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### “DEEKSHARAMBH”

The Program overall was amazing, fun, enjoyable and most importantly we all have gained knowledge and one or the other. It was a great experience as I have never done anything as such in my previous academic years and it was a very good start before for our regular classes

MARY DIANA(MAPSIR-1)

The orientation programme played a very crucial role It introduced us to the campus facilities, academic resources, and other services. The social events and ice-breaking activities helped us connect

with each other and build the confidence needed for the start. The whole program was very interesting and made us excited for future classes at the university

NIMNA AYSHA (MAPSIR -1)

My adjustment into university life was definitely aided by this interesting and enjoyable experience. The programme gave useful details on campus amenities, university policies, and academic resources. Engaging sessions, group exercises, Cubbon Reads, and campus tours, was really refreshing. We could effectively cover all the crucial issues without feeling hurried because the agenda was well-organised and kept to the timing. I'm excited and confident to begin my academic career at JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) because of the insightful knowledge I got during the orientation.



Fresher's Day



Visit to JAIN Global Campus



Cubbon Reads



Yoga Day

## ONAM EXTRAVAGANZA



"The spirit of Onam penetrated Jain University as the colourful petals of marigold adorned our campus. The Onam festival this year, which took place on August 29, 2023, was nothing short of spectacular bringing together our diverse community in an exuberant display of culture and love. The day began with traditional Athapookalam done by students and teachers. Our students also participated in the celebrations by wearing Kerala sarees which just added to the festive atmosphere. The celebrations continued with an enthralling cultural performance that included vibrant dances. It was heartwarming to see the students embracing Kerala's rich customs. I thank the department of CeRSSE for giving us this opportunity where we can reflect on the importance of embracing diversity and coming together as a community"

Najuma Naurin (MAPSIR-1)



*Riya Itisha Ekka and Yashaswini Sedde ( MAPPA Sem 3)  
at G20 Ministerial Conference*

## G20 Experience

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As I reminisce on the G20 Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment, which took place in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from August 2 to August 4, 2023, I am overwhelmed with emotions. The theme, "Women Led Inclusive Development on the Cusp of Intergenerational Transformation," grasped a profound nerve within me, invoking a mix of inspiration, hope and trepidation. It was an extraordinary experience to be present at an event of this scale and significance. The sheer number

of delegates, 139 in all, from all over the world, attested to the significance of the cause. As I entered the conference location, I couldn't help but be struck by the meeting of so many determined individuals working for women's empowerment. The opening session was a powerful beginning, and statements by eminent people such as Shri. Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Shri. Narendra Modi, and Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai set the tone for what was to come. Their speeches were uplifting, and it was clear that this conference was more than just a gathering; it was a call to action, a push to accelerate women's empowerment. Throughout the conference, I was involved in passionate discussions with fellow attendees. The subjects covered everything from the value of education to the role of women in developing technologies and climate resilience. The urgency of these discussions was evident, and grappling with the complicated difficulties that women confront around the world was both energizing and overwhelming at times. One constant issue that resonated with me was the necessity of education. The discussions on education as a game-changing avenue to women's empowerment and the importance of digital skilling struck an important connection. Witnessing the united commitment to offer women access to STEM education and digital literacy was inspiring, but it also reminded me of the enormous obstacles that still need to be addressed.

As the meeting headed, I couldn't help but feel an increasing feeling of duty. Stories of women breaking barriers and contributing to cutting-edge fields in quantum physics and hydrogen energy were both inspirational and humbling. It caused me to consider my own role and how I could contribute to such revolutionary change. The closing ceremony was a poignant moment, marked by the passing of the baton to Brazil, symbolizing the continuation of the journey towards gender equality. Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani's final speech resonated deeply, emphasizing the importance of international cooperation. It made me acutely aware of the interconnectedness of our world and the shared responsibility we all bear in advancing the cause of women's empowerment. As I left the conference venue on the last day, I felt a whirlwind of emotions. The cultural program that showcased Gujarat's rich heritage was a beautiful reminder of the importance of preserving and celebrating diverse cultures. It left me with a profound appreciation for the cultural tapestry of our world.

In retrospect, I can't help but feel both optimistic and impatient. The optimism stems from the conference's demonstration that change is achievable and that there is a global community committed to this great goal. The challenges are enormous, and there is a lot of work to be done. The conference's symphony of voices, ideas, and projects serves as a striking reminder of the country's enduring dedication to gender equality. As I return to my own community, I bring the lessons learned and inspiration received from the G20 Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment with me.

Every small step counts, and collectively, we can promote sustainable development, innovation, and long-term societal change. My hope is that the conference's momentum will continue to spread, impacting lives and making a difference for women all around the world.



