

Monthly Newsletter From the Students of PSGIAS

LAUNCH OF PERCEPTION

The official newsletter of PSGIAS was launched on 5th of Aug by Dr.V. Raju, Dr. Wolfgang Schrott from the HoF

University, Germany, and director Mr. P.Radhakrishan. This was followed by appointing the Chairmen, Secretary and other members of



the council. In his talk, Dr. Schrott expressed his views on the future of transportation and the need for us to adopt to the ever changing world, while Mr. Raju and Mr. Radhakrishan.P has appointed members of the "ambigeiz" club and appreciated the work by the students of PSGIAS in coming up with the newsletter.

CONFERENCE ON SOLAR CELLS

The 4th PSG-CNSE Seminar series on Solar Energy Systems, Innovations and Business Entrepreneurship was held on 18th and 19th of August 2016. The event was moderated by an experienced International Advisory committee that includes Dr.

Pradeep Haldar from SUNY Polytechnic Albany, Dr. W.S. Sampath from Colorado State University, Dr. R.Chitra from TNEB. This



program concentrated on the current trends and problems faced in Solar installations, business opportunities in solar energy and new trends in solar energy systems. The panel discussion was moderated by Mr. K.E. Raghunathan which is followed by the Valedictory function. The event was well received among industrialists and students.



NATIONAL CONFRENCE

The Coimbatore District Small Scale Industries Association (Codissia), in association with the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M), organized a two-day national conference on energy and environment in

September. The event was an integral part of ELECTROTEC, a four-day international fair for electrical and electronic industries. ELECTROTEC, a platform for electrical and electronic industries to exhibit their products, was held from September 15-18, while the conference on energy and environment was organized on 16th and 17th. The conference saw experts, scientists, researchers and students from premiere educational and research institutions.

DISTINCT EDUCATION IN THE USA



Ms.Britney from the George Washington University spoke to the students of 3rd-year from various branches about the courses being offered at the GWU and the requirements for various courses. In her talk, she highlighted how GWU is different from other universities in the US and noted that being just a few blocks away from the white house the university actively takes part in the countries politics and many students are offered an internship at the white house. She also advised the students to avoid errors in the applications and the recommendation letters while

minimum requirement is must. The talk ended with an interactive session between Ms. Britney and the students.

YES+ PROGRAM

A confident beginning helps us to achieve goals in our tracks. Yes+ programme helped us to build a confidence for that confident start. They made us understand that we can indeed control our mind, keep it calm and composed to bring our maximum talents. The beauty of the programme was that we could do all these with not so tuff









day we were able to navigate our mind for the good as we wish. The programme nurtured the child in us that was so instinctive, intuitive and fearless. And most importantly we could make our mind so peaceful through their meditative techniques

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The German Grudge

This is a small shout out to all the new guys starting to learn German, or learning German, and as is to be expected, facing a slight difficulty with it. I too learnt the language, and despite the initial struggles, I was able to overcome certain difficulties and actually attain a decent understanding of the language. That being said, my constant battle with this language is still ongoing, with B2 proving to be fairly debilitating at times.

I can confidently state that German isn't an easy language to learn. It all started with the three genders, and learning the specific gender for each object. As it progressed, I was introduced to this nightmare of a grammatical concept, something that terrorises even those learning higher levels of the language - accusativ. That is just the tip of the iceberg of German grammar. It has boggled countless people, and will continue to do so. German grammar can be a gigantic pain, and at one point, it just seems a lot easier to give up.

