. This lady inspired me to pursue MBA in our few minutes of conversation. After MAT and the other interview processes, I finally joined our very own CMS with lots of dreams in 2016, which is a place where dreams come true.

During the two years, I met few teachers as well as a few friends, who really stand as a source of inspiration for me to go ahead towards my future confidently. I must mention the names of Dr. Arup Goswami sir and Dr. Himadri Barman sir. They helped and motivated us through out these years in academic as well as personal issues. I would also like to thank all the teachers as well as non-teaching staff of CMS for their kind help. I can't complete my acknowledgement through my unskilled words in this writing. Lastly thanks again to the eastern most B-school of India, our very own CMS.

Long live CMS.

Long live Dibrugarh University.

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বিশাল বটবৃক্ষৰ শিপা খান্দি খান্দি
বিচাৰি গ'লো ঈশ্বৰক গঢ় দিয়া মানুহজন
যাৰ বাবে আজি পৃথিৱীত উৰিছে
কুণ্ডলী পকাই ধৰ্মযুদ্ধৰ বিষবাষ্প ।
আশ্চৰ্যজনকভাৱে বিচাৰি পালো
সেইজন দাঢ়িয়ে-গোঁফে ভোবোকাৰ পুৰুষক
যি আৰাধনা কৰি আছিল
এটা প্ৰকাণ্ড শিলাখণ্ডক
কাৰণ সেই শিল বাগৰি আহিলে
তেওঁৰ বংশ উচন হ'ব
এবাৰ দেখিলো তেওঁ সৰ্প-পূজাত মগ্ন
কাৰণ তেওঁৰ তিনিটা সন্তানৰ
সৰ্পদংশণত মৃত্যু হৈছিল
আন এবাৰ দেখিলো তেওঁক
জন্তুৰ চৰ্বিৰে যজ্ঞাহুতিত ব্যস্ত
কাৰণ আগৰ বছৰ সকলো ফচল
অগ্নি-দেৱতাই ছাৰখাৰ কৰিছিল ।
প্ৰচণ্ড খং আৰু ঘৃণাত তেওঁক আঘাত হানিবলৈ
তীব্ৰ ইচ্ছাবোধ এটাই ভাৰাক্ৰান্ত কৰিছিল মন
পাছে তেওঁতো এজন পৱিত্ৰ সাধক ।
আজিৰ ঈশ্বৰ সলনি হ'ল
আজিৰ ঈশ্বৰ বিবৰ্তিত হ'ল
খেতি-মাটিৰ দৰে ভাগ ভাগ হ'ল
মানুহৰ মস্তিস্কৰ বিকাশ স্বত্বেও
ঈশ্বৰ-চিন্তনৰ এলাস্কু থাকি গ'ল ।
উভতাৰ পথত দেখিলো কিদৰে
ধৰ্ম-ধ্বজাৰ সুৰক্ষাৰ স্বাৰ্থত
চাৰ্চৰ জলা জুইত নিক্ষেপিত কৰি মাৰিছিল
স্পেইনৰ দাৰ্শনিক মাইকেল ছাৰভেটাছক
আৰু ইটালীৰ বিজ্ঞানী জিয়দাৰ্নো ব্ৰুণ'ক,
কিদৰে হেমলক-বিষ পান কৰিবলৈ
বাধ্য কৰাইছিল মহান দাৰ্শনিক চক্ৰেটিছক,
কিদৰে বাধ্য কৰাইছিল গেলিলিওক
মিছা মাতিবলৈ বিজ্ঞানৰ বিপক্ষে ।
প্ৰথমে ঈশ্বৰ সজা দঢ়িয়া মানুহজন
অচেতন হৈ পৰিব, গম পাব যেতিয়া
আজিৰ ঈশ্বৰ-নিৰ্ভৰ বাণিজ্যিক মেলাৰ কথা,
চৌদিশে দেখি ৰঙ-বিৰঙৰ ঈশ্বৰৰ পুতলা,
অভদ্ৰ মানুহৰ পিকৰ পৰা পৰিত্ৰাণ পাবলৈ গঢ়া
বিভিন্ন দেৱ-দেৱীৰ ছবি খোদিত টাইলচৰ বেহা ।
সেই পুৰাতন শিল সাপ জুইৰ বাবে
পৃথিৱীত নিতে চলিছে হত্যাযজ্ঞ
ঈশ্বৰৰ ভুতে খেদি থাকিব আমাক অহৰহ ।

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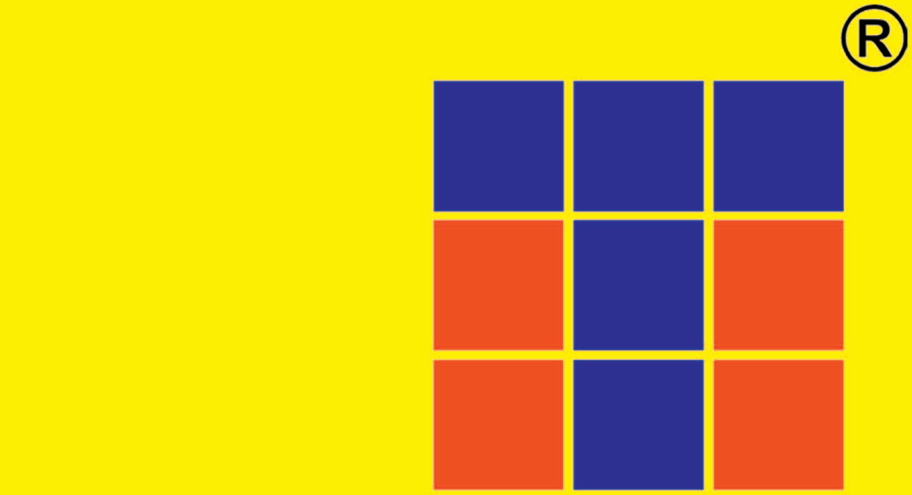
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