

CAMPUS BEATS

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EDITOR SPEAK

Why should boys have all the fun?

The main ground which was out of bounds to girls previously is now open to them with the launch of the Frisbee game. With both boys and girls allowed to participate in this game, the previous 'no girls in the ground', enforced by the security guards, has now been lifted. Many students, especially girls, who have repeatedly raised this issue of being not allowed entry into the ground, are now relieved and happy. This game comes as an opportunity for girls who want to prove that they shouldn't just be restricted to hostels.

Lets hope this trend continues for a long time.



A rare photo opportunity with Satguru Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, spiritual guide to millions and Chancellor of our university, The beaming ones are the first year MA students of Amrita School of Communication and the faculties who accompanied them. The trip to her ashram in Amritapuri was a memorable one for the students.

Aalap: A Symphony of Ragas





In search of the next Anand...

6th October started off with the best and brightest minds from the south zone gathering at Amrita University. The South Zone Inter University Chess (men and women) Tournament organized by the Physical Education department took place over the period of five days. Students from over 60 universities participated in the event, including four international players. The presence of international arbiters made the event more special and competitive for the participants.

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University bids adieu to the Registrar

Krishnanunni R/ CBN

Amrita University bid adieu to its first registrar, S. Krishnamurthy at University Campus, Ettimadai on 11th of September.

A grand farewell party was organized at Amrita University guest house to felicitate the first registrar of Amrita University. "S. Krishnamurthy is a person who builds team spirit, makes people competent and creates a good communication protocol" said Dean of Engineering, Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan.

S. Krishnamurthy joined Amrita Institute of Technology as one of the board managers in 1994. In 1996, he came in contact with Prof. Sanjay Banerjee, 1st chairperson in Amrita Institute of Management (later Amrita School of Manage-

ment) and in 1997, Mr. Krishnamurthy spent one year as visiting faculty in AIM. "Mr. Krishnamurthy has a spiritual guide who has guided him in relating Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa Saradadevi and Mata Amritandamayi Devi" said Prof. Sanjay Banerjee.

S. Krishnamurthy became the first registrar in the year 2003 when Amrita was recognized as a university. From there on Mr. Krishnamurthy has been a great administrator who is one of the reasons for all the achievements made by Amrita University, from converting what was a barren land to the greenery of knowledge what we see today.

Mr. Krishnamurthy is a strong follower of Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi who has been a great guide to achieving the goal of making Amrita

University, one of the leading universities in South India. Mr. Krishnamurthy never compromised the standard of research papers published and had introduced many formulas favoring students and researchers in the university.

Mr. Krishnamurthy has been well acclaimed as a good administrator, teacher, guide and friend. Amrita University is expecting his valuable presence as a great mentor again in the campus.

"Students should be different from others and do something for the progress of the society and also be technically competent and sensitive to the environment" said Mr. Krishnamurthy. He wants this to be kept as a valuable message in each student's life.

Shristi relaunches 'Quizkreig' with promise

Aromal S P/CBN

The relaunch of Quizkreig was received positively by the quizzing community in the campus. The first event post re-launch attracted more than 100 participants across departments.

Quizkreig which is the quizzing wing of the literary club Shristi, has a renewed look with the selection of the new student coordinators.

Puneet J Bagreecha, Gowtham Sivasamy and Anoop Sai Chowdary of Mechanical, Gangatharan M of Chemical,

Srinath R and Sundar of Electronics and Communication, Vivekanandan T and Hari Krishna from Electronics and Instrumentation departments have taken it upon themselves to kick-start the dormant Quizkreig.

The first event by the new team was a Sports and Entertainment Quiz held on 15th September. Quizkreig plans to conduct four more quizzes in the upcoming months on topics varying from Cartoons to Business.

"Quizkreig believes in explor-

ing the world of knowledge and ideas for overall personal growth of the individual and the community at large" said Puneet, a student coordinator.

"The questions were simple but the way it was set is what made it different from the other quizzes I have so far attended" said a participant who preferred to be unnamed.

"Greed for knowledge is good, and Quizkreig is designed to appreciate all facets of knowledge" said Gangatharan M, another student coordinator.

'Frisbee' Team with Olympics in Mind

Rohan R Pillai/CBN

Amrita has announced the inclusion of Frisbee in the list of sports played in the campus and is gearing up for the launch of the new team which will represent the college in various tournaments.

