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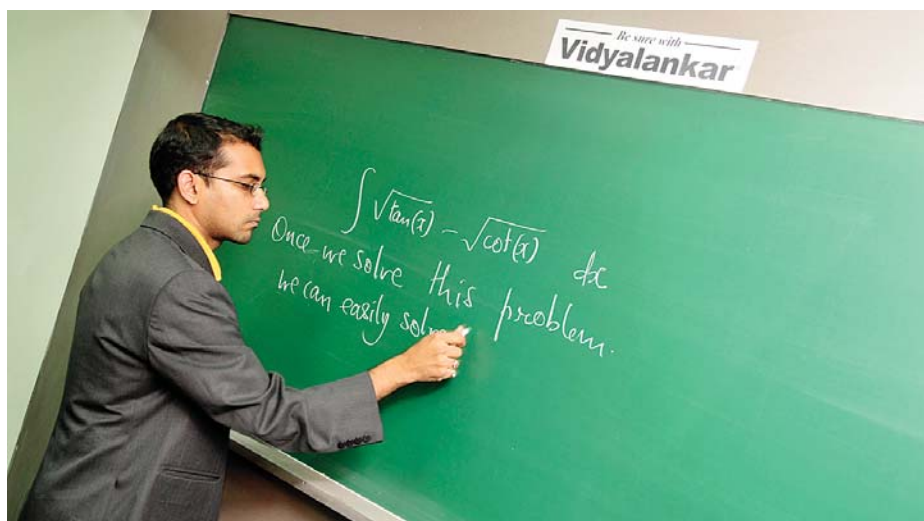
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Tech-savvy Vidyalkar EXPANDS OPERATIONS

“Avant-garde educational services’ is an epithet that best describes the Vidyalkar Group, an educational megabrand which has been imparting premium coaching services in Maharashtra since half a century and provides training to students for NTSE, IIT JEE, AIEEE, Std. XII (Sc.), MHT-CET (Engineering Entrance), BIT-SAT, Engineering Diploma (all three years), Engineering Degree (all four years), GATE and CAT-CET (Management Entrance). It has been consistently expanding its reach by establishing branches across Maharashtra and setting up Govt. recognized institutes offering Diploma, Graduate and Post-graduate courses in Engineering and Technology, Management Studies, Science and Commerce.

Vidyalkar has always proved to be a cut above the ubiquitous rest in the first-rate course material and expert faculty it offers. Mr. Vishwas Deshpande, Managing Director, Vidyalkar Group, who continues to endorse the Vidyalkar tradition of providing the best of services to the student community, says “The concept of service being ‘Good Enough’ is considered inadequate and we look quality



through the eyes of the students. Our staff is taught to adopt an attitude that puts quality first and refuse to accept secondary results.”

Vidyalkar is going strong with its 15 centers spread across the Mumbai metropolis. Last year saw branches being established at Aurangabad and Pune and offer training for competitive exams like IIT JEE. Plans are in the pipeline for a staggering 100 more centers in the next five years to reach the students of Tier II and Tier III cities in India. While setting up

these centers, not wishing to compromise on the quality front, Vidyalkar has made arrangements for coaching via videoconferencing to ensure that the same high standards and facilities which are available at Mumbai are accessible to students there. “In comparison to the options available at Aurangabad, Vidyalkar workshops and lectures are absolutely outstanding. I feel that Vidyalkar strives to provide something extra, the so-called ‘X-factor’, which makes it way better than the rest of the

coaching centers at Aurangabad. We are always encouraged to get even minute doubts clarified. I am 100% sure that I will crack IIT JEE!” shares Namita Sonawane.

Videoconferencing technology not just simulates real classroom teaching, but is also a two-way interactive system where in live, interactive lectures are conducted, the progress of students is monitored and queries are cleared on the spot. This ensures that the teaching-learning process progresses seamlessly and as effectively as a lec-

ture in which the faculty is physically present in the room. Shweta Yeole, a student from the same branch says, “The major advantage of videoconferencing is that we not only have access to expert faculty from Mumbai, we can even see repeat telecasts of a lecture, if necessary.”

Personalized attention to every student, well-researched study material which is regularly updated by the in-house research team of IITians, counseling and mentoring sessions, frequent practice tests, study tours, special doubt-solving sessions, special motivational lectures, individual attention to vernacular medium students and provision for feedback are some of the value additions assured to Vidyalkar students. The in-house study corner is designed for knowledge-sharing with peers and promotes symbiotic learning.

