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'Travel photography expresses the feeling of a time, place, culture and the entire landscape'

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With an objective to get knowledge about the basic of photography and its technical nuances, VSJMC organised a short-term course on travel photography starting from October 19 (Saturday), 2019.

This four-week long course will discuss travel photography as a genre of photography that may involve the documentation of an area's landscape, people, cultures, customs and history. Defined as an image that expresses the feeling of a time and place, portrays a land, its people, or a culture in its natural state, and has no geographical limitations. On day one, there were four sessions which included camera handling and operations, use of various types of lenses during Travel Photography, use of equipment and accessories during travel Photography and Portrait Photography. The sessions were conducted by Dr. Sunil Kumar Mishra and Kunal Sachdeva, a travel photographer. Students were very keen to know various theoretical and creative aspects of travel photography and actively participated during the sessions.

Travel photography as a genre is one of the most open in terms of the subjects it covers. Many travel photographers specialise in a particular aspect of



photography such as travel portraits, landscape or documentary photography as well as shooting all aspects of travel. This genre of photography entails shooting a wide variety of subjects under varied available conditions, e.g. low light photography indoors, available ambient light photography for exteriors of buildings and monuments, shooting on the streets where sometimes conditions may be hostile, capturing moments which rarely recur, capturing the magic of light while shooting landscapes, etc. The first session was based on introduction to photography, which was conducted by Dr. Sunil Mishra.

He explained about different types of camera: DSLR, TLR and its properties. In the second session, Dr. Mishra explained about types of lens and its use. Third and fourth session was conducted by Kunal Sachdeva, a travel photographer, who shared his experience and his insights on travel photography. He showcased his some of the selected collection of travel pictures. He explained portrait photography, while clicking portrait one needs to focus on eyes of the subject which attract the viewers. Lighting is most important, travel photographers have to know how he uses minimum elements to reflect the light on

the face of subject. He explained use of flash and demonstrated it. The students practiced flash during the session.

Travel photography is about not to click only landscape photograph. But, it is more to know while travelling the area. Area specific culture, food habits, folk songs and dance and more on different locations of visit. A travel photographer has to know about how they have to take better photographs. Travel photographers use limited kit. If the kit is heavier then he or she will not be able to travel long distances. They mostly use full-frame camera, with different types of filters, zoom wide-angled lens (16-35mm), normal lens 50mm, and telephoto lens (80-250mm).

While taking a photograph, they have to think about camera settings according to the environment. They have to understand about exposure triangle.

Students participating in the course discussed with experts the various technical and creative aspects of art of capturing images as a travel photographer. Students inquired at which time what camera settings are required to click photographs.

This ongoing course promises much more aspects of photography and photographs as a mass communication tool and how photos can redefine the visual communication.

Developing student's personality through community service

VIPS Weekly Correspondent

With the aim to educate and empower children who are deprived of the basic facilities of life, National Service Scheme (NSS) at VIPS initiated a project Saksharta Abhiyan.

Saksharta means literacy, which means being endowed with the ability to read and write. According to National Literacy Mission in India, if a person has the ability to write and read their name, then they are considered literate. Starting from August 1, this year, NSS has taken up this mission so that little children, who are the future of this country, can do more than just read and write their names and instead, get proper education so that they don't miss out on



any opportunities in the coming times. The working of this weekly event is captured daily, with the teachers providing education to about 150 students with an average of 100 volunteers daily, along with the discipline and logistics team making the functioning snag-free.

For the months of September and October, the hourly teaching sessions were increased to 2 hours so as to reach more kids, as well as impart as much knowledge as possible, in the form of tuitions. This was taken up with a vision to help the kids with

financial troubles invest their money for other things by providing education to them, absolutely free of cost. Along with helping the students and their families, this noble gesture also touched the hearts of the teacher volunteers, as they got to see smiles on the children's faces, knowing they had done something on their part to achieve that smile. The learning process was for the duration of two hours within the premises of the institute under the guidance of professor

(Dr.) Shilpa Khatri Babbar, Director, Academics, VIPS and Dr. Renu Vashisht & Dr. Pooja Thakar, Nodal Officers, NSS, VIPS.

