

SOIL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS DESIGN

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Why 'ANKURAN'?



In light of the fact that the 2024 batch initiated this magazine, we have chosen to name it 'Ankuran,' signifying the very process of germination, as soil nurtures seeds into flourishing plants. As students specializing in Soil studies, we are committed to stepping out of our comfort zones and evolving into the forward-thinking leaders of the future. Under ideal conditions of moisture and temperature, seeds awaken and embark on their germination journey.

This two-year PGDM program is meticulously designed to provide us with the exposure, opportunities, mentorship, and the right mindset essential for our personal success. The magazine committee has diligently chronicled and immortalized all the significant events, and now, with immense pride, we present 'ANKURAN' to you.



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dr. R. Srinivasan
Director, PGDM SOIL SOBD

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome as the Director of the Soil School of Business Design. Our institution takes immense pride in nurturing young minds, fostering innovation, and instilling a culture of unwavering diligence. At SOBD, we champion the power of relentless hard work to fulfill dreams and aspirations. Our college is a vibrant melting pot, offering a diverse environment for comprehensive personal and intellectual growth. Committed to equipping you with cutting-edge design thinking principles, our range of courses spans psychology, sociology, anthropology, and more, preparing you for the dynamic professional landscape. I am proud of our accomplished students and believe in your continued success. Our dedicated faculty stands ready to support you in unlocking your full potential. Best wishes for a promising academic journey at SOBD, where challenges are embraced and success knows no bounds.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Dr. Manjula Srinivas Dean Student Affairs, DT & Social Innovation

At SOBD, our mission is to impart students with the essential skills for navigating a diverse world, emphasizing the significance of design thinking and liberal arts in fostering compassionate, imaginative, and critical minds. As the Dean of Student Affairs, my vision is to create a comprehensive environment where every student feels not only valued but also empowered. Beyond academics, our unwavering commitment is to enhance the personal aspect of the college experience, supporting self-discovery, personal growth, and fostering a passion for community engagement. I eagerly look forward to our collaborative journey, guiding students in both academic and personal pursuits to make SOBD a vibrant hub of learning, creativity, and innovation. Cheers to a successful academic year ahead!



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AI Week

DAY 01 - MARKETING ACADEMY

Academic Industry Week was kicked off on 30th October, 2023 with the day dedicated to Marketing.

Atin Chhabra, Vice President Global **Marketing** Schneider Electric, set the stage by highlighting the ascent of AI and the need for content-driven strategies, particularly visual storytelling. Harpreet Kaur, the Head of Marketing at KGOC Global, fully navigated skill intricacies of marketing in a dynamic marketplace.









SOIL Datar, alumnus Akshay a and Management Trainee, shared the journey of his emphasizing the pivotal role PGDM, mentorship, practical experiences, and strategic planning in shaping a successful career. In another impactful session, **Marketing** Consultant Ena Bansal engaged students with an interactive approach, blending lectures workshops.

Her session covered the AIDA model, highlighting the influential role of social media in marketing strategies. The day concluded with Akshit Arora, Head of Marketing at Desmania Design, delivering a powerful message about embracing failure as a catalyst for growth. Arora emphasized insights into design thinking, the significance of understanding consumer needs, and the pivotal role of networking in the marketing field.

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AI Week

DAY 02 - FINANCE ACADEMY

The second day (31st October, 2023) of the AI week was dedicated to Finance, featuring enlightening sessions by industry experts. Aditya Joshi's deep insights into the financial market, drawn from his experiences at Stanza Living and Lenskart, left students enthralled. His emphasis on diversification and caution against putting all funds in one basket provided actionable lessons for future financial endeavours.









Rahul Chandalia Jain brought a fresh perspective, blending traditional wisdom with modern financial strategies in an engaging manner, turning financial training into an enjoyable learning experience. Vineet Ranjan's expertise in Cryptocurrency and Blockchain illuminated the complexities of digital lending, exploring its role in financial inclusion and shedding light on the roles of NBFCs, traditional banks, and credit rating agencies.

