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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

IILM University Holds 20th Convocation, Confers Degrees on 244 MBA Graduates

IILM University, Gurugram, held its 20th Convocation Ceremony on September 13, 2025, conferring degrees upon 244 MBA graduates of the School of Management. The event marked a milestone for the Class of 2025, celebrating academic achievements and inspiring future leaders.

The convocation was highlighted by Dr. Nakul Anand's address, where he urged graduates to embrace innovation with responsibility and purpose. Presided over by Chancellor Prof. Dwarakanath P and Vice Chancellor Prof. Padmakali Banerjee, the event also featured messages of encouragement from Director Dr. Ravi Kumar Jain and Dean Dr. Sunita Dwivedi, inspiring students as they embarked on their professional journeys.

Alongside degree distribution, the university recognized outstanding student performances. Five students received awards for Academic Excellence, while two were honoured with the prestigious Shri Kulwant Rai Gold Medals for academic and overall excellence.



The convocation was marked by pride and joy as parents, faculty, and students celebrated the graduates' success. The university congratulated the Class of 2025, reaffirming its commitment to academic excellence and expressing confidence in the graduates' potential to contribute meaningfully across industries.

The 20th convocation thus stood as a testament to IILM University's legacy of academic distinction and its vision of shaping responsible leaders for the future.



Dr. Asha Saxena Trains IILM Faculty in AI Framework for Enterprise Transformation

IILM University, Gurugram, conducted a three-day AI Factor Faculty Training Program, equipping 86 faculty members with strategies to integrate artificial intelligence into their teaching across disciplines. The training was led by Dr. Asha Saxena, founder of The AI Factor Institute and author of 'The AI Factor'.

The AI Factor is a management framework that equips leaders to drive enterprise-wide transformation through artificial intelligence. At IILM, faculty participated in training sessions that demonstrated how the framework could be applied across fields such as business, law, engineering, and healthcare, with a strong focus on responsible and effective adoption. The sessions introduced key components of the framework, including the Power Quadrant, Data Readiness, Use Case Prioritization, Responsible AI, and the AI Flywheel. These



tools guided participants in assessing organizational readiness, identifying practical use cases, and exploring how AI can reshape business models. The framework enabled faculty to gain both conceptual and useful insights, preparing them to integrate AI into teaching and practice in ways that support innovation, accountability, and long-term institutional growth.

IILM University, AIMS Launch Experiential Learning Lab to Boost MSME Innovation

IILM University, Gurugram, in collaboration with the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS) Delhi-Haryana Chapter, recently launched the MSME Experiential Learning Lab to promote innovation and sustainable growth among Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

Led by the School of Management, the initiative provides MSMEs with mentorship, live projects, and training in critical areas such as digital transformation, sustainability, and sales, positioning the Lab as a problem-solving hub that converts business challenges into opportunities.

The launch event featured a keynote address by Dr. H.P. Kumar on MSME 2030: Vision for the Future of Small Business, which highlighted digital-first operations, sustainability, and rural

enterprise development. A panel discussion on academia-industry collaboration explored how business schools can partner with MSMEs to drive innovation.



Concluding with a Vote of Thanks by Prof. Saurabh Trivedi, the event underscored the Lab's role in preparing future-ready graduates and empowering MSMEs across India.

Professor Motson Enlightens IILM Students on Business Ownership

On September 16, 2025, IILM University, Gurugram, hosted Professor Nick Motson, Associate Dean of the MSc Programme at City St Georges, University of London, for a session titled "Who Should Own a Company?". Addressing 120 students, he examined ownership models such as family businesses, public corporations, and private equity, linking them to Agency, Stewardship, and Stakeholder theories. Using global examples like Tata, Walmart, Infosys, and Apple, he highlighted their influence on strategy, performance, and stakeholder value.

The interactive Q&A session focused on governance, ethics, and the future of ownership, encouraging students to reflect on broader societal impacts. Concluding, Professor Motson emphasized that no single model is universally superior, as each carries



distinct strengths and challenges. The session aligned with IILM University's mission of fostering critical thinking, global perspectives, and responsible leadership.

Stories, Stress, and Self-discovery: IILM's YourDOST Orientation Inspires Students



IILM University conducted a YourDOST orientation aimed at promoting mental health awareness, self-reflection, and emotional well-being among students.

The session adopted an interactive approach, combining storytelling exercises, discussions, and activities to engage participants in meaningful reflection on personal growth and resilience.