The buzz from students on Vidyalkar stands to prove that it provides a stimulating study environment and makes learning an elevated experience. Vaibhav Phullare, says, “The highly experienced faculty repeatedly ensures that not a single student walks away from a session without every concept being crystal clear. Lectures via videoconferencing

Hello Readers!

College life is one of the most interesting and decisive phases in one's life. Besides academics, it prepares you to face the challenges of the world, gets you into long-lasting friendships and most importantly teaches you to fend for yourselves. Are you making the most of your college life, achieving all that you can, reaching out to the stars, or are you drifting along with the current? Do share your views with us on

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Meenakshi Nandula
Coordinator

technology are a unique concept, but the involvement and interaction levels are such that I never had the feeling that my lecturers are 400 kms away in Mumbai. Vidyalkar has given me the confidence to believe that I will crack IIT JEE with flying colors!”

Time-tested teaching methodologies delivered with cutting edge technologies aim to ensure that Vidyalkar students across Maharashtra scale the summits of excellence and are equivalent to their Mumbai counterparts. Upholding its traditions of a student-centric approach and a resolute quest for perfection, Vidyalkar stands true to its name as one that spreads the brilliant sparkle of the ‘Jewel of Knowledge’ far and wide.

—Team Vidyalkar



Keep it up!

Hearty congratulations to the following students of Vidyalkar School of Information Technology for bagging prizes at Inter-college Competitions:

Winners at Sagacity 2011 (Swami Vivekanand College)

- 1) **Devesh Golani**
–1st Prize in Web Search
- 2) **Suchit Khandagale**
–1st Prize in SQL

Winners at Tech Storm 2011 (Ruia College):

- 1) **Sandeep Chaurasia**
–1st Prize in DJ Mixing
- 2) **Nishith Darade and Mesheil Agarwal**
–1st Prize in Quiz

ALL THE BEST!

Congratulations to the 107 Vidyalkar School of Information Technology students who have successfully landed campus placements in the academic year 2010-11!

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Building Research Acumen

The essence of research can be summed up in Dr. Carl Sagan's words, “Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.” Research and development is vital in the corporate world as it helps organizations trailblaze their way into the future. It is a top priority in the fields of management and marketing where companies keep an eagle eye on competitors in order to keep pace with innovations and trends and to tune in to the needs and desires of their customers.

Vidyalankar Institute of Technology (VIT) recognizes the need to facilitate an environment conducive to the blossoming of a research culture and encourages the spirit of inquisitiveness and analysis among faculty and students. The first step that the Institute's Department of Management Studies has taken towards this is conceptualizing 'Building Research Capabilities' as a theme for the year. Some activities undertaken to help build research acumen amongst faculty and students are technical paper writing, special sessions for reviewing research journals, research projects and research papers and organizing national conferences. The Department has recently conducted a hands-

on workshop on 26 and 27 September on 'Research Methodology'.

Dr. Bal Chansarkar, the resource person who conducted the workshop, is an eminent academician and researcher who has made a number of contributions in the areas of Quantitative Methods and Marketing Research. In an illustrious career spanning over three decades, Dr. Chansarkar has donned many hats. He has been a senior faculty at the London School of Economics and Middlesex University, guided PhD students, has authored many books, and has been a consultant and a Resource Expert for the Government of Maharashtra. He shares his diverse knowledge and rich experience when he takes up assignments in countries across the globe.

The highly interactive sessions had detailed deliberations, practicals and case studies relevant to four specializations: Finance, Marketing, Human Resource and Operations. The major outline of the workshop included the process of research, research design, qualitative and quantitative sampling, primary and secondary data collection, analysis and interpretation. Dr. Chansarkar shared valuable insights on how to zero in on a viable re-

search topic, create a research proposal and areas which promise opportunities for research in business and management. Day One saw the participants drafting individual research proposals and subsequently presenting those, putting into practice the guidelines provided to them during the workshop. On Day Two, data related to a Mauritian company collected by a research agency was analyzed with the help of 'Minitab' software in what was a live project demonstration.