Swastik Mitra, a seasoned Management Consultant at Deloitte, provided clarity on the M&A landscape, categorizing acquirers, and breaking down the M&A life cycle, using the Zomato-Blinkit deal as an illustrative example. His STAR methodology offered a structured approach for consulting interviews, providing practical strategies for enhancing profitability and minimizing losses. Overall, the Finance Academy AI Week proved to be an enriching experience, equipping students with valuable insights into the dynamic and evolving world of finance.

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AI Week

DAY 03 - OPERATION & ANALYTICS ACADEMY



Day 3 of AI week was dedicated to Analytics .The Operations Research and Analytics Academy hosted an enriching expert session on November 1, 2023. Sandeep Sanan, Business Growth Consultant at IKEA, shared insights on global supply chains and the significance of "Democratic Design."

Deepak Thukral, Executive Director at Maruti Suzuki, delved into the automotive industry's landscape, touching on government policies, diversity, CSR, and digitalisation

SOIL alumni, Amit and Khushboo, emphasized crucial technical skills and adaptability in today's job market. Hands-on Excel dashboard competition showcased students' creativity, organized by ORAA, providing on-the-spot data and a pre-event tutorial. Teams or individuals, working with zeal, presented and explained their dashboards.

Closing the day, Vishaka Dongre, Founder & and CEO of INTELLISQR, explored analytics in customer engagement. The session also introduced "Data Silos" which plays a vital role in real-time understanding of customer behaviour by making a single version of the truth.

The day concluded with a impactful speech that urged students to apply their knowledge, fostering commitment to excellence in operations research and analytics.







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AI Week

DAY 04 - HR ACADEMY



Day 4 AI-week was dedicated to Human resources domain. The HR Academy hosted an enriching expert session on 2nd November, 2023 inviting insightful speakers who addressed crucial topics in the post-pandemic era. Neha Jain, Regional Head North at Michael Page, emphasized the evolving role of HR amidst challenges and opportunities. She delved into the impact of AI on HR job roles and highlighted Michael Page's focus on specific candidate qualities. session underscored importance of employee mental health and workplace flexibility.

Sanjay Mahato, from TASVA Aditya Birla Group X Tarun Tahiliani, urged students to comprehend the intricacies of their subjects, emphasizing their relevance to an employee's life cycle. Mahim HR Consulting Practice leader Mongia, KOGNOZ Consulting, shared his journey and insights into navigating the HR landscape. His insights likely offered a blend of practical experiences and theoretical knowledge, enriching the academy's discussions and leaving a lasting impact on the audience.

Radhika Saini explored the Next-Gen Digital Workplace, discussing the widespread use of AI, the digitization shock caused by COVID-19, and the transformative impact on education, health, and corporate sectors. Interactive elements like a Jeopardy game and case study questions enhanced engagement, making the lectures both informative and dynamic.







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Guest lectures

IKEA



On December 11, 2023, Susanne Pulverer, the CEO of IKEA India, honored the campus of the Soil School of Business Design with her presence. During her visit, she shared profound insights into IKEA's transformative journey. Established in 1943, IKEA's ascent, driven by the vision "Life at home is our business," signifies a dedicated effort to enhance daily lives on a global scale. Pulverer underscored IKEA's foundations, cultural focusing customers, people, and the planet, with a particular emphasis on sustainability and inclusive diversity.



She shared IKEA's distinctive situational leadership model, articulating its alignment with company values. Concluding with five leadership tenets - Build Trust, Set Clear Goals, Coach for Growth, Enable Empowerment, and Mindset Matters - Pulverer's discourse provided invaluable wisdom, offering a blueprint for effective leadership and inspiring future leaders.

PETAL FOUNDATION

In a compelling session at SOBD, Lotus Petal Foundation's founder, Kushal Chakraborty, shared the non-profit organization's impactful journey. Focused on the mission of "changing lives. One child at a time," the foundation aims provide equal opportunities underprivileged children in urban and semiurban areas. Chakraborty emphasized the foundation's high-impact initiatives education, nutrition, and livelihood, fostering an ecosystem that brings about selftransformation for both beneficiaries and contributors. The interactive session stirred curiosity among students, shedding light on the foundation's dedication to creating positive change and equal opportunities, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.