A key activity involved students imagining the title of their autobiography, which facilitated dialogue on themes such as freedom, learning from experiences, and coping with challenges. Examples included titles like "Ja Simran Ja" and "The 20 Chapters", reflecting both humor and introspection. Facilitators emphasized the importance of sharing emotions openly, managing stress, and the role of human connection alongside technological support. An online quiz assessed stress levels, prompting participants to evaluate their coping strategies.

The orientation concluded with students gaining practical strategies to navigate academic pressures and a reinforced sense of community. The initiative demonstrated IILM University's commitment to holistic student well-being.

MILESTONES & MERITS

Dr. Shamik Tiwari named among World's Top 2% Scientists for Third Consecutive Year

Dr. Shamik Tiwari, Dean and Professor at IILM University's School of Computer Science and Engineering, Gurugram, has been named among the world's top 2% scientists for the third consecutive year in the Stanford University–Elsevier global ranking. With over 22 years of experience, he credits this achievement to collaborative efforts with co-authors, students, and institutions.

A pioneer in artificial intelligence and data science, his research spans image processing, neural networks, deep learning, and medical applications such as Alzheimer's detection and cardiovascular disease. He emphasizes preparing students for AI-augmented careers, highlighting the transformative role of automation across industries.

As founding dean, Dr. Tiwari has launched "Vision 2030" to position the school among India's top 100 institutions, partnering with tech



leaders for co-created curricula and real-world projects. He advises aspiring researchers to focus on Attitude, Adaptability, and Agility, encouraging students to embrace technology as AI reshapes every industry.

Dr. Shivani Sharma explores Food, Identity, and Belonging

Dr. Shivani showcased her research at an Oxford conference, using autoethnography to connect personal narrative with broader social inquiry. Through the lens of a school lunchbox,

she explored how colonial legacies and cultural hierarchies shape Indian food habits, educational experiences, and a sense of belonging.

The Oxford setting left a strong impression on Dr. Shivani, with its historic architecture and a culture of thoughtful, respectful dialogue among scholars. Her work resonated internationally, with participants relating to how food traditions can reflect both judgment and belonging.

Encouraged by the reception, Dr. Shivani plans to submit her work to academic journals and continue bridging philosophical inquiry with lived experience. Her presentation highlights IILM University's growing presence on the global academic stage.



CAMPUS FOR A CAUSE

Where Knowledge Became Kindness

IILM University, Greater Noida team's visit to Vaidpura Zila began as an academic field trip but soon became a profound lesson in empathy and community engagement. Initially greeted by a few shy children at the Anganwadi, the team offered chocolates to break the ice, and gradually a larger group gathered. With the support of Anganwadi workers, they conducted small awareness sessions under the trees, discussing disabilities, government entitlements, and the importance of early intervention.

The children's excitement and the parents' candid honesty left a lasting impression on the team. While the children treasured their chocolates, some parents gently highlighted their limited means, offering a sobering perspective.



By the end of the day, the team had shared more than treats, they had fostered trust, understanding, and hope, demonstrating how small acts of kindness can create meaningful, lasting impact.

Saturdays of Change



Every Saturday, IILM University, Greater Noida students visit a government school in partnership with the CRY Foundation, bringing lessons, materials, and a belief in the potential of each child. Beyond academics, their presence nurtures curiosity, confidence, and self-expression.

Students engage with the children through games, activities, and learning sessions, meeting them where they are and supporting their growth. Through these interactions, the children begin to believe in their own abilities, while the volunteers gain perspective and understanding. The initiative highlights how education and encouragement can create meaningful, lasting impact for both students and volunteers.

Joy of Giving

Guided by the belief that true giving involves understanding and sharing in others' daily lives, Professor Apoorva Rao and IILM University, Gurugram students organized a three-day Joy of Giving initiative in collaboration with the Taare Zameen Foundation from September 2 to 4. The project focused on supporting families in Ambedkar Colony, where many residents face daily challenges, particularly in marginalized Scheduled Caste communities.

Students pooled contributions ranging from ₹5 to ₹500 to provide 20 days' worth of essential rations. Rather than handing out cash, they purchased and delivered staples such as wheat, rice, soap, and books, along with small treats for children to bring moments of joy. The team personally visited the community, ensuring transparency and creating a sense of connection and



celebration. Looking ahead, Professor Rao and her team plan community events and a blood donation drive. She emphasizes that their ongoing goal is to foster giving from the heart, cultivating empathy and compassion beyond obligation.