The Workshop witnessed an enthusiastic response with 40 participants from across faculty and students from the Department attending it. One of the participants, Trupti Naik (faculty in the Department of Management Studies) asserts, “The workshop has been a great learning experience. It guided students on their final year research projects and also immensely benefitted faculty interested in pursuing their PhDs.” This initiative stands to prove the Institute's commitment to providing a holistic educational experience to its students, one that equips them with the skills necessary to excel in whatever field or specialization they might decide to pursue.

—Meenakshi Nandula

Placement Initiatives at VSIT

With the boom in the IT and management industry, corporates are expanding their recruitment horizons and are looking beyond the engineering colleges from which they previously used to recruitment drives. Capable and hardworking manpower is the best asset that any company can have and organizations look to hire and retain the right kind of talent.

Students of Vidyalankar School of Information Technology, who are keen on beginning their professional career as soon as they finish studies, find placement opportunities right at their campus. The placement initiatives taken by the Institute (which conducts courses in B.Sc. (IT), BMS, M. Sc. (IT), BAF, BBI, BFM and Part Time MBA) for ensuring that its students land placement at reputable organizations, have reaped rich dividends.

- Vidyalankar School of Information Technology is one of the very few colleges of its kind wherein one can find the concept of a full-time Training and Placement Officer for all its courses. It has a Placement Cell aptly named-Voyage - Where the journey begins.
- The Cell provides a customized model for comprehensive pre-placement training wherein the needs of all levels of students are met, to enable them to become industry ready. Activities related to soft skills and technical aspects like mock aptitude tests, mock HR and technical interviews and mock

group discussions are conducted.

- Students are asked to give practice aptitude tests right from their first year hence enhancing their logical reasoning, verbal abilities and technical knowledge.
- To polish student skills and to motivate them in the proper direction, a number of workshops and seminars by experts from the industry and academia are organized at regular intervals.
- Students are given hands-on experience on live projects from the corporate world (B. Sc. IT), Internship training (BMS) and one day industrial visits to gain practical knowledge from the industry.
- The Training and Placement Cell is always in touch with alumni and extends support to them and ATKT students for campus placement wherever possible.
- VSIT is aiming for 100% placement for all levels of students. The Cell has successfully placed many students at their preferred companies.
- The Institute is in the process of issuing its first placement brochure wherein detailed information related to recruitment is available.

—Ujwala Sav

Hey dude! How did your interview go?

Success stories of Vidyalankar students as a guide to campus placement and what lies ahead

The first three companies that visited Vidyalankar Institute of Technology for campus placement for final year students (currently pursuing semester seven) have resulted in Infosys recruiting 113, HCL Technologies recruiting 119 and L&T InfoTech selecting 16 students. The entire process of campus recruitment was well-planned, streamlined and progressed smoothly with efforts from the Training and Placement team.

So what exactly is in store for students once they step across the threshold of the interview room? The following are the views of three successfully placed students to help serve as a guide to the other final year students seeking placement in companies of their choice and especially meant for third year students who need to plan and prepare for their placement:

Akshay Sarode from B.E. Computers (Division 2) placed at Infosys.

Exuding confidence (his firm handshake spoke volumes) and a cheerful disposition, this was what Akshay had to say about his interview experience:

“I am very happy with the job in hand and excited to meet the new challenges that I am going to face in life. I believe that for any student to be employable at a professional level, he/she must learn to work in a team. I am now working in a group of four for my B.E. project. I used to do stage acts during my Diploma days, which have helped me to develop my interpersonal skills. Being a diploma student, I would advise my junior diploma students to concentrate on Aptitude tests, as they might find it challenging. The Dale Carnegie Training Session also proved to be very effective and helpful.”

Akshay Shah of B.E. Electronics and Telecommunications (Division 2) placed at HCL.

Speaking of HCL Technologies, the first thing that comes to our mind is its principle of 'Employee Comes First'. Akshay Shah of B.E. Electronics and Telecommunications (Division 2) who landed placement at HCL was also very forthcoming with his feedback. On being bombarded



with questions like, 'What to do?', 'How should one prepare for the various stages?' and the like, he answered each of them in a composed manner. Here's what he had to say:

“I believe in the maxim 'Confidence is more important than Content' when you are in an interview. I also feel that all those students who are preparing for CAT and GRE will find the aptitude tests comparatively simpler than others. Being the Football Head of the Sports Council last year helped me immensely and was a value addition to my resume. It enhanced my abilities to lead from the front and manage people. It also helped me to learn how to resolve conflicts in the team and work together for achieving organizational goals.” According to me, sports is not just about playing on the field, but learning a lot of things off the field which helps you develop your management skills. I also went through a lot of interviews posted on our vidyalankarlive, and found that confidence is the key for an interview. Besides, don't try to fake anything; just have faith in your abilities.”