I, like most people, faced this issue. German grammar confused me, the vocabulary was a pain to learn, and attempts of understanding the German voice were initially largely unsuccessful. I did question myself repeatedly, "What hellish trap have I gotten myself into?". There was, however, no real alternative. I had chosen this course and this language, and there was no real turning back. The best way to learn German for me was by just using it every day. It was initially simple sentences, all in my mind, trying to frame what I do, into a German sentence. My class strength too was fairly large, with 28 students in one class. This rather limited the time one actually got to actively speak or read out loud in the class, so I just used to sit there, silently reading the text to myself, barely audible to even those next to me. As I read out more of this text, the better sentences I could form, and so it went. I soon realised some simplicities of the language itself. Firstly, the pronunciation wasn't that big a pain. In fact, it was easier to pronounce a new German word correctly as opposed to a new English word, because German words are pronounced in almost exact accordance to the phonetic pronunciation of the letters themselves. Nouns began to make more sense to me, as I saw a link between words. I slowly began to understand German grammar too.

All this doesn't mean German became easy. German was and is still quite hard. But, I did

understand what I have to do to learn the language. I learnt to drop my fears of making mistakes, because I was obviously going to make mistakes. I decided to speak more, and make more mistakes. When I went to Germany for a summer school last month, the difference in one year of learning German was apparent. If German is troubling you, it's only natural. But just a slight amount of regular work can work wonders, and this work will later make you someone who can fluently speak two international languages, a huge plus on your résumé. There is a simple formula, something our director Dr. Radhakrishnan once told -"Read German, Speak German and Think German".



AN ODE TO THE FRESHERS

PSG IAS. Is it a course? Is it the PSG administrative service? (Let's no go there for now) Most of you would have faced these questions by now, if not hold tight for a series of awkward explanations. Two or three years of education at the famed PSG Tech campus coupled with a year or two abroad! Sounds too good to be true? Welcome to PSG IAS. Most of you have either joined this course consciously or were a victim of standard parental pressure. Nevertheless you are here and you might as well make the most of it.

For my first three days in college, we had to go through the so called process of orientation, wherein around three hundred students were put together in a room in front of a highly successful PSG alumnus surrounded and monitored by the ever judging faculty. Not exactly pleasant? Believe it or not the way the speakers presented themselves really captured our attentions. And this was where the zeal to achieve was planted. After three days of eight hours each of incessant talking(not complaining) it was d-

day. This was the first time we entered our official classroom. I 203. nervous smiles, sweaty palms, insecurities, random bursts of incessant jabber ruled the day. Though the 90% attendance requirement was quite a blow we settled in. Our new found freedom slowly started to grow. We realised that IAS was quite different from Tech. In a way that proved to be both a blessing and a blow. As the academic year rolled ahead we took part in quite a lot of events, some of us became members of various clubs. We started venturing out of our comfort zones, tiptoeing into unchartered territory. At quite a few places we were plain embarrassed in some



places we succeeded. We made a million mistakes and learnt to not make a million more. And after a one heck of a roller coaster ride our much needed semester break arrived. and then we realised how stingy our college was with holidays. A mere fifteen days seemed too less for an entire semester. Yet we had to make do with whatever we had. With a new year we started our second semester. College seemed to come into focus this time. The nervousness of the past semester was replaced with a sense of accomplishment or regret(the marks were out). We soon realised how useless our school grades were. This semester we experienced a few core subjects. This was the time we started fitting in. We came to know of our capabilities and based on that groups were formed in class. This was also the time when the hostel rules were relaxed. Suddenly 9:31 in the night did not seem ungodly. Slowly complacency started setting in .The need to achieve no longer felt necessary. We had fallen prey to the engineering dilemma, wherein you either choose to learn your subjects or really understand your subjects. At that time it did not seem really important to us. We were hostellers in a new city, what better way to get distracted than to loaf around the city? That was not all, PSG IAS conducted the annual fest, NEBULA, which was quite a success. Time flew in the second semester. ,we were almost done with our basic sciences and we all wanted to go out somewhere together as a class, and what better excuse than an industrial visit?

That sums up most of our first year. Bad food, attendance lag, birthday bashes, a few mistakes, a lot of fun.My only piece of advice to the juniors is, "TRY EVERYTHING". It does not matter how bad you are at it, if you have not done it before ,give it a try. Attend all the events, competition, guest lectures and the IAS matches. Because in all honesty, first year is relatively easy and this is where you have to experiment. This is where you push yourself, understand yourself and try to better yourself. So, give it a try.

