

# THE IISU REWIND

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## REWIND LAUNCH

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The first alumnae newsletter *The IISU Rewind* was launched on the last day of the ICG Fest 2013 "Cosmos" by our very own alumnae.

The newsletter is a part of the "Bandhan" association of The IIS University which strives to bring the past and the present together.

The association believes that once a student is a part of The IISU family, she remains an integral part for thereafter. It inspires the ex-students to participate in activities of the University and present themselves as role-models to the present batches. Alumnae are encouraged to associate with their alma mater twice a year- once for an Annual Dance Party and then for an Alumnae Meet cum Get Together to renew old ties. The ex-students who made the college reach its brilliant status, will now be able to keep in touch with the college and their fellow mates. Issues of this newsletter will contain all the latest news about the campus, extra-curricular activities, upcoming events and personal and professional achievements of ex-batches. Also, every issue will feature a star alumna, highlighting their life after ICG. Canteens, campus, teachers, activities, friends and fun were all part of our experience at ICG and now all that and more could be re-lived through this new venture.

The e-print of first issue of *The IISU Rewind* can be downloaded from the university website - <http://iisuniv.ac.in/resources/bandhan>



## "ABHIVYAKTI EK PRAYAAS"

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An art opening at an art gallery has always been a momentous occasion. The atmosphere is festive; the art is fresh and new. Everyone, from the artists to the exhibition coordinators, are optimistic. The inauguration of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition 2013 -2014 "ABHIVYAKTI- EK PRAYAAS" was celebrated on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February and was held till 22<sup>nd</sup> February at the Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur. The chief guest for the occasion was Shri Manoj Bhatt, IPS, Director General Police.

Shri Manoj said, "It is a proud day for artists as well as art lovers that such an event is organised". It indeed turned out to be a great platform for the budding artists of The IISU for their hard work was appreciated by one and all. The event was presided over by the Head and Additional Head of the Visual Arts Department Dr. Mahesh Singh and Mr. Shwet Goel.

Reactions from the art aficionados as well as the general public was overwhelmingly positive. A large number of students visited the exhibition and they were very enthusiastic about the beautiful works of art. They responded emotionally and intellectually for these art

forms were so beautifully depicted that their symbolism was seen differently by each individual. Chatting, clicking of photographs, nostalgic recountings all combined to give a festive feel to the opening.

The works on display were discussed and the different perspectives and dimensions of art were analyzed which varied from 'Illustration', 'Head Study', 'Photography', 'Etching Print' and 'Mosaic', 'Magazine Ad', 'POP Design', to 'Caricature'.

The exhibition showcased the works of artists from the B.V.A and M.V.A course of the college. Nikita Verma, Pooja Soni, Sanskriti Jain, Aparna Hatwal, Aashu Chawla, Alpana Rai, Shreya Patodia, Shivangi Karnawat, Disha Jain Saloni Dasot, Saloni Surana, Sharddha Thakur, Shreya Godawat, Rashmi Soni, Neha Verma, Neelakshi Saxena, Reena Sharma, Taruna Chanchlani and Yashika Jain were among the student-artists who participated in the programme.





## ANNUAL PLAY

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The theatrical society of The IIS University began its humble journey with small entries in cultural functions in Fresher and Thank You parties in 2001 to a tremendous performance of its annual play "The Little Angel" at Jawahar Kala Kendra in 2012. The society has been very active and has bagged numerous positions in colleges like Kanoria, Xavier, BIT, MNIT and LNMIIT.

On January 20, 2014, the student committee of the theatrical society performed a nautanki "Nar-Nari Thankoo Baba Lochan Das" written by Nag Bodas at Ravindra Manch. The play was directed by Anita Pradhan along with Neeraj Kadela as assistant director and Shweta Ahluwalia as the workshop coordinator. 35 students participated and the play was performed after a dedicated training of 4 weeks through a workshop.



Week 1 and 2 of the workshop included some interactive exercises and

warm-up activities. These exercises helped the students in improving their acts and dialogues. Week 3 and 4 was when the real work started. The students learned their parts in the play and worked on bringing out the best in their character. The teachers guided them and chiseled their acting skills.