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Industry Visit

Exploring the Heartbeat of Industries: A Glimpse into AI Week 1

In a riveting week hosted by Academies at SOBD, students were treated to an immersive experience through industry visits to renowned companies, gaining invaluable insights into the dynamic world of automotive manufacturing.

UNO MINDA



Access India Pvt Ltd: **Beyond Textbooks to True Business Acumen**

V Access India Pvt Ltd, a leading manufacturer of automotive accessories, provided students with a firsthand look at the production of top-notch car covers and sunshades. This visit emphasized the notion that genuine business acumen extends beyond what is learned in offering textbooks, perspective on the intricacies of the industry.

SOMIC ZF COMPONENT



UNO Minda: Crafting Excellence in Automobiles. The journey kicked off at UNO Minda. powerhouse a automobile manufacturing. Students delved into the intricacies of crafting Harley Davidson Motor Company parts, witnessing the meticulous processes of assembly lines, modelling, and the tool room. The experience not only broadened their understanding but also showcased the craftsmanship that propels the automotive industry forward.

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Somic ZF Component Limited: A Confluence of Expertise

The final stop, Somic ZF Component Limited, a collaboration between Somic Ishikawa Inc. ZF (Japan) Friedrichshafen AG (Germany), specializes in suspension control arms, steering parts, ball joints, drag links, and tie rods. Students gained a profound understanding of these critical components and left with a richer appreciation for the nuances of the automotive industry.

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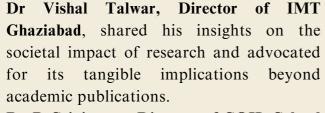
Groundbreaking International Conference at SOIL School of Business Design: A Convergence of Insight, Design Thinking, and Global Collaboration

The SOIL School of Business Design hosted a landmark international conference, "Design Thinking and Innovation for Sustainable Management Practices and Solutions (IC-SOBD-2023) on 8th and 9th December, 2023. This esteemed event, co-hosted by Royal Roads University, Canada, brought together over 200 participants from 4-5 countries, including renowned academicians, distinguished researchers, industry leaders, practitioners, and doctoral students.



Rishikesha T Krishnan, Director of IIM Bangalore, delivered a captivating keynote address on the transformative potential of design thinking in problem-solving methodologies.

Dr. Kamlesh Misra, esteemed Economist and Senior Economic Advisor at the Economic Council of India, emphasized the critical role of research in addressing contemporary challenges.



Dr R Srinivasan, Director of SOIL School of Business Design, underscored the importance of research in unravelling complex problems and anchoring discussions in the pursuit of innovative solutions.





The conference received over 200 research papers from a diverse range of disciplines, including HR, Marketing, Finance, and Analytics. These papers showcased the latest research and development in design thinking and its application to various business contexts. The conference served platform for vital fostering as collaboration and knowledge exchange between academics, researchers, industry professionals.

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DESIGN THINKING SESSIONS



Dr. Pavan Soni ignited the practical exploration of design thinking, powerful tool for tackling real-world problems. The session delved into the "why" and "how" of this human-centered approach, equipping students with its foundational principles. Interactive activities, like "problem mapping" and "people mapping," challenged students to identify root causes and stakeholder needs, laying the groundwork for impactful solutions. Culminating in a "process mapping" exercise, the session culminated in crafting user-centric narratives, paving the way for empathyimmersive solutions. This driven experience, fueled by group collaboration and Dr. Soni's expertise, empowered students to see thinking as more than just a buzzword, but a transformative lens through which to approach social innovation.

Prof. Geetanjali's "Solving for Business" session took students on a journey through the heart of design thinking, focusing on the crucial stage of ideation. Through a series of playful activities, students unlocked their creative potential, exploring both structured and unstructured approaches to generating ideas.



drawing objects From recognizable circles brainstorming within to solutions, each activity pushed the boundaries of conventional thinking. Prof. Geetanjali masterfully guided the process, fostering collaboration and building upon ideas to reach innovative solutions. The session, punctuated by an insightful video, left students not only with a deeper understanding of design thinking stages but also with the confidence to tackle business challenges with fresh perspectives and boundless creativity.