The NSS is an Indian government-sponsored public service program conducted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Government of India. Popularly known as NSS, the scheme was launched in Gandhiji's Centenary year in 1969. Aimed at developing student's personality through community service, NSS is a voluntary association of young people in Colleges, Universities and at senior secondary levels working for a campus-community (especially rural) linkage.



Break the silence and unleash the power

Shefali Thakur

Napoleon Bonaparte once said, "The world suffers a lot, not because of the violence of bad people but because of the silence of good people." Isn't it strange that words so wise were uttered by a character so questionable? Nevertheless, keeping Napoleon's addiction to power aside, the man, not in so many words has revealed a rather very unorthodox case here. He does not bemoan the evil for the evil activities but rather reprimands the silence of the good population. In doing so, he has very effectively blamed the entire sufferings of the world, from war to poverty and from oppression to crime, not on the bad people but on the unwillingness of the good ones to raise their voices, to point their fingers and to declare an outrageous rebellion against the evil activities.



Voltaire, a French revolutionary, also believed in the destructive power behind the silence of people, he quoted: "Every man is guilty of the good he did not do" So, today, me, Voltaire, and napoleon blame you, dear readers, for every single life that's lost in the wars,

for every single person who has been raped today, for every single penny that has been extorted from someone needy and for every government policy that has been made against the public welfare. We blame you! And in blaming you, we are blaming ourselves because deep down on some subconscious level of our minds we knew something bad is happening, the evil is lurking around, but we did not do anything to stop it. The perpetrators still roam around unleashed in this so-called civilised society, where they speak of spirituality, ethics and shastras. People here are more self-centered and selfish, bothering least about their milieu, unless their kith or kin are molested by the lurking crooks. If each one of us raised our voices, broke the silence and unleash the power behind it, then there would be nothing stopping this world becoming a better place to live in.

Perils of Biodiversity

Vidhi Narula

The world has witnessed five mass extinctions of animals, and if we continue to recklessly exploits the nature, in no time we'll be next in line. Biodiversity is the variety of life on Earth at all its levels, from genes to ecosystems. All living species are interdependent and rely on each other for survival. Humans alone cannot survive on Earth, they need water to drink, plants to eat and animals to maintain the ecosystem they live in. These ecosystems work to replenish the water and air around us, only when it's intact. A fragmented ecosystem will not be able to sustain life as it takes time for living beings to adapt to the new environment. We cannot buy an ecosystem. Even with all of our amazing technological advances since the industrial revolution, we cannot manufacture the clean air, clean water or fertile soil we need to survive. Human beings destroy

the very biodiversity that sustains life without taking a moment to think of its consequences. Our demise is near as we continue to pollute the environment around us. And so the logical first step to assure survival of our species is a preventive measure: Halt the population growth. Every day, around 83 million children are born, so does their need for food, clothing and shelter. Causes of loss of biodiversity: Deforestation - While eliminating



plant life, the roots which hold the soil structure together are stripped and the topsoil containing nutrients critical for

sustaining plant life is washed away. Habitat loss - Habitat loss refers to the clearing of trees and pastures of land by humans for developmental

purposes. This forces many animals to migrate and find shelter someplace else. Overexploitation - Overfishing and overhunting is done to earn high profits by illegal trades. Air pollution - It does not only harm humans by

resulting in respiratory disorders but also injure animals whose skin comes in contact with the polluted air. Water pollution - The growth of aquatic animal and plant life is affected by polluted water. Therefore, when other land animals or even humans consume seafood, they are highly likely to ingest the petrochemicals discarded by factories into the water bodies. Climate change - Another major threat to biodiversity is climate change. Climate change is the recent rapid warming of the earth due in large part to the burning of fossil fuels which is creating too much carbon in the atmosphere. If humans did not meddle with the environment in the first place, Mother Nature could have been at peace. The growing greed of the humankind will become the reason of its extinction from earth. When will we learn that we are not just biting the hand that feeds us, rather chopping it off?.....