The play revolved round the tradition of the village, where on the name of Baba Lochandas, males of the village dress-up & behave like women. The main idea of the play lies in the fact that every male has a part of femininity and every female has a side of masculinity. This play highlights the in-depth relationship of a male and female, love, selfishness and ebb & flow of emotions. The play had a unique comic flavour and some scenes were influenced by the "Nautanki" form which added humour. Folk songs of the play increased the beauty of the production and added melody to the melodrama. It received a very good response from the audience and the participant were congratulated on doing a brilliant job on the play.



## ENTREPRENEURIAL VENTURE "With Care..."

Ayushi Sharma, BCS  
Sonali Kabra, B.Com (H)

"It helps when you help others  
...!coz anyone can make a difference..."



Presently working as Post Graduate Teacher at Mayo College, Ajmer, counseling at Rashtriya Military School, Ajmer; working as counseling supervisor at Saksham, NACO cooperation and handling the duties of being a founding director of an NGO WithCare, Ms. Kavita Bhargava, our prodigy is adroit, adept and ingenious. Majoring in Psychology with a gold medal in the year 2008 from our very own IIS University. She was also a star player in the college Volleyball team. She has a diverse working experience which includes teaching Psychology, Management, English, and Personality Development Programme. She has also conducted various seminars, workshops and courses on topics related to psychology. Because of her high self-esteem and continuous self-motivation she has presented papers in various streams: Psychology, Children and Crime; Love, Youth and Mental Imbalance; SHG's: Empowering Women etc. The entrepreneur in her gives her a dynamic personality. To add to her dynamic personality; Ms. Bhargava is a life-time member of Indian Academy of Applied Psychology, a teacher affiliate in American Psychological Association since 2010, and a professional member of Rajasthan Psychology Academy since 2011. Presently, she is pursuing Ph.D. in Psychology and Certificate Course in NGO Management.

Ms. Kavita established her own NGO WithCare in the year 2010. Keeping a wide perception of bolstering mental health and spreading love to the environment, she is driven by the objective of altogether

betterment of the community. Her organisation, WithCare conducts various campaigns dedicated to health awareness, sanitation and hygiene. They have successfully solved issues like relationships, depression, concentration problems, family hostility, low self image, lack of concentration and suicidal orge cases which critically affect the youth today. Presently WithCare focuses on Palliative care for cancer survivors and HIV positive people. Truly her service towards humanity and nature knows no bounds. Her NGO has 3 crusades:

- UMMEED, a help line encouraging mental health and providing emotional support to those in need,
- KARUNA, mainly focuses on teaching, community service and vocational training for women and children below the poverty line,
- UMANG, for eco-friendly and dedicated attention to Mother Earth.

She strongly believes and works by the code, "It helps when you help others, 'coz anyone can make a difference."

Ms. Kavita Bhargava proves to be a woman with simple living yet modern thinking, a person with strong beliefs, a true guide and a trustworthy friend.

We extend our adulation and wish her the very best for her NGO and future.



Fashion like everything else in life, evolves.

This brings us to The IISU Annual Fashion Show. A combination of novel ideas and designs that were for some an INSPIRATION while for others, an ASPIRATION. The journey started with a collection about high fashion, fusing fairy tales, with traditional Indian sensibilities in the shape of the Lehanga, designed by Aksha Agarwal.

"It's not a cry for help, nor is it a roar of wrath, But a soft breath of new born life, an Act of CREATION." This was the idea behind Ayushee Chawda's the Star of the Show collection.

Called "CREATIVE RESSURECTION" which is a call for women all over the world, not to drape themselves in a shroud of shame but to challenge the controversies as an uprising flame.

This starling night continued with the glimmering collection by Shaguita Ali Saiyyad called STARLIGHT, STARBRIGHT bringing the essence of delicate



creations  
FIFTH ANNUAL FASHION SHOW  
2014

Sanskriti Sharma  
B.A. (Hons.) Sem II

silver combined with pure glimmer of diamonds shaping them together in rich Exquisite gowns. The next collection called MIDAS TOUCH combined today's style with the ancient Greek mythology of Midas transforming the whole stage literally to gold. The fairy tale stories of Red riding hood brought us back to childhood, while The ANTIPODES collection left us entranced with its unique combination of fashion and architecture that reminded us of THE LOTUS TEMPLE and THE MONTE LEONE.