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Workshop

The Soil School of Business Design College recently hosted a compelling guest lecture by Mr. Padmakar Roy, Co-founder of Sprint Labs and mind behind 2AB Consultants. Specializing in prompt engineering for non-coders, Mr Roy shared insights into ChatGPT and Language Models, highlighting their significance in empowering individuals without coding backgrounds.



Siddhant Sarin, a dynamic professional with expertise in directing, cinematography, and producing, was recently invited by the Soil School of Business Design to share his insights on documentary filmmaking with students. The invitation aimed to enhance students' understanding of creating documentaries for a social innovation project. Sarin, an alumnus of the German Film and Television Academy and the FAMU - National Film School of Czech Republic, brought a wealth of experience to guide the students through the intricate process of documentary production. The collaboration with Sarin proved to be a novel and enlightening experience for the students at the Soil School of Business Design. Sarin's session was not only informative but also provided a unique opportunity for students to grasp the intricacies of crafting compelling documentaries.

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The session, well-structured comprehensive, delved into practical techniques for prompt engineering, providing attendees with a practical understanding of application-based approaches. Mr. Roy's expertise emphasized the growing importance of prompt engineering for non-coders aiming to leverage machine learning. Organized by the Design Thinking Club, the event showcased real-world applications of machine learning concepts, aligning with the college's commitment to holistic education.

DOCUMENTARY WORKSHOP





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Social Innovation Program (SIP)



Soil School of Business Design fosters a vibrant social innovation program, nurturing students' social responsibility and equipping them with hands-on experience. Partnering with diverse NGOs like Svatanya (eco-friendly products by underprivileged women), Saahas (waste management), Mera Parivar (community empowerment), and Samagra Delhi (holistic community development), the program exposes students to various facets of social service.

Collaborations with organizations like (free Ramkala Sadan education), MILESTONE (vulnerable populations), Etasha (skill development), and VIVA (children's safety) further broaden the experience. Engaging with Sanshil Foundation's **BAGIYA** (remedial and Saviours education) Earth Foundation (disabled welfare) adds depth to the program.

Documentary filmmaking, a powerful tool for social innovation, took center stage at Soil School of Business Design as renowned Director-Cinematographer Siddhant Sarin shared his expertise. Sarin, an alumnus of prestigious film schools like the German Film and Television Academy and FAMU, guided students through the intricate process of crafting compelling documentaries

This engaging experience at the intersection of academia and practical filmmaking broadened students' perspectives and equipped them with valuable skills for future social innovation endeavors.







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Freedom From Fears

Freedom of Fears: Anil Sir's Empowering Initiative in the Self Leadership Course



Anil Sir, the driving force behind the self-leadership course, introduced a transformative event known as "Freedom of Fears." In this unique experience, students were encouraged to step outside their comfort zones and confront their fears by engaging in activities they typically dreaded presenting in public—whether it be singing, dancing, theatre, or photography.







This event provided a liberating opportunity for students to overcome their apprehensions and showcase their talents. The atmosphere was filled with joy and camaraderie as students, supported by their peers, enthusiastically prepared and delivered impressive performances. The initiative not only fostered personal growth but also created a memorable and enjoyable experience for all involved. Anil Sir's innovative approach in promoting self-expression and conquering fears left a lasting impact, making the event a highlight of the self-leadership course.

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Battle Of Brands

Battle of Brands: Marketers Wage War!

In a blaze of creative fire, the Marketing Club ignited the "Battle of Brands." Twelve PGDM teams, each a mini-army armed with strategic brilliance and sharp minds, clashed in a spirited battle for marketing supremacy. Their mission: to reimagine and revive assigned brands through groundbreaking ad campaigns. The air crackled with electricity as teams presented their unique visions, vying to captivate the audience and the esteemed panel of judges - Dr. Archana Mahamuni, Dr. Narendra Singh Chaudhary, and Navin Rao.

