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SPICE Report 2020-21



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Department of MCA
Students Personality, Intellect & Creativity Enhancement



- **Name of the Society :** Students Personality, Intellect & Creativity Enhancement (SPICE)
- **Staff incharges:** Mrs. Nishi Tiku, HOD, Department of MCA and Mrs. Dhanamma Jagli, Assistant Professor.
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- **SPICE Committee:**
- Brief introduction to SPICE:

Our Moto: *To Bridge the gap between Campus and Companies and overall personality development of the students.*

SPICE was formed to bridge the gap between the college syllabus and the placements. SPICE conducts aptitude test, sessions by experts and ex-students to make students understand the aptitude level of dream companies as well prepare them for such placements in both aptitude and interviews. It also aides their overall personality development by giving them the confidence to speak via GD and debate sessions and prepare them for the corporate world.

- **List of activities:**

Events planned for the year are :

- Aptitude Tests for MCA-2 (both shifts)
- Placement Guidance From Seniors (both shifts)



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- Acing The Interview session from Dr. Pooja Kundu
- Aptitude Tests for MCA-1 & MCA-3 (both shifts)

Events Conducted During the Academic Year 2020-2021:

- **Aptitude Tests for MCA-2:** This event was conducted for Quantitative ability test usually assess candidates' ability to solve numerical problems and problem-solving skills. Quantitative aptitude is an important section of any competitive exam which needs to be cleared and also forms the bulk of most of the graduate level papers.
- **Placement Guidance From Seniors(SESSION WITH SENIORS) :** A session was conducted in which all the placed senior students shared their experience and skills with FY MCA and SY MCA students.
- **Acing The Interview:** The Interview, cracking the campus interview is the dream of every student, to make it easy for every student. SPICE is here with an important session.
- **Aptitude Tests for MCA-1 & MCA-3:** This event was conducted for Quantitative ability test usually assess candidates' ability to solve numerical problems and problem-solving skills. Quantitative aptitude is an important section of any competitive exam which needs to be cleared and also forms the bulk of most of the graduate level papers.

EVENT	Date	People Count
Session With Seniors	19 December 2020	72 (68 students, 4 Seniors)
Aptitude Test For MCA-2	11 November 2020	37
Acing The Interview	27 March 2021	55
Aptitude Test For MCA All Batches	20 March 2021	

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New Fundamental adopted for planning SPICE activities :

For maintaining a great interest and enthusiasm among the students the team decided to plan the activities as group activities and generate leaderboard over the evaluation of scores of the group as well as individual performance.

Over the activities conducted and the evaluated results the leaderboard will reflect the rankings of each group and hence provide



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a competitive environment for students and an interest to participate more to be on top of the leaderboard.

Additional to above the student groups were formed on random basis rather than students being into their comfort zone, this will result students interaction and coordination with different mind sets and views.

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S.P.I.C.E REPORT - February - 2019

1. Activity: **Grid Lock Time Attack #1**

This was a group activity conducted by the team lead by Jinang Vora for both First & Second Year Students which was a mock technical round with a twist, a member of the team was given a technical word to describe and the following team members had to recognize the word. One point was allotted for each word recognized on which the scores were evaluated for each group:

Photographs:



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First Year Winners:

I Shift: 1st Position: Team Alpha
(Group 5)

2nd Position: Data Pirates (Group
6) 3rd Position: Code Red (Group
2)

II Shift: 1st Position: ZeroBug
(Group 5)

2nd Position: Cipher (Group 10)

3rd Position: Bot Interpreters (Group
1)

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February

Activities Plan



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2. Activity: **A talk for preparations.**

This was a combined session conducted for the students for second

year for guidance over preparations for overall placements drives.

The session was led by Akshat Upadhyay, senior and was very well

guided and framed.

Photograph:

3) Activity: Aptitude Test For First & Second Year Students Aptitude tests were conducted for both 1st & 2nd Year Students based on different topics as follows:

Aptitude Test 1: Logical Reasoning (Topic: Number Series)

Aptitude Test 2: Logical Reasoning (Topic: Blood Relations)

Aptitude Test 3: Quantitative (Topic: Average)

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Future Activities planned in February



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2019:

- Regular Aptitude tests
- Group Discussion
- Coding Contest
- Experience seminar (By Seniors who are recently placed)
- Mock Technical Interviews
- Mock HR interviews
- Resume Building Sessions

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SPICE Report 2018-19



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- Expert lecture of HR for MCA-2 (both shifts)
- Interactive/Expert lectures for MCA 2 (both shifts)
- Expert lecture to crack the code for MCA-2 (both shifts)

Events Conducted During the Academic Year 2018-2019:

- **Aptitude Lectures & Tests:** Lectures to improve student's aptitude skills are being conducted. Regular quantitative and technical aptitude tests were also conducted and was helpful in enhancing students technical skills. Lectures were taken by faculty as well as senior students.
- **Group Discussion:** The group discussion for the FY MCA held in November, 2018, was very impressive, with every performer was at their best. Finally the top 4 were chosen for the final round which was held on 24th of January, 2019. Vishal Ekada Bhandari from FY MCA Morning was declared as Winner.
- **Intern Interaction :** A session was conducted in which all the placed senior students shared their experience and skills with FY MCA and SY MCA students.
- **PPT Making session :** This session was held on 10th October 2018, where FY MCA and SY MCA students prepared PPT presentations. This session helped student in enhancing their presentation making skills.
- **Group Discussion:** The group discussion for the SY MCA both shifts was conducted on 6th January 2019, was very impressive, every performer was at their best. Finally the top 6 were chosen for the final round which was held on 12th of March 2019 and two winners were declared Bhumiika Dalal from SY Morning shift and Ron Paul SY Afternoon shift.
- **Mock Interviews (HR and Technical) :** Mock Interviews were conducted during the third week of March 2019. It was benefited for SY MCA students to prepare for their placements.



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Final Round of the first year GD competition

For the SY MCA the GD competition was a more serious event. It was to help them prepare for their upcoming placement events. The first round of group discussion took place on 6th of March, 2019. From which five finalist from each shift were chosen.

The final round for SY MCA was held on 13th of March, 2019. The topic for the final GD round was **"E-Commerce : Are discounts harmful in long run?"** All the finalists had brought their A-Game as was expected. The presiding jury for this round were Mrs. Dhanamma Jagli and Mr. Sunny Nahar from the Department of MCA. The only criticism from the jury was that the participants, at times, were unable to carry the topic forward, which rendered the discussion to be revolving around few initial points .



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After much deliberation 3 candidates were declared winners:

SY MCA Group Discussion Competition Top 3 Rank holders:

Winners of Group Discussion from Second Year MCA		
Rank	Name	Class
1	Bhumika Dalal	MCA 2A
2	Ron Paul	MCA 2B
3	Anikesh SM	MCA 2A

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SPICE Report 2017-18



"SPICE REPORT 2017-2018"

As the year ended in a dramatic fashion for SPICE all the events conducted throughout the year helped the students boost their confidence and enhance their skills.

Aptitude Test:

'A Stitch in Time Saves Nine', this proverb holds true as most of the students will be facing Aptitude tests for various companies in coming years. Keeping in mind the importance of those tests the SPICE team conducted many aptitude tests covering the following topics which are frequently asked by different companies.

The topics that were focused are:

- Non-Verbal Communication.
- Mathematics.
- Logical Reasoning.
- Computer Fundamentals.
- Verbal Abilities.

A great amount of enthusiasm was seen among the students through which the participation was to its maximum.

Aptitude for First Year:

The aptitude for the FY's was conducted with a less difficulty level to boost up their motivation and confidence. The amount of participation was more than expected for all the aptitude tests that were conducted for them. SPICE conducted 2 aptitudes in the 1st semester.

Winners Test-1:

Rank	Name	Roll No.	Shift
1	Singh Rishabh	51	MCA 1M
2	Davate Amey Vijaykumar, Jumde Prajwal Ashok	9,22	MCA 1M
2	Soni Juhi	52	MCA 1M

Winners Test-2:

Rank	Name	Roll No.	Shift
1	Pawar Anuja Deepak	36	MCA 1M
1	Sawant Nikhil Nitin	46	MCA 1M
1	Pancar Dimple	57	MCA 1M



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A little glimpse of the Event:



GROUP DISCUSSION:

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It was an individual performance event for FY and the event had two rounds i.e. an elimination round and the final round.

Group Discussion for First Year:

The group discussion for the first year was way more impressive and every performer was at its upmost level which was held on 6- & 7- September, 2017.

Finally the top 8 were chosen for the final round.

The final round had the topic "India and Globalisation" on which the outcome of every individual was totally different.

After a tough competition 3 candidates were declared winners.

Winners:

Rank	Name	Roll No.	Shift
1	Ron Paul	41	MCA 1E
1	Rudra Sharma	48	MCA 1E
2	Manish Nagdev	28	MCA 1M



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A glimpse of the Event:



Session on GROUP DISCUSSION and DEBATE:

We had called

Rakshit Garvir

Harish Muthalagan

From the Engineering, They had a better experience in the Debate as well as GD Session. This session was common for both FY's and 5Y's. It was held on 16th September 2017.

In this session they shared their experience from the Past events and also gave the FY's a rough idea about the Debate and 5Y's the GD session which will be held in the upcoming interview session.



Aptitude Test:

The topics that were focused are:

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- Logical Reasoning.



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- Computer Fundamentals.
- Verbal Abilities.

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Winners Test-1:

Rank	Name	Roll No.	Shift
1	Nankar Valdika Sanjay	36	MCA 2M
2	Shah Komal Bhadresh	46	MCA 1M
3	Maheshwari Shruti Gopal	30	MCA 1M

Winners Test-2:

Rank	Name	Roll No.	Shift
1	Shah Komal Bhadresh	46	MCA 1M
1	Trivedi Kapil Kumar Gordhanlal	58	MCA 1M
3	Iyengar Sharan	21	MCA 1M

A little glimpse of the Event:



Aptitude Test for First Years:

The aptitude tests conducted for the first years had a similar pattern which included mainly questions pertaining to non-verbal communication, mathematics, logical reasoning and computer fundamentals. The tests were just to boost the juniors and to encourage them to



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take initiative when it comes to preparation for aptitude. Two tests were conducted on the 11th of September, 2017 and 28th of September, 2017 respectively in which the students participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. The top three winners were chosen and were awarded with various gift hampers.