FROM THE GROUND

The CRY Initiative



The members of the IILM University Greater Noida's CRY Initiative have been consistently demonstrating outstanding commitment

and enthusiasm in their volunteering journey with CRY. The volunteers are sincere, proactive, and deeply motivated, making a meaningful difference through their efforts.

CRY extends heartfelt gratitude to the entire college for its immense support and encouragement towards our shared mission of championing child rights.

The volunteers have played a key role in 'CRY's School Awareness Program', conducting engaging sessions on Cyber Safety and Financial Literacy across government schools in Noida and Greater Noida. Additionally, through the 'Fundamentals First Program', these passionate individuals are helping children from underserved communities—many of whom are first-generation learners—strengthen their foundational skills in English and Math.

Their dedication and compassion truly embody the spirit of youth-led social change. We look forward to continuing this inspiring partnership and creating even greater impact together.

SHREEYA DUTTA
MANAGER, VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP
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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

SabPaisa Hosts IILM Psychology Students for Workplace Insights

On September 19, 2025, students from the Department of Psychology at IILM University, Gurugram, visited SabPaisa, a leading fintech company in New Delhi, for an educational field experience. The visit included an interactive workshop led by Mr. Ajit Kumar, Chief Growth Officer, SabPaisa, focusing on organizational culture, HR practices, and the role of psychology in tech-driven workplaces.

Mr. Kumar highlighted SabPaisa's people-first approach, emphasizing inclusivity, growth, and employee value.

Students learned about innovative practices such as hackathons, cross-team collaboration, and structured internship programs aimed at nurturing young talent and future industry leaders.



The visit gave students practical insights into how psychological principles can be applied in HR and organizational development, bridging theory with real-world practice. Participants reported a deeper understanding of workplace culture and how their skills can contribute to creating resilient organizations.

Simar Kaur Chandi Wins Young Researcher Award for Study on Parental Cancer and its Impact on Youth



BA (Hons) Psychology, 3rd year student- Simar Kaur Chandi, was awarded the Youngest Researcher Award in Psychological Research for her study, "Perceived Social Support and Resilience Among Young Adults Facing Parental Cancer," which examines the emotional and social impact of parental cancer on adolescents and young adults.

Inspired by a personal experience, Simar emphasizes empathy and ethical sensitivity in her research, aiming to address real-life mental health challenges. She has also authored studies on PCOS and workplace stress, presented at institutions including IIT Bombay. Known for her confidence, curiosity, and empathy, Simar remains committed to psychology research that makes a meaningful difference in people's lives.

Psychology Students Mark Suicide Prevention Week with Creative Awareness Activity

Students of the M.A. Psychology at IILM University, Gurugram marked Suicide Prevention Week with a classroom activity focused on awareness, empathy, and positivity. Through collaborative exercises, they created charts and colorful sticky-note mosaics filled with motivational messages, symbolizing collective support and hope.

The session also included a recitation of a poem on resilience and compassion, adding emotional depth to the activities. Photographs and videos of the event were shared on social media to extend the message beyond the classroom.

Students reflected on a strong sense of unity and accomplishment, recognizing how small acts of care can have a meaningful impact. The initiative complemented their academic learning while reinforcing the importance of suicide prevention and mental health awareness in everyday life.



Sweet Symphony Brings a Burst of Flavours and Creativity to IILM



On September 12, the Hospitality Club's Sweet Symphony event brought nearly 40 students from Hospitality, BBA, MBA, and Psychology together

to create desserts like oat brownies and Biscoff cheesecake under the guidance of Chef Kartik Jain. The workshop, conducted at the Gurugram campus, encouraged creativity, collaboration, and experimentation in a non-competitive, hands-on environment.

Students practiced teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving while exploring textures, flavours, and plating, turning classroom learning into practical experience. By the end, the room buzzed with energy, aromas, and colorful desserts, highlighting how culinary practice can inspire creativity, confidence, and collaboration among students.

Riwayat 2025: Celebrating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at IILM University

On September 12th, IILM University, Greater Noida's auditorium came alive with energy as Riwayat, a celebration of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), took center stage. What started as a simple idea for a diversity dress-up day quickly transformed into a vibrant cultural showcase organized by the School of Management's HR club, Connectors, with over 40 participants and a dedicated team of students led by president Insha Abbas.