Vivek Mohan from B.E. Electronics, placed at L&T Infotech

Then we approached Vivek Mohan from B.E. Electronics who bagged a



place in L&T Infotech, which incidentally had comprehensive and challenging rounds. His impressive courtesy, confidence and polished etiquette immediately caught our attention. Vivek says:

“This was actually my third attempt at the placement interviews. The aptitude test of Infosys was quite tough, and I couldn't clear the aptitude test of HCL. It gets really demoralizing when you prepare for an aptitude test, give it your best shot and then don't clear it. It affects your confidence greatly. When I came to know that I have cleared the L&T aptitude test gave a tremendous boost to my confidence. I'd like to tell all my juniors that in a group discussion what matters more is 'what you talk' rather than 'how much you talk'. From a group of fourteen, this is what makes you stand out from the rest. Even if you talk only twice or thrice in the entire G.D., you can still go ahead if you are able to create an impact with whatever you have spoken. In this regard, ensure that you put the training you receive in the subjects of Communication Skills and Presentation and Communication Techniques to good use.

Coming to the technical interview, my advice to all of you is, be clear in what you say. You must carry evi-



dence/certificates for whatever achievements you mention in your resume. NEVER fake your resume, it can get you in big trouble. Be precise and to the point. Most importantly, DO NOT be afraid or nervous about an interview. Be calm, cool and confident. Your confidence speaks volumes about you. Also, be frank. If you don't have an answer for a question, please admit that you don't know the answer instead of faking an answer. The interviewer treats you with a lot of respect and the same is expected from the interviewee. The way you talk, your tone, body language, attitude, attire and overall personality is assessed.

In the H.R. interview your attitude is checked. Here's where you must be prepared to answer questions like, “Would you relocate if we ask you to?”, “What are your expectations about your pay-package?” etc. Here again, I'd like to say that your confidence, humbleness and composure is what matters. I'd like to extend my best wishes in advance to all my fellow VITians for your placements!”

Thank you Akshay Sarode, Vivek Mohan and Akshay Shah for demystifying campus placements for your juniors and for the valuable feedback you have provided. Hearty congrats once again to all the VITians who have got placed!

Interviewed by T.E. EXTC-1 students Hrishikesh Hulyalkar and Ramakrishnan Lakshmanan

Enrich your personality with Extracurriculars!

As a resume booster, the Extracurricular Activities Section is an important one. Extracurricular activities help reveal your personality. They highlight your non-academic interests and illustrate that you can manage your time and priorities. They draw attention to your non-academic interests and demonstrate that you can manage your time and priorities. Moreover, by illustrating your participation in activities outside of academics you reveal the fact that you are well-rounded. Devoting yourself exclusively to your studies can be exhausting and it can burn you out mentally.

Extracurriculars include anything from volunteering to outdoor sports, literary activities like reading, blogging, reviewing books or movies, or cultural activities like playing in a band or attending dance classes. A good extracurricular activity consists of three elements: commitment and genuine interest and self-motivation. By honing your activities with these three points, you are on your way to becoming a desirable applicant. The feel-good factor in cultivating a hobby can channelize positive energy. An activity chosen as hobby is very dear to one's heart, doing which the hobby-

ist derives immense satisfaction. It is the emotional returns that are valued rather than financial reward.

Vidyalankar Institute of Technology is home to a plethora of committees to offer a wide range of activities to students and faculty. The Student Council with the four pillars of Cultural, Technical, Literary and Sports Councils, The Hobby Club (books, movie and drama, music etc.) Vidyalankar Volunteering Scheme, the Personality Enrichment Committee, the eagerly awaited weekly extravaganza Friday Paathshala, inspirational movie screenings are just a few examples. A recent example is the visit to a Butterfly garden at Owalewadi, Thane on Sunday, 2 October, organized by the Institute's Hobby Club. For the students and faculty who visited, it was a unique tryst with nature, highly refreshing and informative about the magical world of butterflies.

