### **MARCH 2021**

# ramanujan refreshers



Ramanujan refresher brings to you all the latest developments, and updates about faculty, students, research studies, projects and the upcoming events, including cultural activities

# REFLECTIONS

### Reflections of the month

"Functionality of happiness reflected in my leadership role in conducting online admissions, examinations, and organizing online classes of over 3000 students of my college. It also helped me boost activities of our placement cell as well as organizing a number of faculty development programs".

> -Prakhar Wadhwa Assistant Professor of Commerce





"The pursuit of happiness helped me improve my quality of life. Especially in terms of discovering the light of life, having an intimate affair with myself, bringing optimism and sense of abundance in life, reducing fear of all kinds, and becoming more empathetic towards my students".

> -Anshika Agarwal Assistant Professor of Commerce

# REFLECTIONS

### A DU Topper of Ramanujan

"It is a bit overwhelming to put this feeling of topping the University into words. Nevertheless, I feel so humbled and pleased to achieve this. I really feel glad that I took Philosophy as a major subject in my graduation. A subject that motivated me so much that I could excel in it. I think to excel, one needs to prioritise the goals first, and I had this little goal to do good in my studies. So, I focused on it and worked hard. Time management also played a key role in it. As I didn't want to miss-out any of the extracurricular activities that would happen at Ramanujan college, I would distribute my time to studies and would never compromise on that. But none of this could have been possible without the wonderful support and guidance of my professors at the Philosophy department of Ramanujan college. So, I thank all my professors for motivating and giving me a wonderful opportunity, including for teaching me the value of philosophy and value of learning in general. I do believe that Ramanujan college has grown so much as an institution, and I am



glad to have been part of it to experience a good balance between studies and extracurricular activities."

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"Life is not about who you are and what you have, it's really about how you serve others. Service to every living being is the greatest joy that a human can achieve in his lifetime. Servitude differentiates a person from rest of the world. Servicing helps me to stay enlightened about my life and connected with life of others. As my name suggests, this is the reason of my happiness. I am realising a dream through EOC, as our Ramanujan college's EOC is appreciated and supported in all of its endeavours."

Khushi Tyagi, 1<sup>st</sup> year B. Voc

# **IN-BEATS**

## Ethics, values and happiness - Even in the time of corona



Existing intervention of ethics and values in boosting happiness at the School of Happiness (SOH) at DU's Ramanujan College has provided ample evidence indicating a positive relationship between values and happiness among many students, even during corona time. As the lockdown forced colleges to close and go online, the SOH came to the fore to focus on values-based happiness learning. No research to date has empirically shown what exactly contributes to such a phenomenon, except a little attempt that is being made here under the aegis of Centre for Ethics and Values. It seems strange and awkward to talk about happiness during a pandemic. But maybe, this is the opportune time to think a little more deeply about our life goals, values and drivers of happiness. This study, using the survey of 117 college students for 2020 as the study sample, found that ethics strongly matters in determining the linkage between values and happiness, even during pandemic. (Impact of COVID-19 on Happiness of people A Survey.pdf - Google Drive). Future studies are recommended to explore the other reasons (e.g., genetics, circumstances, habits) behind this observation.

It surprises some people when I (T.K. Mishra) tell them this - that I teach a subject happiness at SOH alongside ethics, entrepreneurship and corporate governance papers. However, in a 6-months course in happiness, some of the values that I tried to teach were: human values (honesty, universality, magnanimity, affinity, nature-like); clap values (commitment to conscience, love thyself, acceptance in totality, plenty amidst poverty); and flag values (forgiveness, loving heart, appreciating mind, gratitude).

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We teach in the happiness class the distinction between values and ethics. Value is a thinking function, while ethics is a doing function. Unlike values, ethics is an application-based universal concept that does not differ from placeto-place, person-to-person and timeto-time. For example, backstabbing is considered unethical everywhere, at every time, and by everyone. Ethics concerns an individual's conscientious judgments about doing right and wrong. These judgments reflect your character, values and thought process - the way you reason through difficult decisions in life, choose between alternative courses



of action and develop expectations. Ethics is all about what we do when no one is looking. It is driven by a desire to do the right thing, not because it brings rewards, power, or prestige. Instead, being an ethical person is a goal in itself: I want to be a better person so I choose to act ethically.

We also tell them how ethics improves the quality of relationships, identifies the right purpose of life, and fulfils the need for love and belongingness, happiness and well-being. Drawing wisdom from subjects like ethics, psychology and philosophy, happiness has evolved as a discipline in itself. Finding building blocks of happiness, it enlightens one to construct a quality life that is balanced, lovable and purposeful, and that serves your values.



# SPOT LIGHT

### **COMDEZVOUS 2021**

COMDEZVOUS, the annual event of RamComm (Commerce society) was conducted from the 15<sup>th</sup> of February to the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2021. The event was organized in a completely virtual set up. The aim was to conduct fun-driven, creative, and knowledge enriching events. It consisted of 3 events: - 1. R-MUN 2. Jasoos: Unfold the mystery 3. Busy Street



COMDEZVOUS commenced on 15<sup>th</sup> of February, with inauguration by Principal Dr SP Aggarwal and Vice principal Dr TK Mishra. Dr Nagendra Pal, Convenor of the RamComm society, kick started the ceremony with words of cheers and wisdom. "R-MUN" helped the students of different colleges to sharpen their debating and diplomatic skills, and helped them explore the political world.