The evening featured performances that were fun, moving, and thought-provoking, all focused on celebrating differences. The enthusiastic audience response created a warm, inclusive atmosphere, highlighting the sense of belonging fostered by the event.

attendees with smiles and a shared sense of community.

Even in its first edition, the event set the tone for a tradition celebrating diversity and connection at IILM University.

Riwayat successfully brought together students, faculty, and visitors, leaving



TECH THREADS

SCSE and HP Bring Gaming Excitement to IILM University

On September 4, 2025, IILM University's School of Computer Science and Engineering, in collaboration with HP, hosted a gaming competition that attracted over 200 students. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their skills in popular games like Valorant, Tekken, and Asphalt, combining strategy, teamwork, and creativity.

HP supported the competition with high-performance gaming systems, ensuring a professional setup. Organized by the CS Department Activity Club, the event encouraged collaboration and camaraderie, allowing students to experience e-sports firsthand on campus. While winners were celebrated, all participants left with a sense of engagement, teamwork and fun, reflecting SCSE's commitment to blending academics with vibrant extracurricular experiences.

**IILM University Celebrates Engineer's Day with Focus on Sustainability**

On September 15, 2025, SCSE at IILM University, Gurugram celebrated Engineer's Day with the theme "Best out of Waste: Engineering for a Circular Economy." The event focused on encouraging students to

design sustainable solutions by repurposing discarded materials.

A highlight was the "Best out of Waste" competition, where 34 teams of 74 students showcased innovative prototypes, demonstrating creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork. The keynote by Dr. Vishal Gandhi emphasized how engineers can transform waste into valuable resources for a sustainable future. Winners were awarded prizes and certificates, and students praised the event for inspiring environmentally responsible innovation.



IILM University Hosts Internal Smart India Hackathon 2025 to Select Top Teams for National Stage

On September 17, 2025, IILM University, Gurugram, hosted the Internal Smart India Hackathon to shortlist student teams for the national Smart India Hackathon 2025. Thirty-two teams presented technology-driven solutions to real-world problems, showcasing innovation, teamwork, and technical skills.

An expert jury of industry professionals and faculty evaluated projects based on creativity, problem relevance, technical strength, and presentation. Team CodeCatalysts, led by Kshitij Mishra, won the competition, while Team CODEx and Team 4VPS were first and second runners-up. Several other teams received nominations for promising ideas.

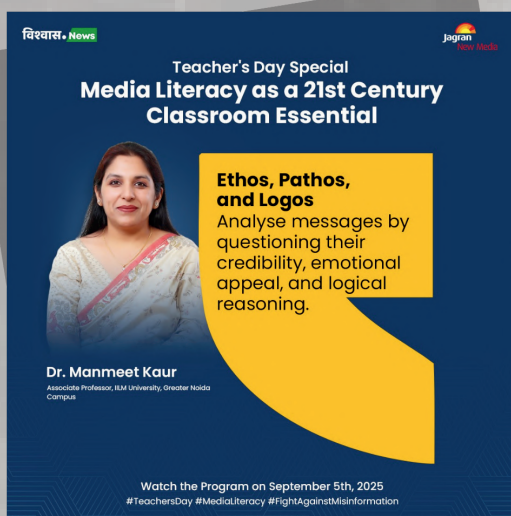
The event provided students with hands-on experience in coding, prototyping, and



interdisciplinary collaboration preparing them for the national hackathon. Organizers emphasized that such initiatives cultivate innovation, entrepreneurship, and purposeful problem-solving among young leaders.

FACULTY VOICES

Webinar on Media Literacy as a 21st Century Classroom Essential



theme "Media Literacy as a 21st Century Classroom Essential."

The webinar was hosted by Vishwas News (Jagran New Media) and brought together six professors from six different universities, each sharing their perspectives on how media literacy can be effectively integrated into teaching and learning practices. Dr. Manmeet highlighted the importance of equipping students with critical media analysis skills to navigate today's complex information environment.

On September 5, 2025, Dr. Manmeet Kaur, Associate Professor, Department of Communication, represented IILM University, Greater Noida as a speaker in a webinar on the

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VOICES IN PRINT

Creative People: Normal or Abnormal?

This question sits at the crossroads of psychology, culture, and personal identity. Creativity is often portrayed as something wild and unpredictable, while normality is associated with stability, routine, and conformity. But are these ideas truly in conflict, or do they overlap in more ways than we assume?