*Riya Itisha Ekka and Shatabdi Kalita  
(MAPPA SEM 3)*

### **Shatabdee Kalita**

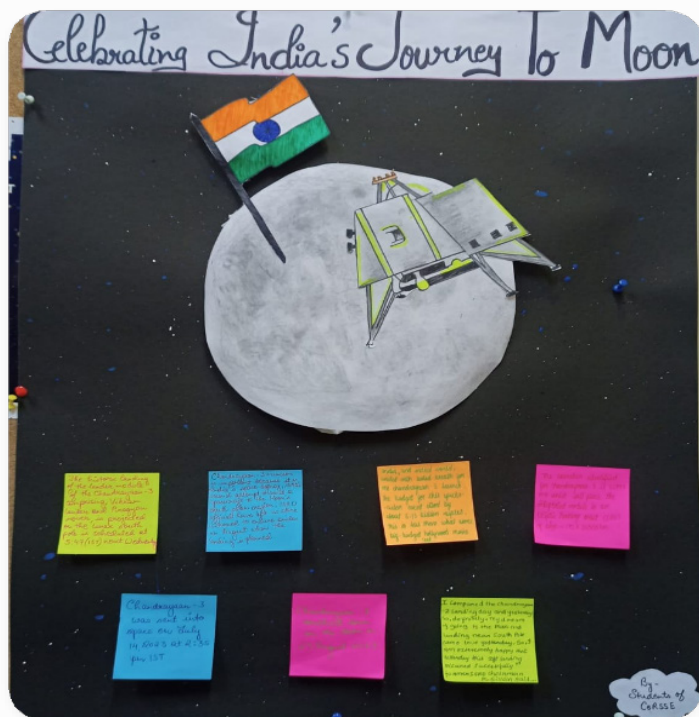
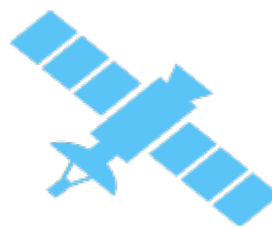
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Decentralisation has been a part of the Indian state even before the British time, dating back to the Vedic era. However, the process of decentralization, after the independence of the country, got a concrete foundation through the constitutional provisions given by the 73rd and 74th Amendment Acts in 1992. Since then, there have been major reforms brought into the grassroots administration in the rural and urban areas of India. Hence, in order to celebrate three decades of the 73rd Amendment to the Indian Constitution, a two-day national seminar was held in Gadag, Karnataka with the theme of Gram Swaraj and Panchayati Raj: A Journey in the State of Karnataka. It was held from 1st September to 2nd September 2023 in Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayati Raj University, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Administration and the Government of Karnataka.

I feel grateful to be a part of this national seminar and to be able to represent my institute there. The seminar was filled with great resource persons from all over the country. With several Panel discussions, the seminar also included technical sessions based on sub-themes, where people from various locations presented their papers. Me and my teammate Riya Itisha Ekka were presenters in the seminar, with our paper titled Political Participation in India: Assessing Women's Representation in Panchayati Raj. We were reciprocated with appreciation and feedback that we have held near to us so as to move forward in our academic careers and personal lives. Besides the academic domain, lectures, and discussions, we were also welcomed by some beautiful cultural programs like dance performances, singing, mime shows, yoga, and so on. In the course of our stay, we could also explore bits and parts of places in Gadag, which is undoubtedly filled with mesmerizing scenic beauty and pleasant weather. In addition, we got an opportunity to try out their cuisine and dishes, which were lip-smacking.

While these were the best parts of the seminar, the only barrier that we faced was that of majority of the speakers delivered their lectures in Kannada which is unknown to us, given we belong to North India and are more acquainted with Hindi. However, we were able to overcome this by making new connections with Kannada people who were also attending the seminar and helped us with the translation and understanding. Altogether, it has been an experience worth remembering in my life along with the many lessons, academic or otherwise which will help me become a better student, a learner, and above all, a better human being in the fast-paced world.

CHANDRAYAAN UTSAV



August 23,2023, a day to remember for all Indians as Chandrayaan 3 made history by touching down on the moon's surface. Being the only nation to achieve a gentle landing at the south pole of the moon, India's achievement was cause for celebration. Our ISRO scientists worked long hours and through the night to make this mission a success. To share this delight and success students of CeRSSE sang Songs and created a poster honouring Chandrayaan 3. The students had the chance to demonstrate their admiration for the scientific advances that have transformed our country.  
-Angel Roshni (MAPSIR SEM1)

In the classroom's gentle embrace, we find,  
A bond between hearts, one of a kind.  
Teacher and student, hand in hand,  
Together we journey, understand.

With wisdom's torch, you light the way,  
Guiding through night into the day.  
In your words, a world unfurls,  
For eager minds, the endless pearls.

You nurture dreams, you fan the flame,  
In your care, we find our aim.  
Through struggles, triumphs, highs, and lows,  
Your patient spirit always glows.

You're more than lessons, facts, and rules,  
You're mentors, shaping future jewels.  
In your lessons, life's truths we glean,  
In your presence, we find a dream.

Ankur Boruah (MAPSIR SEM1)

**A BEAUTIFUL BLESSING!**

God has given us a beautiful blessing  
A blessing that teaches us sharing and caring  
He gave her qualities without measure  
She shares wisdom from God's treasure

She is a beacon in the dark  
Lighting our path at every mark  
She encourages in every way  
Motivates to do better every day

Her every word leaves a mark  
Lifelong lesson for every journey to embark  
She inspires with her grace  
On how to win life's race

God wrapped this gift with tender care  
A gift no one can compare  
To every class she gives her best  
Remind us we are so blessed

A tribute I wish to write  
To those helping us shine bright  
Always giving us a part of their light  
To make us strong for life's long fight

Yashaswini Sedde (MAPPA SEM3)