The fashion show was a picture perfect combination of fragility, delicacy and beauty to the point of being surreal, transporting the audience to a unique world of glamour and glitz.

## Palki Sharma Upadhyay

Stutie Sharma, BA (P)  
Bharti Sethi, B.Com (H)

Skilful, ambitious and talented, Mrs. Palki Sharma Upadhyay has all the feathers in her cap. Graduating from The IIS University in the year 2003. Palki completed her Masters in Journalism and Mass Communication from Delhi University. She became one of the founding crew members of CNN-IBN, and has been working with Network 18 since 2005. She has been associated with Hindustan Times and Doordarshan. Palki hosts the morning news with Tracy Shilshi. For CNN-IBN viewers, she is synonymous with the evening primetime show, Good Evening India. She was award for the best news reader in 2007. Palki doubles up as a copy editor and also helps in the network's social media outreach. She has anchored and produced the award winning show, News 360.

Besides her professional life, she is very active on Twitter and frequently updates followers with her views and breaking news. She is pro-people and advocates strongly in favor of equality. She adds some elements of fun in her news presentations which makes it interesting. In 2008, Sharma married Sanket Upadhyay, a Times Now news reporter. She has two kids. Also an avid reader, admits to being a foodie, speaks French and wishes to run a marathon and kick box. She currently resides in Delhi.

During The IISU annual function Virasat 2014, she addressed the audience and advised the, to appreciate what has been given to them, and make the most of this phenomenal university. Despite all her achievements and accolades, Mrs. Palki Sharma Upadhyay remains a humble and a down to earth person.



A two day Media fest 'Vividha-2014' was organized on 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> February by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at The IIS University. The inaugural ceremony for the fest was held on 4<sup>th</sup> February at the A.V. Hall. The Chief Guest of the day Shri Narendra Kohli, an eminent name in the world of Hindi Literature, was welcomed by the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ashok Gupta and Rector & Registrar, Dr. Raakhi Gupta. Dr. Ashok Gupta in his welcome address emphasized the blend of culture and modernity while Shri Kohli enlightened everyone with his words of wisdom. After the formal welcome note, prizes were distributed to the winners of various competitions that were previously held.

Chrysolis, the e-cell showcased 25 stalls on campus at the "Student Bazar" which gained tremendous response from students as well as staff members.

The two day festival had a wide ranging programmes such as "Manthan" (panel discussion), "Pen-it-Down" (creative writing competition), RJ Mania, Pixels (photography competition), Ad-Mad, "Cut" (Film making competition), "Tamasha-Nukkad Natak" and "Budding Journalistic Competition".

Students participation and excitement was at its peak as various interesting events were conducted throughout the fest.

Dr Ashok Gupta congratulated the winners and appreciated them for showcasing their talent in the various spheres of journalism. Dr. Raakhi Gupta gave the vote of thanks.

## VIVIDHA Media Fest 2014

Shubhangi Jain  
BA (Hons.) II

We must welcome the future remembering that soon it will be the past. We must respect the past remembering that it was once all that was humanly possible.



Priyanka Sharma, BA Eng Hons, Sem II

more, which was organised at the college campus.

The special guests of Honour of this mega event were Mr. Rajat Sharma, founder of Hindi news channel INDIA TV, one of the youngest editor in the print media, and Mrs. Palki Sharma, Sr. Desk Editor of channel CNN-IBN and the alumnae of our college. The function began with the cultural dance that emphasised the heritage of our country, this was followed by Prize Distribution ceremony in which prizes were distributed by Mr. Rajat Sharma to all the champions of our institute. Mr. Rajat Sharma gave a highly motivational speech after the prize distribution.

The night of entertainment continued with the preview of flashback of the successful journey of our university,

Time passes yet the old traditions and customs are still the same, they still have those beautiful colours just like the ones present in the 'RAINBOW'. They have been sparkling just like the polar star which does not lose its brightness in any season. We value our intellectual capital and nurture it through a perfect blend of the traditional as well as contemporary ways for comprehensive development. So this year The IIS University, presented Virasat, carrying forward the legacy to that extreme of heights where it pours out its beautiful culture through its grand annual function comprising of dances, fashion show and many



## IISU's Upcoming Events

Farewell : 12 April 2014  
NAAC Inspection : 21 to 24 April 2014

followed by a ravishing fashion show which was a fusion of modern and traditional culture. The function ended with few more dance and singing performances. The event was conducted with great fanfare and the hardwork of the college faculty and students turned out to be fruitful.