History has long romanticized the idea of the "tortured artist." Figures like Vincent van Gogh, Sylvia Plath, and Virginia Woolf struggled with mental illness, and their pain often seems inseparable from their art. Philosopher Plato described artistic inspiration as a form of "divine madness," suggesting that true creativity requires a break from ordinary thought. But examples like Mozart, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Steven Spielberg challenge this narrative. They were creative without documented mental illness, showing that brilliance does not always require suffering.

Modern research gives us a more balanced view. Some studies show links between creativity and certain mental health conditions, particularly bipolar disorder or schizotypal traits. However, other studies show no strong connection. Many creative people are mentally healthy, and many people with mental illness are not especially creative. What matters more may be emotional depth, resilience, and the ability to reflect on experience.

Creativity can survive and even thrive with proper mental health support. Artists like Yayoi Kusama, Demi Lovato, and others have continued to create while seeking treatment. Passion and obsession with one's craft are common among artists, athletes, scientists, and performers. These qualities do not make someone abnormal; they make them deeply engaged.

So, can you be creative and normal at the same time? The answer is yes. Creativity is not the opposite of normality. It is a part of what it means to be human, and both stability and intensity can exist within the same creative mind.



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Poems

ANGEL

Friend, thought you were an angel.
Soaring love with broken wings,
Defeated by deceiving winds,
I told you the truth you didnt wanna hear
so I haven't seen you much since...

Thought you were a shining sun
But fake gold soon rusts
Look at you and your palace of cards
with your queen of jokers and army of snollygosters...
I tried to paint you with brightest colours
but your shadow always screamed monster...

You don't get to toast like a saviour
when I am poisoned by your pseudologue behaviour...

And I insensitively want to promulgate
how you hide your incompetence behind
heartbreak...
give it up for the self sullied man of smoke and effluvium and the king of misery and the fakes,
who i thought was an angel...

ADHIRAJ RATHI
BJMC

IILM UNIVERSITY, GREATER NOIDA

अगर जिंदगी बोल पाती तो वो क्या कहती

मैंने तुम्हे बढ़ते देखा , चलते देखा , गिरते देखा
तुम्हारी दंतुरित मुस्कान को ढलते देखा,
जब श्वास अंत निकटम लगी
तुम से ज्यादा खुद के प्रतिबिंब को ढलते देखा ।

हां जाना मैंने तुमने खुद को अकेला पाया ,
इस दुनिया की कदमोश के बीच सबको पराया सा देखा।

अगर बोल पाती तो बताती
तुमको बिखरते देख कर संभाले से ज्यादा बिखरती हु मैं,
सोचा था साथ रहना तुम्हारे हर पल पर टूटे कड़ों को जोड़ने में विचलित हु मै,

माफी देना मुझे मैंने जो ये स्वांग रचा,
तुम संग माया जाल में खेलने को आनंद समझा ।
अब तुम्हारी आंखे नम से ज्यादा खामोश लगती है
तुम्हारी हसी भरी से ज्यादा खोखली लगती है ।

हमारा जोड़ ही ऐसा प्रयत्न है तुम्हारे होने से ही मेरा अस्तित्व है ,
तुमसे ही मेरा आरम्भ तुम्ही से मेरा अंत ।

पर बात इस कड़ी के आकर रुक आती है
क्या है ना मेरी ये जिंदगी वाली फितरत बीच में अड़ आती है ।

ARPITA TIWARI
BTECH

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Quote of the Month

Things that are real are given and recieved in silence.

From 2003 to 2025: A 22 Year Journey



STANDING WITH LEADERSHIP

ALUMNI SHARE A PROUD MOMENT WITH THE VICE CHANCELLOR, DR TARUNA GAUTAM HONORING THE BOND BETWEEN GRADUATES AND THEIR ALMA MATER



A PORTRAIT OF TOGETHERNESS

SMILES, JOY, AND FRIENDSHIP CAPTURED IN ONE TIMELESS FRAME.



ECHOES OF THE CLASSROOM

RETURNING TO THE LECTURE HALLS, ALUMNI FOUND MEMORIES WAITING IN EVERY CORNER.



WHERE JOURNEYS BEGAN

AT THE UNIVERSITY GATES, ALUMNI RECONNECT WITH THE PLACE THAT FIRST OPENED DOORS TO THEIR FUTURE.

