

Stand Up, India!



From tax exemption to start-ups for three years, easier paperworks to faster exits the government should be given its due appreciation. A few reforms such as -

- *Innovation focused program focused for students* - a program initiated to target school kids with an outreach to 10 lakh innovations from 5 lakh schools
- A Grand Challenge Program (National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations) to support and award INR10 lakhs to 20 student innovations from Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centres
- To promote entrepreneurship in biotechnology, 5 new bio clusters, 50 new bio incubators, 150 technology transfer offices and 20 bio connect offices will be established



The Indian startup programs will equip entrepreneurs to venture into new start-ups, run technically advanced companies, help existing start-ups and seek funding. Having an appetite for risks and adventures is ideal for an entrepreneur as Modi said in his speech, “We need a psychological change in the mind of the youth to change the mentality from job seeker to job creator.” The Government should be applauded for their positive intent.

From the Editor’s Desk

Yet again, I’m bestowed with the utmost privilege to address young minds and reach out, an attempt to leave my mark. This power, this ability to inspire with your words and actions, the possibility that you might change something forever—we all are owners of such infinite potential. The trick is to identify the opportunity and seize it while you can.

Inspire, innovate, intermingle—answer the knocking door and let the science of life sway you into its grandeur. I was delighted to witness the growth of Synapse, the working committee and the students throughout the last year. I see bubbling enthusiasm and a galore of ideas wonderfully united with team work. How little things amount to seemingly great changes shall always continue to amuse me.

Bringing to you, Stomata 1.2, a space to exchange ideas and experiences. Together, we are a strong tree with extended roots and branching leaves, opening up to the world in all ways possible. Lets grow together! Signing off,

Pallavi Raj Sharma



Voice for BT

On 25th September'15, "Voice for BT", a public speaking contest was organized jointly by Novozymes, BioSpectrum and Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE). In all 29 speakers took part enthraling the audience with their powerful visions and an impressive range of ideas and facts on some major issues that need immediate attention such as importance of cleaner environment and role of biotech, application of agricultural biotech in food nutrition, importance of wastes to energy. Participants put their best foot forward with every speech being followed by thunderous applauds.

The honourable judges' chair consisted of eminent people from the field of biotechnology : Mr. Narayan Suresh, editor-in-chief Biospectrum; Mr. Sidwakar Rao; Dr. Sameer Gupta; Mr. Mark Jonwall, head of Research and Development, Novozymes; and Mr. G.S Krishnan, regional president, Novozymes. The participants were judged by the able chair and after a thorough evaluation, Ms. Prateeksha Kaul of MIET, Meerut emerged as the winner. She had marshalled her arguments vividly and in an impressive manner. There were two runners up, Ms. Harmandeep Kaur from S.D. College, Chandigarh and Ms. Merlit Matthews from Amity University, Jaipur. The winner got a cash prize of `25,000 and a three-month internship at Novozymes facility.

Cidering 3.0

Cidering 3.0, a legacy of sorts, was organized by Synapse beginning on September 26th and ending on October 16th, 2015. A lecture eliciting the entire process was organized by the team and all the teams performed the production of wine, starting with selection of the fruit and ending with bottling the wine. Mr. Girish Minocha, CEO of Minchy's industries shared his experiences in the field of science and gave his gracious presence by judging the event. Students participated very enthusiastically in the event, different themes were put up by the participants along with detailed data sheets. The judges were quite impressed by everyone, but the best wine in taste, texture and presentation was the fermented product of Shreya Goel Aakansha Saroha and Aviral Saini & Ishita Sharma were runners up.





Welcome to the Family!

Synapse welcomed the freshers with open arms and much hospitality during the installation ceremony of the session 2015-16. The gathering was addressed by Dr. Saurabh Bansal, faculty in-charge, Dr. R.S. Chauhan, Dean, Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics and Brig. Balbir Singh. Their words surely inspired every individual. Followed by a humorous skit performed by the 2nd and 3rd year members, the meeting concluded with tea and refreshments and an interaction session.



.. And Farewell! PLACEMENTS 2016 BATCH

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PRIYANKA KAPIL	BT	Infosys
AYUSHI ARORA	BT	Infosys
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YASHIKA SAMA	BT	Cognizant
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ICXA KHANDELWAL	BI	Cognizant & Infosys & Roots Analysis
ABHISHEK SHARMA	BI	Infosys
ADARSH SANKHYAN	BI	Cognizant & Infosys
SHUBHAM THAKUR	BI	Cognizant & Infosys
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