## FACULTY ALUMNAE

Savi Bansal, B.Com (H)

“Give all you have, this is the beginning.  
Give all you do, this is the way.  
Give all you are, this is fulfillment.”



Neha Tiwari

Believing in the above quoted lines Ms. Neha Tiwari, Sr. Asst. Professor, IT Department, The IISU considers her time at ICG as the most valuable experience, both as a student and as a teacher. She completed her M.Phil. from Annamalai University, Chennai and is currently pursuing Ph.D from The IIS University. She witnessed the transition of the college from being an Autonomous college to a deemed University, which is a one-of-its-kind and rare experience. She thinks that it gave her the kind of growth that people can only hope for and also this experience has turned her into a wiser, stronger, and better individual. Having a 12 year experience in teaching. she believes in giving a combination of both practical and theoretical knowledge. Theoretical description is required to make one comfortable with the subject but the practical proves its worth and gives freedom to experiment and invest.

It was been always her dream to achieve great heights in her career and she thanks ICG for helping her to realize it. She has been working as a teacher from 2003, joining ICG in 2005. Her jolly nature casts a beautiful relationship between student and teacher and students enjoy learning with her.

We feel delighted and proud to have such an alumna who is polishing the future of her students and leading by example.



Ruchi, Saurabh & Shaaranya

# Congrats !



Tanvi Gaur & Abhimanyu



Mansi Seth



Shagun Karwasara



Aditi Gupta & Rachit



Bhawna & Vikalp Palliwal



Ruby Maheshwari



I am a proud ex-student of the IISU. I feel extremely glad to inform that I could clear all the levels including CS Finals satisfactorily in a single attempt with the help and guidance provided by the college through the course called B.Com (Hons.) Professional CS (without any extra coaching!). Credit goes to the faculty and their commitment towards imparting knowledge. Hoping to meet all the faculty at the convocation ceremony.

C.S. Shubhanshi Jain, First batch of B.Com (Hons.) 2013

THOSE WERE THE BEST DAYS OF MY LIFE  
*"IIS UNIVERSITY-A place where dreams come true..  
Where I was given wings to fly in the sky; 'Blue'..  
There was laughter and cheers around..  
Best people of my life I found..  
Smile never left my face..  
It will always hold a special place.  
A chapter that's going to be close to my heart..  
I want to live it all again and again from the start.."*

Anjali Motwani

B.Com (Pass) 2009 & M.Com 2012 (Business Studies)



When I go down memory lane to my college days it reminds me of 3 years full of joy, happiness and beautiful memories. The biggest adaption of one's life is in moving to college from high school. IIS University was a stepping stone of my life. It is an excellent example of right passage. All my teachers and their valuable teachings have left a special place in my heart and mind.

Varsha Aggarwal, B.Com (Hons.) Batch -2012

Currently studying in a co-ed college I have realised girls colleges bring the best out of a girl leading her to have a persona to be a class lady. Being in ICG I not only developed my academics and communication skills, but overall I realised every girl is beautiful creation of god to achieve the best in her life in this male dominated country. I will always miss ICG as the best part of my life and those girls are blessed who'll be a part of it.

Shivali Choudhary, B.Com(Hons.), Batch -2012



## MBA EXECUTIVE COURSE

Purvai Soni , B.Sc

An MBA helps you polish your leadership, managerial and communication skills to climb up to various levels of hierarchy in an organisation. The IIS University provides an MBA Executive (Part time) course which is a three year course for working executives. It is a part time dual specialization course meant for male and female professionals, helping them get a better understanding and grasp over areas such as human resource, marketing, international business, IT and finance. It also enables the individual to pursue a PhD. The course has a revised and updated content with specially selected core faculty. This programme is not a distance learning course and is available for only those who have graduated (50%) from a recognized university along with a minimum of two years of work experience after graduation. Since it is a specifically designed for professionals, classes are held in evenings (6 pm to 8 pm) at IIIM Mansarovar, Jaipur.

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