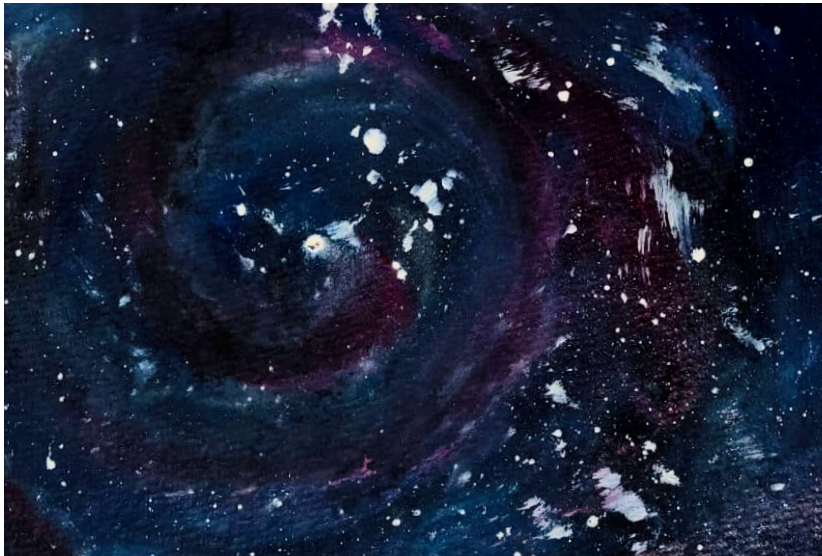
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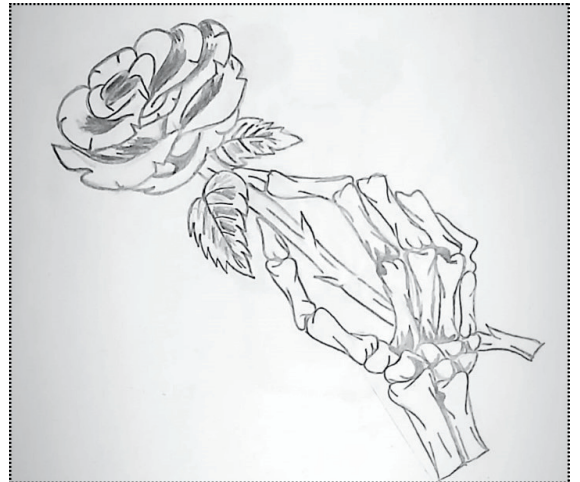
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Art Tip of the Month

When shading, try using warm colors in some areas and cool colors in others. Warm colors make things feel closer and full, while cool colors make shadows look deeper. Mixing them a little can make your drawing or painting feel more real and lively.

**Art wasn't supposed to look nice;
it was supposed to make you feel
something**

- Rainbow Rowell

Photography Tip of the Month

Imagine your frame divided into 9 squares. Place your subject along these lines or intersections to make your photo more balanced and interesting. This is called the rule of thirds.

Photography is the story I fail to put into words.