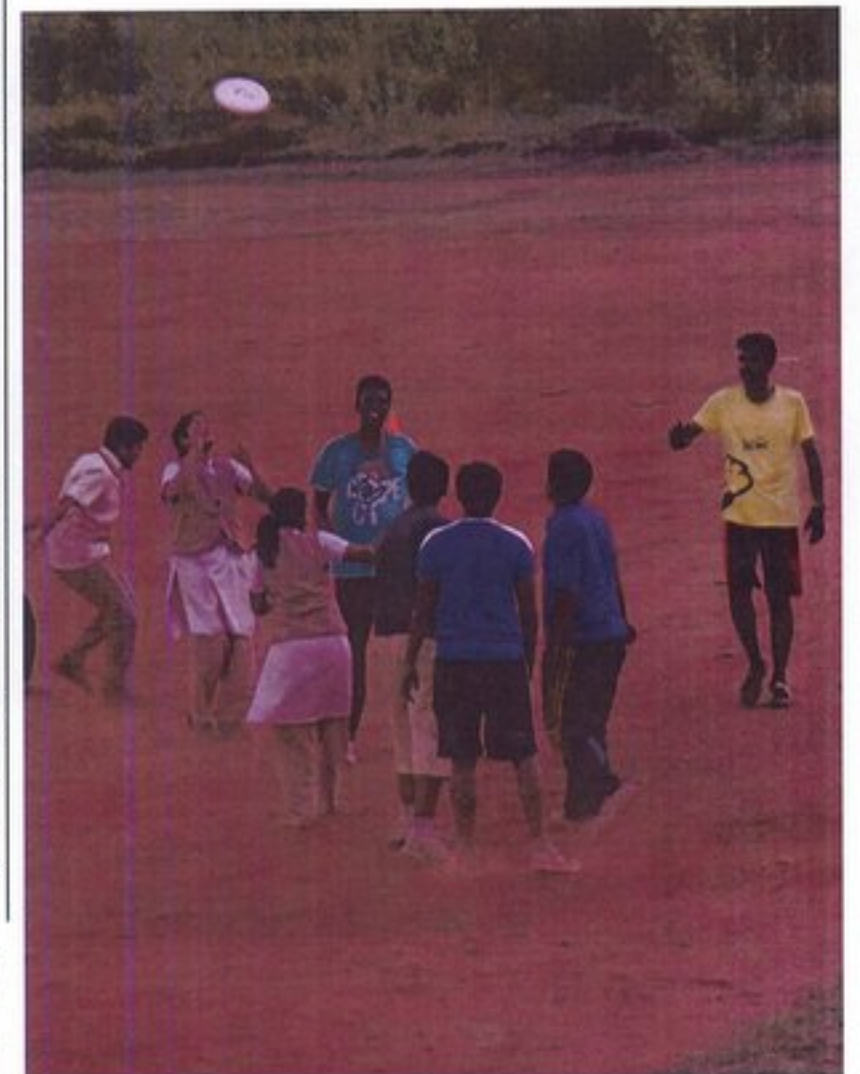
Dr. O.J. Kumaresan, Director, Physical Education Department said, "This is a good opportunity for the budding sportspersons to represent the country in the Olympics since the sport has been added recently in the Olympics".

According to him, this sport can be utilized as basic training for all the major sports like Basketball, Handball and Volleyball as it incorporates the techniques used for these sports. "Another advantage with Frisbee is that there is no age or gender restriction".

"The sport has been growing ever since the time it was first played in the United States of America. A total of 62 countries now play the sport at a competitive level, which

has led to its inclusion in the Olympic Games. Frisbee is also one of the few games which minimises gender differences in sports, as the game requires the number of men and women playing in a team to be in the ratio 4:3", said Sriram, Captain of the College Frisbee Team. He feels that this sport is usually considered as a means of passing time by many, but in reality, it takes a lot of effort and practice to play it perfectly.

The team is planning to represent the college in a tournament which is to be held at Pondicherry early next year. According to Sriram, it is very important to get as much as exposure as possible so that they learn new aspects of the sport and get prepared to play against any team. He also says that the future of his team depends on the number of tournaments they play. He is confident that his team will live up to his expectations



Catch That: Frisbee team during their practise session at the ground PC: Sreeraj T

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Convocation 2015: A Proud Moment for Amrita Graduates



Road Ahead: Students are seen ecstatic after their convocation Pc: Sreeraj T

Subbalakshmi/CBN

The 9th Convocation ceremony held on Sep 7th for the graduates of Amrita University, saw Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Science and Technology and Mr. N Chandrasekaran, CEO and Managing Director of Tata Consultancy Services, as the guests of honour. The ceremony began with the benedictory address

by Swami Ramakrishnanda Puri, Treasurer of Amma's Ashram followed by Dr. P Venkat Rangan, Pro Chancellor who presented the annual report. Mr. N Chandrasekaran then shared his views of why Amrita University stands out from other varsities in the state. He also said that the students from Amrita excel because they are not only taught education but warmth and compassion.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan spoke on the importance of morals in life. He said, one should always perform his duties with sincerity and dedication and that karma will take care of the rest. "Societal changes can be brought about only through reformation in education systems and it is values that will help the society to sustain", he added. During this mega event, 5036 degrees were awarded to

graduate students from all the eight campuses. The students who excelled in academics were given gold and silver medals.

It was a great evening that witnessed the joy of not only the graduates but also their parents as the students completed their first feet in their career graph and were preparing to face many more in future with courage and values that they have inculcated.

"THERE IS NO GENIUS WITHOUT A MIXTURE OF MADNESS"

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