HANDLUNG DER FILME Monsieur Claude und seine Töchter

Claude und Marie Verneuil sind stolze Eltern von vier erwachsenen Töchtern. Nachdem bereits drei ihrer vier Töchter quer durch Kulturen und Religionen geheiratet haben, setzen die moderat konservativen Eheleute alle Hoffnungen in ihr jüngste tochter. Doch auch Laure präsentiert ihnen keinen französischen Verlobten, sondern den aus Afrika stammenden Charles. Als Marie ihre Vorurteile überwindet und sich an den

Hochzeitsvorbereitungen aktiv beteiligt, droht Claude mit der Scheidung. Laures zuk ünftiger Schwiegervater Andre entpuppt sich als Pendant

zu Claude. Der ehemalige Offizier ist voller Vorurteile

gegenüber den Weißen im Allgemeinen. Am Vortag der Hochzeit feiern Claude und Andre den Fang eines Fisches in einem Restaurant mit einer Flasche <u>Calvados</u>. Schließlich werden die beiden Betrunkenen und haben in Haft genommen. Die verzweifelte Laure will die Hochzeit platzen lassen und besteigt den Zug nach Paris, wird jedoch von Claude und Andre aufgehalten und ihrem in der Kirche wartenden Charles zugeführt.

PLOT OF THE FILM Monsieur Claude and his daughters

Claude and Marie Verneuil are the proud parents of four grown daughters. After three of their four daughters married across cultures and religions, the conservative couple put all their hopes on their youngest daughter. But when Laure introduces them to her french speaking fiance, they realise he ain't French but a french speaking native of Africa ,Charles. As Marie overcomes her prejudices and actively participates in the wedding preparations, Claude threatens to

divorce Marie. Laures's future father Andre turns out to be equivalent to Claude. The former military officer is full of prejudice against white people in general. The day before the wedding, Claude and Andre

celebrate the capture of a fish in a restaurant with a bottle of Calvados. Finally, the two drunks get arrested and are taken into police custody. The desperate Laure wants to put a stop to the marriage and boards a train to Paris, but is stopped by Claude and Andre , who take her to the church where Charles is waiting to get married.



ALUMINI DATABASE

Hi this is Balkiran Reddy, from 2012-16 batch. We had a great experience at the university of Hartford. I'm very thankful to be a part of this kind of collaborative program between PSGIAS and University of Hartford. It helped

me get the best of both the worlds. At the university we were doing projects with other international students which helped us gain global exposure and grow as an individual from with in. On behalf of my fellow batchmates I would like to thank all the people from PSGIAS and University of Hartford who have helped us.



Congratulations to our students

Our students have got admitted in various reputed colleges in USA .we congratulate them for masters. BALKIRAN has been selected in G N T R T T TECH, Blacksburg, USA. SHREERAM has been selected in MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, Ann Arbor, USA. YESHWANTH has been selected to do M.SIJ UNIVERSITY, Lithuania

It's been three years since i moved to the USA after completing my desired duration at PSG IAS, and i couldn't have achieved a better start than what i got at PSG IAS. Though still in its initial stages in 2010, the course material and courses taught by the faculty was up to date with the technology currently in use rather than the old archaic knowledge offered at other colleges. Small small efforts done for the

students at PSG IAS really helped make a strong knowledge base on which i further succeeded and currently am employed with MNC in Chicago, USA. Efforts like extra classes for 3-D



designing, industrial visits and hands on experience with basic mechanical machinery like lathe and milling always gave me an upper hand during my masters studies as well. I would like to conclude by saying its a great course offered by PSG which opens

forthcoming Events

- Intraction with Dr.Samul Skinner from university of HARTFORD,USA
- Semester exams for second years and third years.
- Finals of sports events.
- Unveiling of PSGIASs' racing team.