Do not get the impression that you need to have a long list of extracurricular activities to boost your college resume; nobody expects you to be successful at everything. You may be considered as Jack of all trades but master of none! More is not necessarily better. It is much more desirable to be committed to one activ-

ity for an extended length of time than to be a member of multiple committees and not contributing anywhere. It is important to begin getting involved in extracurriculars as early as possible, from your second year onwards.

Second to commitment is a genuine interest. Get involved in something that you are truly passionate about. You want to be involved in an activity because you are enthusiastic, not because it looks good on an application. Recruiters will be able to make out if you are just “boosting” your application. Leadership is a strong point on resumes, but it's not necessary to be only in leadership positions as chief editor or captain of the team; team members can play an equally important role. How you present your contribution to the team is what could matter the most.

But everything needs balance; if you overload yourself with extracurriculars, you could find your results suffering, and you might find yourself dealing with as much stress as you had boredom earlier. It should be a value addition and never a substitute for academics. Essentially, extracurriculars stress that you are an initiator both inside and outside of the classroom, and recruiters prefer students with unique abilities to add to their campus personality.

—Prof. Seema Shah
Principal (Actg), VIT



Prof. Seema Shah
Principal (Acting), VIT



We Care

Stress is a fact of life, but being stressed out is not. We don't always have control over what happens to us, but that doesn't mean we have to react to a difficult, challenging situation by feeling overwhelmed or distraught. Being overly anxious is not just a mental hazard; it's a physical one too. The following stress management tips can help you do just that!

- Breathe deeply and count to ten
- Count your blessings
- Know your limitations
- Learn to say no
- Quit blaming yourself
- Visualize serene and calming images
- Take that load off your chest... dial a friend and share your worries.
- Declutter and organize your work/ study place
- Listen to your favorite music
- Take a whiff of oils of basil, bay, eucalyptus, lavender, peppermint, or rose - all have a soothing effect.

The Need for Post Graduation

Simon Caulkin of The Guardian says, “From a jobseeker's point of view, when, as now, a first degree has become the norm, it becomes harder to stand out from the crowd with a Graduate Degree alone.” In India the rate of students who join college after the H S C is 12.4% which further drops considerably in the case of Post Graduation Courses, says Kapil Sibal at the Indo-US Summit on Higher Education held at Hotel Grand Hyatt, Mumbai. He wants to take this figure to at least 30%. He further adds that the investment in education in India is not huge. Therefore, it is imperative to involve all stakeholders to cater to the needs of youngsters and to impart skills to absorb them in the economy by giving them good quality education.

Post graduation is the need of the hour because of many reasons. If one has the slightest interest in Management, Academics or Research, an advanced degree is the only way to go. And finally, even if one's interest is not in academics, a candidate with a post-graduate degree is usually considered more favorably not only at the time of an interview but also while climbing up the hierarchical ladder in an organization.

Researchers who have looked at trends in Human Resource Development and employment opportunities, estimate that the emergent knowledge economy will demand higher levels of education, and those who have higher degrees will be seen as being more equipped to handle knowledge intensive jobs. Higher education is also linked



with higher earning capacity.

Some of Our toppers at CAT / CET & GATE say:

- It is a time saver.
- It helps you to crack Aptitude Tests and Technical Interviews during placements.
- It helps you to concentrate on your final year's scores.
- It helps you to outshine others and get it into a college and course of your own choice.

Many students ask us “When is the right time to start preparing for the Post Graduation entrance exams?” The answer to that is the ‘Pre Final Year’. We, at Vidyalankar, want our students to understand the importance of pursuing post graduation and start preparing themselves for their future at the right time.

—Sacheta Aneja
Higher Studies Division
Vidyalankar Classes and
Publications tions

VP organizes Educational Visit to Silvassa

Vidyalankar Polytechnic had recently arranged an educational visit to Silvassa, a beautiful place in Gujarat, for the benefit of its students, accompanied by faculty. The main purpose of this visit was to make students aware of the industries in the area and their environmental impact, the industrial processes, employment scenario in the industries, the precautions one should take and the quality controls in place. It also helped students to comprehend the logistics of profit-making and the choice of a location taking the easy availability of raw material and labor into consideration.

It was observed that in Silvassa the availability of raw material was easy as there is an abundance of fuel, woods, ceramic, silicon, iron ore, suitable geographical conditions and cheap labor supply to start an industry. Paper work and licensing regulations are also minimal as the government is industry friendly. The local populace prefers to work in the industries as a means of livelihood for reasonable wages. Due to these advantages quite a number of big industries are located here and are churning out decent profits.