Elon Musk: From bankruptcy to real life Tony Stark

Mahi Tewari

It is said Elon Musk was born in the wrong century. His ideas, his perspective and his belief that the World could be changed in dramatic ways are far too different for an ordinary person's outlook. For most part of his life he had been called eccentric and delusional, his projects like Tesla and SpaceX were foretold to be failures. Critics refused to believe that electric cars would be future and World famous astronauts like Armstrong and Cernan gave testimonies against the privatisation of Space Rocket technology by him. The men, Musk considered his heroes were against him. The whole world was waiting for both of his Companies to go bankrupt. But Elon Musk stood strong with complete faith in his idea. In 2013, with success of Model S, Musk returned the loan of 451 million dollars to Tesla with interest to the Department of Energy 9 years early. Thus becoming the only American car from which the US government has actually received a profit from. In 2017 SpaceX became the first to re-fly used rockets



which cut down the cost of each trip to space dramatically, a feat even NASA couldn't manage with years of expertise. To achieve this he gave his flesh

blood to both of these companies. He gambled almost all of his life saving to keep Tesla afloat. He dared to take a risk and now Elon Musk is worth 22 billion dollars (Net Worth).

change the 2D transportation network) and Neuralink. Elon Musk is still humble. He is an introvert and is more of an engineer/inventor than an entrepreneur. He is brutally honest and certain of what he believes in. Once he was asked what message he would give to all young people who are trying to start off now. One would think the answer would be an Inspirational speech about breaking boundaries and changing the world but again this was Elon Musk so it wasn't going to be simple. He replied "If you are wired to do it, then you should do it but not otherwise. Leave it this way, if you need inspiring words don't do it at all." He is someone with who has achieved every thing just because he believed in his Idea and refused to give up. "An idea is like a virus. Resilient. Highly contagious. And even the smallest seed of an idea can grow. It can grow to define or destroy you" - Inception.

He has now moved to new projects like The Boring Company (a tunnel construction project he thought of while being stuck in LA traffic will



VIPS marks its impact in University Games

Anishaa Rastogi

From October 10-12, 2019, Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIU) conducted Athletic Meet in which almost all the colleges of the university take part every year. There are various sporting events conducted which includes badminton, short put, power lifting and many more. There are matches conducted in different sports. Also in the morning, the event commences with the march past. A number of students from Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies participated in various sports and almost each of them has made the college proud. In the team sports, the college came at position second in both badminton and volleyball. Also, the history has been

created, in terms of progression, in 'tug of war', as VIPS got Bronze in 2017, Silver in 2018 and finally Gold this year. Also adding another feather to hat, VIPS stood first in throw events: Short Put and Discus. In the Men's team for Tennis and Women's team for Badminton got Silver. This was for sure that the competition was seriously tough but the students of VIPS made it possible to stand in the limelight. Kudos to them. Recently, GGSIU conducted Athletic Meet from Oct 10-12 in which almost all the colleges of the university takes part every year. There are various sports conducted which includes badminton, short put, power lifting and many more. There are matches conducted in different sports. Also in the morning,

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Intra Magnum Concilium confers contemporary issues



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around the world. The ceremony was concluded by giving the certificates to all the participants and the International Press Department (IPD). Also there were special awards given to those participants who debated outstandingly. Magnum Concilium is held every year in VIPS which is done both at Intra and Inter levels. There are basically four committees which are as follows: Historic Lok Sabha, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate

Change (UNFCCC), United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), All India Political Party Meet (AIPPM). In each committee, young delegates come up to discuss a particular issue and have a fruitful debate in the formal manner of the original committees which exist in real. And as the discussion comes to the end, a resolution was passed through which the conclusion and the solution on the issue was elucidated for the consumption of all participants.