JASOOS: Unfold the mystery event went on for 2 days. Round 1 of the events consisted of questions related to Bollywood. Round 2 insisted on participants to think and check their deep understanding of Bollywood plots. Busy street was organized on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. It got highly positive response from different

colleges of the university, it received in total 84 teams (2 Person in a team) as its participants. It consisted of 1. Quizzical Karma 2. BULLSXBEARS 3. Skill set. The whole event was organized in the online platform with 8 google meets operating simultaneously, 10 teams in each meet. The teams were given a portfolio which had a particular number of shares for



different companies that were listed on the RamComm Stock Exchange, commerce. The air was filled with immense enthusiasm and friendliness. The event was a total success.

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### COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING



The Equal Opportunity Cell of Ramanujan College organized "FEED WHERE NEED" Donation Drive for Providing Food on 6th February 2021 starting from 1:30 P.M. onwards. The event commenced with a warm welcome by EOC convener Dr. Nagender Pal. Dr. T. K. Mishra addressed the members and acknowledged with thanks the contribution and sacrifices of cleaning and maintenance staff, and security guards during the period of lockdown. Dr. Nagender Pal shared his kind words with everyone. College students prepared homemade and hygienically packed 'Rajma Chawal'. Some of them brought old clothes to donate them to the needy ones. They also purchased face masks and woolen socks for both children and adults. The donation drive started with Ramanujan College's cleaning staff members due to whom college had maintained a clean, healthy and safe environment. They were distributed homemade packed Rajma Chawal. Then students headed for the Bhairav Mandir (near Kalkaji Temple), Nehru Enclave Metro Station and area near the traffic light, where homeless people were looking out for some help. Dr. T. K. Mishra, Dr. Nagender Pal, Mr. Mahavir, President of Karamchari union and Mr Anil of college media Lab accompanied the students. They took all precautions and safety measures. They donated the needy and poor people, both adults and children, homemade packed Rajma Chawal, Masks and Socks.

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# RECENT EVENTS

### The DU Vice Chancellor's Visit



On 22nd Feb 2021, Vice Chancellor P. C Joshi paid a visit to Ramanujan College along with the Director South Campus and the Dean of Colleges. The team visited its Centre for Ethics and Values, School of Happiness, Teaching Learning Centre, Media Lab. He released the 7th volume of 'International Journal of Applied Ethics'.

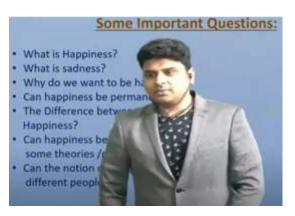
The team also addressed the teachers, students and Karamcharis of the college at Ghalib auditorium, and lauded some of the achievements of the college.



# RECENT EVENTS

### School of Happiness class 2 by Vikas Kumar

The video lecture endeavors to suggest some solutions to remain happy and face problems/difficulties innovatively. It also motivates people to come out of their comfortable zone and push their limits towards betterment in every sphere of life.



### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CELL in collaboration with ASHISH FOUNDATION**

(For the differently abled charitable Trust) organized a webinar on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 3 PM 'How can university students support those who are differently abled in their campus?" on zoom platform

Dr. Sheila George, director of Ashish foundation, delivered a lecture. The aim was to make people aware about the differently abled, how they feel, what they need, what we can do for them, what they want from us. Lot of questions were discussed during the session. More than 70 Students from different colleges took part in the webinar.

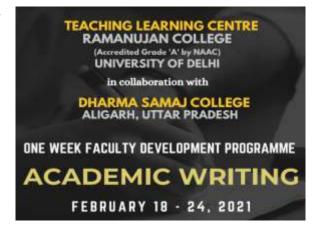


### Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/p/CLJSAQKD2NX/?igshid=1ahq30e4t8mu1

In collaboration with Dharma Samaj College, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, One week Faculty Development Program on Academic Writing | 18-24 Feb, 2021

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# RECENT EVENTS

In collaboration with Shyama Prasad Mukherji College for Women, 7- Days National Interdisciplinary FDP on Global economy, Finance, Industry and Business: Emerging Trends and Challenges | Feb 24-March 3, 2021

Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bGTBs3BAww8U84ymhKY4er2XbD7-71la/view



• 25 Hours online certificate Programme/Executive Development Programme on 'Research & Data Analysis 2.0 using MS-Excel & R' | Jan 27-Feb 6, 2021



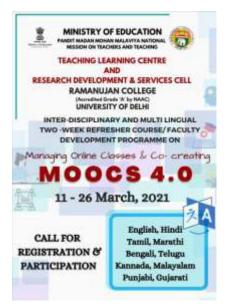
# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Under TLC**

Dates: 11-26 March, 2021

An Inter-Disciplinary and Multilingual Two-Week Refresher Course/Faculty Development Program on Managing online classes & co-creating MOOCS 4.0

Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cuBSdtLOY7mlu0K4EK-JZwdiyrLXTjen/view



In collaboration with Jagadguru Ramanandacharya Rajasthan Sanskrit University Online Induction/Training Programme

Dates: 15 March-21 April

Link:

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Course: 2 weeks Online Refresher on Research Methodology and Data Analysis

Date: March 24 - April 7, 2021.

Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dmxbuEBYvetDB0FF1-3yVTtLvRZBmWNa/view?usp=sharing