To reach Silvassa one can go by bus as it is the easiest way to reach there. The journey from Mumbai



(Dadar station) to Silvassa (La Heritage hotel) is approximately five hours travel. Silvassa is a place of tourist attraction for its natural beauty, in spite of so many industries and the resultant pollution. Silvassa's beautiful forest with its share of flora and fauna serves as a refreshing variation from the concrete jungle we inhabit.

The institute had taken special permission from the industries for our students to visit. We first reached Tata Voltas, a reputed manufacturing unit that produces quality air conditioners, cooling agents, refrigerators. They make their machinery eco-friendly with good pollution control checks in place.

The next industry we visited was the Ram Ratan Cables group, which is into the business of manufacturing a variety of cables and connecting wires. There are two branches of this industry; one makes wires and the second checks the quality. The other is named as Ram Ratan Shranik. Students saw the wires being made here, the insulation, heating, and coating of copper wires. They make different

color wires for different voltages. For example: red color wire is for high voltage, black, yellow color wires are mainly used for neutral connection. The wires are tested by experts who check the resistance of a wire, its breakdown voltages, saturation point any many more aspects. And after seeing the result they give a specific color to the wire which determines how much voltage it can withstand without damaging it.

The final industry in our visit was a power generation industry. It was the largest industry we have ever seen. They make generators which work on diesel. Their eco friendly generators are so calm that they don't make any noise while they are running. Though expensive, they are very reliable.

The overall information students acquired from this visit was that industries like Tata Voltas and Ram Ratan Cables are examples for the young generation to prove how industries starting from nothing have now reached millions of homes. Such educational visits are a great value addition to knowledge acquisition, break the monotony of a regular routine and make learning an enjoyable experience.

—Rumeli Sharma
Vidyalankar Polytechnic

Champions League T20 Victory for ‘Aamchi’ Mumbai Indians!

The third edition of Champions League T20 was like watching the cult Sylvester Stallone's Rocky series. It had all the necessary ingredients of an underdog blockbuster. It was an exciting mix of the Australian and African brutality, the flair from Caribbean, the expertise of the subcontinent teams and the exuberance of the English County teams. The tournament began with certain heavy weight teams like Chennai Super Kings, Cape Cobras, New South Wales Blues and South Australian Redbacks as clear-cut favorites. But ultimately the injury-depleted, second string and the virtually weakest team on paper, the Mumbai Indians rose like a victorious phoenix from its own ashes.

Sachin, Rohit and Munaf- the three key players for MI in the year's IPL were ruled out due to injury. To make matters worse, Mumbai didn't have enough domestic players on the bench. A special allowance was made for Mumbai to play 5 foreign players-one more than the accepted number. In the absence of Mumbai's inspirational captain, spin wizard Harbhajan took over the mantle of captaincy. The MI team line-up clearly missed some much needed match winners. The only bankable option left with MI was the highly skilled think tank consisting of Sachin, Robin Singh, Jonty Rhodes and Shaun Pollock.

The very first match for MI was against their IPL arch rivals Chennai Super Kings. Considering the records of the past encounters, only a madman would bet on Mumbai for a win. But, the impossible became possible as a highly charged MI restricted CSK to 160. At one time MI were reeling at 85 for 6 in the twelfth over and were definitely heading towards a huge loss. But, Mumbai's Lasith Malinga- the Slinger from Sri Lanka had other plans. He came out to bat like a man on a mission. He outwitted all of Dhoni's



plans and field placements and dispatched the yellow brigade on all parts of the ground. His heroic cameo of 37 from a mere 18 balls could silence a sea of CSK fans. Malinga, famous for his stinger missile like Yorkers had shown how highly capable he is with the willow in his hand as he single-handedly won a crucial opening match for Mumbai.

The MI-CSK match changed the entire dynamics of the tournament. A second string MI team had blown away CSK like a rampaging tornado. Exuding confidence, MI achieved a thrilling last ball victory against Trinidad and Tobago. Chasing a low total of 98, Mumbai had got caught in a rut in the run chase. Yuzvendra Chahal, the spirited youngster from Haryana scored the vital winning runs in a high pressure situation and got the team home. Mumbai took on Cape Cobras and gave a highly professional executed with clinical precision. But a spell of rain caused the match to be abandoned. Due to the inconsistencies of other teams in their group, Mumbai comfortably reached the semifinal.