On October 19 (Saturday), an Intra Magnum Concilium was held in which all the participants debated for two constructive sessions. Firstly, the opening ceremony was done at sharp 9:15 in the morning and then the session one was held from 9:30 to 1:00 noon and then second session continued from 2:00 to 5:00 in the evening. The issues discussed by the committees were based on the very current issues going in the nation and

Students deliberate on the nuances of Transgender Bill

Rashmi Sharma

Vishwank, the discussion forum of Vivekananda School of Journalism and Mass Communication (VSJMC), Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies (VIPS), New Delhi conducted its fifth discussion on the topic of Transgender Bill on October 17, 2019 in room number 311 of the department. Rashmi Sharma of Semester III coordinated the session. Students started with discussing the Transgender Persons Bill (2014) and the relief that bill brought to the community. Students went on discussing the nuances of Transgender Bill (Amendment) and discussed how many loopholes were there in the bill and how vaguely a few points

were given a result of not much debate or deliberation. Issues like social acceptance, taboos, stereo-



types attached with Transgenders were also discussed. Students came up with various examples from mythology and from current scenario on how transgender were treated

before and how it has changed over the time. The forum saw overwhelming response from the students and

the forum is functioning under the Committee on Print Appreciation and Promotion. The discussion went on for around two hours and successfully concluded.

Delhiites to have pollution-free Diwali

The Delhi government will organise a four-day laser show from October 26 to encourage people not to burst crackers this Diwali. There will be an event that will be held at Connaught Place. The move also aims at encouraging a "community and pollution-free Diwali, the chief minister said. "Various laser shows will be organised from 6 pm to 10 pm from October 26 to October 29. I invite the people of Delhi to attend the event and celebrate Diwali without firecrack-

ers," said a Delhi Government release. He said it will be a "community Diwali" where there will be no pollution. There will be no entry passes for the event. People will have free access to the laser shows. "The whole of Connaught Place will be decorated with laser lights. The laser shows will happen after every one hour, with various art and cultural programmes alongside the laser show. "There will be food courts and markets where people

can come and enjoy with their families," he said. The people of Delhi are "like family to me and this laser show aims at celebrating Diwali together like a family". If the Diwali laser-show is successful, then the government will organise the event at various locations and on a larger scale next year, he said. Addressing concerns of traders at Connaught Place, Kejriwal said trade will increase and restrictions have been only imposed on private transport.

"There are no restrictions levied on traders and businessmen. Instead, trade will be doubled because people will be visiting Connaught Place in large numbers. "Restrictions have been levied only on private cars because they can cause congestion on the roads," he said. On the issue of restrictions imposed on private transportation, "We have arranged for special parking facilities at nearby locations such as Shiva-ji Stadium."

BOOK REVIEW

STORM & SILENCE



An exiting new take on patriarchal society of 19th century London

This is the first book of the award winning Saga that won the People's Choice Award in 2015. The author is actually a Historian so every detail of the world, as it was 200 years ago has been taken care of. The protagonist of the story is a feisty woman by the name of Lily Linton, who refuses to act in the orthodox way Victorian women were supposed to. She shuns away any suitors for her marriage, tries to vote (which was illegal for females) and even manages to get a job under London's most powerful and chauvinistic Man, Rikard Ambrose. With her wit and humour she proves all his prejudice against women wrong. And in the process earns his respect too. Lily Linton with her stormy personality never thinks twice before engaging in dangerous situations. The story is set against the backdrop of Suffrage Rights, the backlash they faced and the rise of the Industrial age. There is a bit of romance too, it acts as a catalyst to the story. Storm and Silence follows the journey of these two characters from absolute hatred to confusion and then finally acceptance and trust.

President to felicitate VSJMC scholars

President of India Ram Nath Kovind will be felicitate three students of Vivekananda School of Journalism students include namely: Akshay Tyagi (Gold Medalist, VIPS) - Development Communication, Padmaja Venkatraman, Convergent Journalism, and Ria Mukherjee - Still Photography and Visual Communication. and Mass Communication, who joined MCRC Jamia after graduating from VIPS in 2016, and will be awarded Gold Medal in Jamia Millia Islamia on October 30, 2019.