– Destin Sparks



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BRAIN IN VAIN

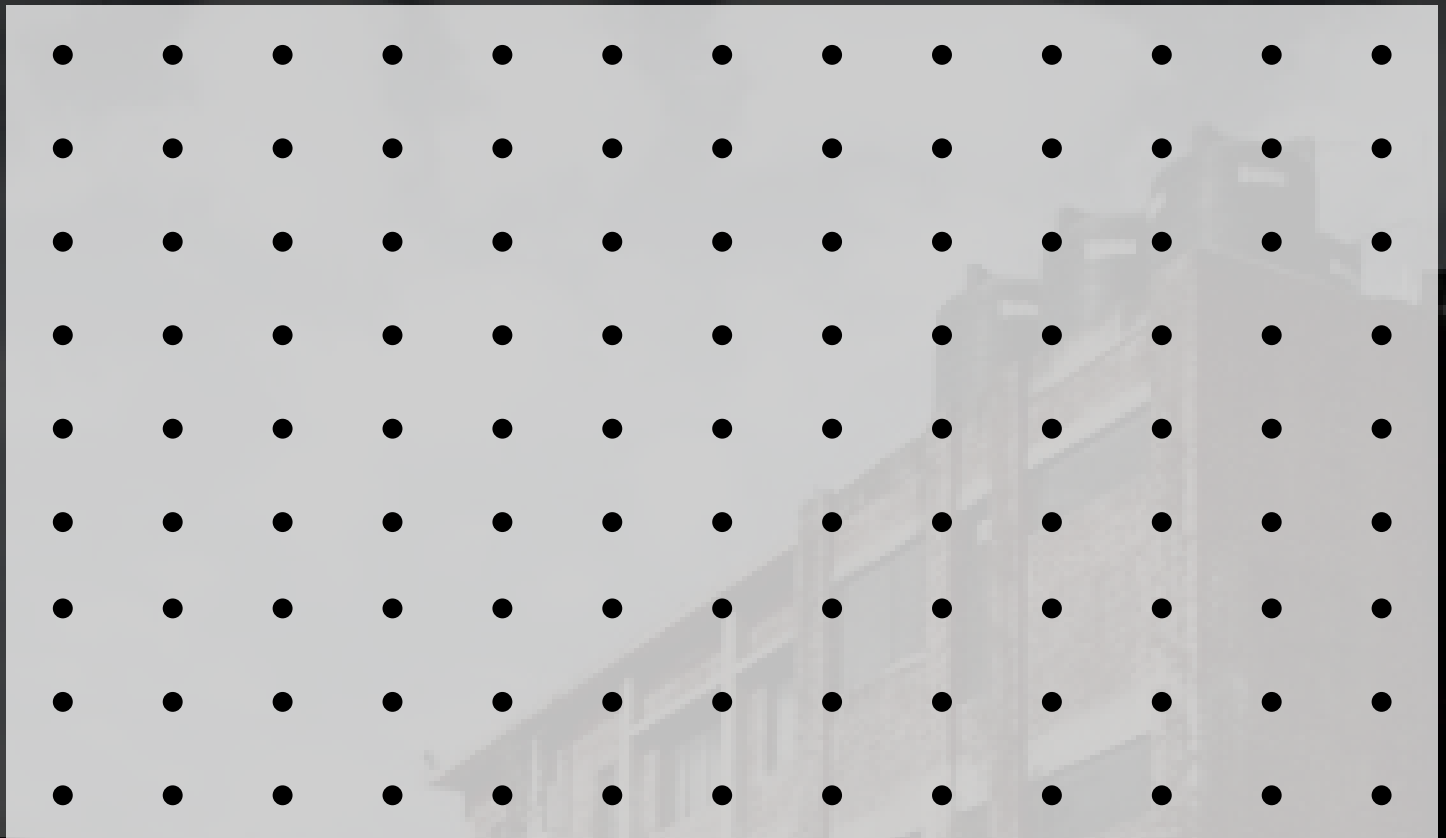
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2. Box Cafe
3. Chai Garam
4. IGSM

5. SVH
6. Eudaimonia
7. Brain Brunch
8. Ikshana

9. Aarambh
10. Aaroh
11. Swaraag
12. Sai Mandir



MAKE SQUARES TO COLLECT TERRITORY!
(PLAY WITH A FRIEND)

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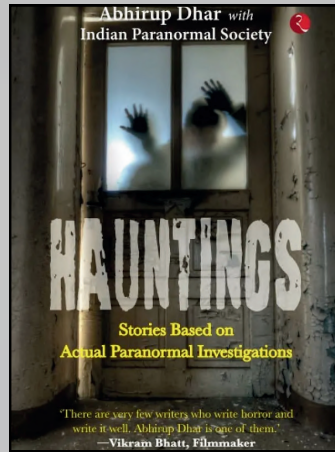
Book Review

Hauntings By Abhirup Dhar

Hauntings discusses the real life cases of the Indian Paranormal Society. This is a book I genuinely adore—it's easily one of my all-time favourites. Every chapter pulled me in like I was right there with the team. It's

spooky, yes, but in a way that makes you think instead of just scaring you. I love how it quietly questions what we call "reality," leaving the reader with a new perspective.

If you're curious about the unknown or just love a good late-night read, this is a book that I would highly recommend!



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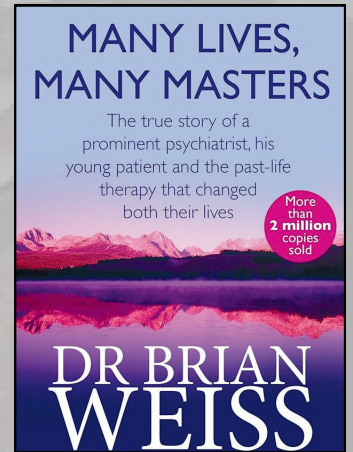
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Many Lives, Many Masters by Dr. Brian Weiss

The book gently invites you to rethink what you believe about life, death, and purpose. Simple yet profound, it lingers long after the final

page. It's the true story of a psychiatrist whose world shifts when a patient begins recalling past lives. What starts as therapy becomes something deeper: healing, meaning, and perhaps even proof we live more than once.