Carrying the momentum from the group stage, Mumbai faced Somerset in the semifinal. Like Mumbai, Somerset had clawed their way through

the tough qualifying and group stages. Mumbai posted 160 runs batting first with major contributions from Blizzard, Pollard and R. Sathish. Somerset had a disastrous start losing Trego in the first Malinga over. Kieswetter and Hildreth tried to steady the ship, but every Malinga over was causing havoc for Somerset. Malinga's bowling figures of 4/20 sealed a comfortable win for Mumbai. From a team tormented with injury, Mumbai had come a long way fighting the odds.

Mumbai were to face its fellow IPL team the Royal Challengers Bangalore in the final. Unlike Mumbai, Bangalore had virtually powered their way to the top solely on their batting prowess. Likes of Dilshan, Gayle and Kohli made up for the erratic and run leaking RCB bowling. Mumbai somehow managed to score 140 runs batting first in that all important final. The highly inconsistent Bangalore bowling had turned a corner and provided an inspired performance. But, the crumbling, dusty Chepauk pitch is in no way similar to the batting paradise at Bangalore. Except for Dilshan, all of Bangalore's maverick stroke makers struggled. Harbhajan bowled an inspiring captain's spell picking up three vital wickets. Malinga, Nechhim and Chahal also picked up wickets hardly giving any runs. The Mumbai bowlers had choked the All-powerful RCB batting line-up with some really accurate bowling.

Malinga bagged the Man of the Series award for his menacing bowling and his match-winning heroics with the bat. The Nokia Champions League is Mumbai Indians' first ever silverware. They opposed all odds, overcame all the injury-related problems and came together as a team to be crowned as the Champions.

—Swapneel Chitale,
BE ETRX



GUESS WHO?!

Do you know who the person in the picture is? Mail us your response on vector@vidyalankar.org, and you could be the winner of an exciting prize!

The correct answer to "Guess Who?!" in Vector, September issue is the renowned Nobel Peace Prize (1991) awardee Aung San Suu Kyi. A Burmese opposition politician, Suu Kyi was placed under house arrest by the Military Dictatorship in Burma for almost 15 years for her pro-democratic peaceful struggle for human rights. Her house arrest term finally came to an end on 13 November 2010.

Thank you readers for all your overwhelming responses! Congratulations to Ganga Joshi, the lucky winner!

Young guns kick off Manchester United rejuvenation

Since the time Sir Matt Busby had taken over Manchester United in 1945, the club has been in the papers for several good, bad and tragic reasons. As the Club's stunning performance in the current season is making headlines and numerous records, it's making me and more than 19 million fans around the world more than just proud of our favourite club. After facing retirement of the last two of the '92 batch Paul Scholes and Gary Neville and goalkeeper Edwin Van Der Sar, Manchester United was eyeing many players in this summer transfer window. Selling an experienced defender like Wes Brown and buying in players like Davis De Gea (21m), Ashley Young (18m) and Phil Jones with very little experience, it seemed that the team will have a troubled season this year.

The first match of the season, the FA Cup Finals, a Manchester derby, seemed impossible but the young guns handled it well and won the cup. And thus was scripted one of the



best starts in English Premier League history. Marching past West Bromwich Albion and Tottenham, the third match, against the team's arch rivals Arsenal was another crucial match. The team registered 8-2 win over Arsenal drawing attention of the world to this new young team.

With an important striker like Javier Hernandez (Chicharito) injured earlier

this season, Danny Welbeck grabbed this opportunity to make it to the starting line-up and score for the team. Wayne Rooney, considered to be in his best form this season, went to score two hat-tricks right in the beginning of the season. Ashley Young, wearing the heavy-weight no. 18 jersey has shouldered his responsibilities well this season. Another new player Tom Cleverley was given a raise in his paycheck and offered a new contract last week after his amazing performances this season. With Sir Ryan Giggs not making the starting line-up this season, Nani took up the position in a very efficient way. Playing very well in the Premier League, the club has had a not-so-great start in the UEFA Champions League. Drawing their matches against FC Basel and Benfica, Manchester United has still a long way to go in the Champions League this season. We continue to cheer enthusiastically for the Red Devils!

—Jasraj Pethe
SE Computers (1), VIT

VISIT SCHOLARS DAY