Each presentation was a testament to the teams' creative mettle and strategic thinking. The judges, armed with keen insights and valuable feedback, navigated the fierce competition with expertise, ensuring a fair and enriching experience for all.

Ultimately, Spotify (Atharv Singh, Lavina Shivani, Tanisha Gupta, Prateek Tomar, Sahil Siraj) emerged victorious, with Bumble (Vaishali Srivastava, Akshat Jaiswal, Raghav Jindal, Shikhar, Pulkit Garg) closely trailing behind.





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Sales Soar Challenge

The Sales Soar Challenge, orchestrated by the Entrepreneurship Club at Soil Institute of Management, emerged as a pivotal platform to ignite the entrepreneurial spark within students. This transformative event, from 3rd to 27th October 2023, stood as a beacon for innovation, strategic thinking, and business acumen.

Teams of 5-8 members embarked on an exhilarating journey, crafting unique business ventures while emphasizing sustainable growth, financial management, and branding. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation, showcasing the proactive engagement and entrepreneurial zeal of the student body.



Team TeeVibes: Generating the highest revenue of ₹80,000 (Winners)

From 40 competing teams across two campuses, five finalists emerged, with standout brands such as Teevibes, Orenda, Sellmates, Avengers, Impact, and Treasured Trinkets. The apex of this challenge saw the winning team earning the honor showcasing their stalls at Illuminate, a prestigious Diwali festival.



This opportunity not only recognized their achievements but also provided a platform to exhibit their innovation to industry leaders, esteemed professors, representatives from top B-schools, promising invaluable networking prospects. The Sales Soar Challenge wasn't just an event but a testament to the Soil Institute of Management's dedication to nurturing future business leaders and fostering an entrepreneurial mindset among its students.





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Open Mic

FDP/Workshop Feature: "Open Mic" Unleashes Artistic Potential







This remarkable event materialized through a collaborative effort between Toastmasters and the Cultural Club, reflecting the synergistic fusion of communication mastery and creative expression.

The Open Mic, a transformative event meticulously crafted to conquer stage fear and amplify public speaking prowess, has graced our college community. The primary goal of this initiative is to furnish a captivating platform for individuals to unveil their talents, spanning a spectrum of artistic expressions such as music, poetry, comedy, rapping, beatboxing, and more. Open Mic events, widely accessible to the public, invite participants to seize the opportunity and showcase their skills in front of an enthusiastic audience.



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Diwali Fest





The School of Business Design hosted 'Illuminite' on October 27, 2023, a spectacular homage to Diwali that left a lasting impression on attendees. Against the college campus backdrop, the celebration unfolded with various activities, from dynamic dance performances and a captivating fashion show to spirited sports competitions and enlightening booths.

Commencing with an explanation of Diwali's significance, 'Illuminite' featured diverse performances, including an electrifying music performance by Prateek Oberoi, a lively Garba dance sequence, and a fashion show blending modern trends traditional grace. Nukkad Natak added unexpected charm, capturing the audience's hearts. The event showcased stalls by NGOs and SOIL students, selling Diwali goodies and offering games, inviting the audience to explore cultural diversity. 'Illuminite' Diwali's brilliantly illuminated spirit, underscoring India's rich cultural heritage and emphasizing embracing diversity and fostering community spirit.





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Diwali Fest















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Soil Premier League









The SOIL Premier League, held on December 10, 2023, served as a momentous celebration that brought together current students and esteemed alumni in a shared passion for cricket. With 10 teams, including 70 students and 40 alumni, engaging in spirited 10-over matches, the event showcased exceptional cricketing prowess, featuring breathtaking catches and powerful strokes. Beyond competition, the league became a platform for meaningful interactions and mentorship, fostering connections and nostalgic reflections. Culminating in a thrilling final, the tournament crowned 2nd-year PGDM students champions, reinforcing the values sportsmanship, college pride, and enduring intergenerational bonds. The event transcended competition, transforming into a vibrant community gathering, complete with food stalls, highlighting the profound impact of sports in uniting people and creating lasting memories. The SOIL Premier League stands as a testament to the unifying influence of sports and the enduring connections forged through shared experiences.