I like Many Lives, Many Masters because it blends science and spirituality in an honest, deeply human way. In the end, it leaves you with more than answers—it leaves you with a perspective.



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The best moments in reading are when you come across something - a thought, a feeling, a way of looking at things - which you had thought special and particular to you. Now here it is, set down by someone else, a person you have never met, someone even who is long dead. And it is as if a hand has come out and taken yours.

-Alan Bennett, The History Boys

Movie Review

THE CONJURING:
LAST RITES

Over a decade after reshaping supernatural horror, the Conjuring universe returns with its final chapter, The Last Rites. The film opens with an eerie atmosphere, setting the stage for the Warrens' most



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dangerous and personal battle yet. It blends suspense with emotional depth, reminding us that their fight has always been as spiritual as it is physical.

Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga once again shine, carrying the film with their chemistry and emotional weight. Visually, the film stays true to its roots with dark corridors, flickering lights, and a chilling score that heightens tension throughout.

While the movie builds strong suspense, some viewers felt the ending was abrupt and underwhelming. Others noted the film leaned more into love than horror, which defied expectations.

Despite its flaws, The Last Rites offers a heartfelt and atmospheric farewell. It may not exceed previous entries, but it reinforces why the Conjuring series remains iconic in modern horror.

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CHANDRA

Lokah: Chapter 1 – Chandra is a landmark in Malayalam cinema, introducing India's first indigenous female superhero. Directed by Dominic Arun, the film transcends typical superhero conventions by



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blending Kerala's Yakshi mythology with European vampire lore, creating a uniquely rooted yet universally appealing cinematic universe.

Kalyani shines as Chandra, delivering a powerful performance with evident martial arts prowess. Her costume, symbolically tied to Bhadrakali through its black and white design, adds depth to her transformation from a vulnerable woman to a supernatural protector.

The VFX is impressive, and the world-building stands out for its originality and ambition. However, the film suffers from pacing issues, especially in the second half where the organ trafficking subplot feels rushed and disconnected from the initial storyline.

Despite this, the mid and post-credit scenes effectively tease a larger universe. Strongly inspired by the God of War series, Chandra marks a bold step forward for Indian superhero storytelling.

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IILMnary Talks

IILMnary Talks is the official podcast of IILM University, Greater Noida. The name combines "IILM" with "Preliminary", symbolising a space where meaningful conversations begin. This initiative serves as a creative and professional platform to amplify student voices, engage with thought leaders, and reflect the diverse culture and ambitions of IILM.

The very first episode of IILMnary Talks brings an electrifying conversation to the screen, featuring Dr. Nihar Amoncar in dialogue with host Kinjalk Sharma. Right from the start, the talk shatters conventional ideas about education. Dr. Amoncar makes it clear: learning is not about memorizing textbooks or collecting degrees. It's about building a mindset that adapts, grows, and thrives, no matter what life throws at you. His standout line hits home instantly: "You don't graduate from growth." A bold reminder that curiosity, self-improvement, and lifelong learning are not optional they are essential.

Redefining Leadership

Leadership gets a total makeover in this episode. Dr. Amoncar reframes it as service over status. True leaders, he explains, don't ask "What can I gain?" they ask "How can I contribute?" This flips the conventional idea of power



on its head. Leadership becomes purpose-driven, inspiring and meaningful, emphasizing action, ownership, and impact rather than titles or authority.

Failure as a Stepping Stone

Fear of failure? Not here. Dr. Amoncar makes it clear: setbacks are lessons in disguise. Every failure teaches resilience, builds character, and strengthens your ability to tackle future challenges. Growth, he emphasizes, isn't linear it's messy, unpredictable, and most valuable when you embrace every twist and turn.

Roadmap to Success

Packed with wisdom, real-life lessons and motivation, this episode is more than just a talk it's a roadmap for anyone ready to learn, lead, and leave a mark. Dr. Amoncar inspires students to be curious, courageous, and conscious contributors, transforming ordinary learning into extraordinary growth. For young professionals and students alike, it's a must watch because success isn't just about what you know; it's about who you become along the journey.



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- Written pieces: Word/Google Doc (.doc/.docx)
- Images: High-quality JPG or PNG

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We look forward to your submissions!