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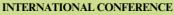
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BATTLE OF BRANDS

Team: FabFive Tanisha Gupta, Atharv Singh, Lavina Shivani, Prateek Tomar, SK Sahil Siraj



BEST MARKETING RESEARCH PAPER Rudra Goyal, Khushi Jain, Vansh Bhalotia, Sylvester Sebastian, Supriya Singh, Anshu Singhal





INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

BEST FINANCE RESEARCH PAPER Nehal Paul, Sananda Sarangi, Angel Bhagwanani







VOICE OVER COMPETITION

BEST DASHBOARD MAKING Rudra Goyal





CREATIVITY CATALYST

Salvi Rustagi, Vedant, Vansh Poonia, Saryu Anand

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PARTCIPIATIONS AND WINNERS





Ops-Strat: Operations Challenge by Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Raipur (Rank 4 holder out of 1406 teams)

Tathya 2.0 by Goa Institute of Management (GIM), Goa (Rank 5 holder out of 668 teams)

 $\textbf{Team Desk Champions:} \ Arnab \ Mandal, Sejal \ Hans, \ Himanshu \ Bharnarkar$





EkaVriti by Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon (Participation in Finance, Operations & HR Case Study Competition)
Team Desk Champions: Arnab Mandal, Sejal Hans, Kumkum Sharma





Master's Union's Case Union by Indiagold Presents FinOverse: FinTech Strategy National Finalist, 2nd Position Sejal Hans



EkaVriti by Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon National Finalist, 4th Position

Team Thought Titans: Anshu Singhal, Samriddhi Sinha, Astha Agrawal



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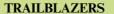
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TREASURED TRINKETS

Subham Minni, Anahita Matta, Simran Gangwani, Shruti Dwivedi, Ansh Srivastava, Sugandhi Gauba



Utkarsh Kumar, Ankita Chhabra, Dineet Kaur, Sachit Sharma, Amritraj Paunikar, Khushi Jain, Kumkum Sharma, Muskan Jain





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Diving into the realm of #Innovation with Col. Shri

Our recent Design Thinking Masterclass was nothing short of an intellectual rollercoaster, featuring a powerhouse of knowledge and experience. ... see more



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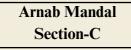






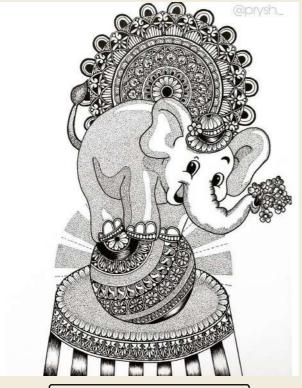
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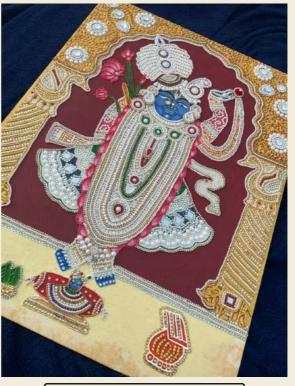


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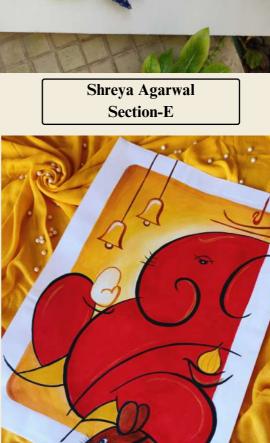


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Archie Lohiya **Section-D**



Ayushi Shukla Section-A

Sejal Hans **Section-C**

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खुद तो मटमैली हो गयी, मुझको चमकाने में खुद को बुझा लिया है मेरा दीया जलाने में मेरी बलाएं लेती रहती है खूब परेशा मेरे लिए सपने बुनती, काट खुद को रेशा-रेशा ऐसी तो इस दुनिया में बस मां ही होती है ओ मां! ये दुनिया रे तेरे आंचल से छोटी है तेरे आंचल से छोटी है ॥





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