Winners of Test 1:-

Rank	Name	Roll Nos	Class/Shift
1	Paul Ron	41	MCA 1E
2	Lanke Kiran Ramesh	28	MCA 1E
	Sihag Robun	52	MCA 1E
	Sharma Salil	49	MCA 1E
3	Mnurya Pritha Pyarelal	30	MCA 1E
	Mayekar Mandar Mohan	31	MCA 1E
	Patil Meghna Bhaskar	38	MCA 1E
	Sayed Sharique Ali Iqbal Husam	47	MCA 1E

Winners of Test 2:

Rank	Name	Roll Nos	Class/Shift
1	Paul Ron	41	MCA 1E
2	Joshi Sujata Uday	22	MCA 1E
	Kamble Sanica Sanjay	24	MCA 1E
	Likhar Dimple Ramesh	29	MCA 1E
	Sharma Rudra Sanjay	48	MCA 1E
3	Auti Ravindra Nanabhau	3	MCA 1E
	Maurya Pritha Pyarelal	30	MCA 1E

Aptitude Contest:-



Aptitude Test for Second Years:

The first of the two aptitude tests for the SYMCA students was conducted on the 19th of September, 2017. The test mainly focused on topics like non-verbal communication, mathematics, logical reasoning, computer fundamentals and many others. It was followed by



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a second test on 30th September 2016. The motive of these tests was to give the students a taste of what they will face during the placement process. The event was a huge success as students from both the batches participated in large numbers and found the tests extremely helpful. For the winners, the average of the two tests was considered and the top three were selected as follows:

Winners of aptitude test1:-

Rank	Name	Roll No	Class/Shift
1	Silmula Komal Babayya	52	MCA 2A
2	Suratkar Abhishek Ashok	56	MCA 2A
3	Gade Sayali Eknath	12	MCA 2A
	Prabhu Shraddha Manjunath	41	MCA 2A
	Yevale Kanchan Ashok	60	MCA 2A

Winners Of Aptitude Test 2:

Rank	Name	Roll No	Class/Shift
1	Arun Revi	45	MCA 2A
2	Suratkar Abhishek Ashok	56	MCA 2A
3	Dharne Mugdha Suresh	10	MCA 2A

Aptitude Contest:-



SESSION BY SENIORS [16th October, 2017]

Session is based on "Preparation for Placements".

This session was to brief about the interview process as a whole and also to cover certain



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Important points that need to be kept in mind when you go for any placement process. It basically covered the following:

1. How to face a placement process.
2. Important Points for Aptitude Tests
3. How to go prepared for an Interview Round
4. How well to prepare and Resume Writing
5. How to make yourself technically prepared.

They also share their personal experiences about above points and solve the doubts of students regarding placements.

This session was taken by Venkatesh Vaasudhevan & Kshtija Vratak, Ayush Shukla and Nisha Yadav on 16th October, 2017. We have taken a feedback from students regarding conducting senior's session in future.

A glimpse of the Event:





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- Expert lecture of HR for MCA-2 (both shifts)
- Interactive/Expert lectures for MCA-2 (both shifts)
- "Creativity Enhancement" Events for MCA-1 & MCA-2 (both shifts)
- Expert lecture to crack the code for MCA-2 (both shifts)



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We calculated the average for all the 4 tests out of which the three best performers were chosen as the winners.



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Winners:

Rank	Name	Roll No.	Shift
1	Shraddha Chavan	11	MCA 1M
2	Jay Jethva	19	MCA 1E
3	Priyanka Devasthali	15	MCA 1M

A little glimpse of the Event:



Aptitude for Second Year:

At the stage is all set for the companies to arrive and pick the best candidate for their company the basic passing level is an aptitude test. So SPICE conducted 3 aptitudes in the 3rd semester and two in the 4th semester.

Considering the winners for the conducted tests.

We calculated the average for the all the five tests out of which the three best performers were chosen as the winners.



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Winners:

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2	Dhanashri Phatak	30	MCA 2M
3	Akash Sarfare	41	MCA 2M

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CODING COMPETITION:

Most people enjoy problem solving. It's just a question of what type of problem solving gives the greatest kick of excitement to which individual. Some like crossword puzzles, some like reading crime novels, some like car mechanics, and some like writing computer programs. So SPICE organized a coding competition for all the code lovers.

CODING COMPETITION FOR FIRST YEAR:

Programming is like writing a story. Except the characters and plot-lines you write exist in the truest sense. The coding competition among the first years was a super hit. Many students showed up their coding skills.

As for the event the first round was the aptitude test which was also the elimination round. Only 24 students were selected for the final coding round.

For the coding round 4 programs were put up for the students with a time limit of 40 mins. The judging criteria depended on the efficiency of the code, number of programs compiled & executed and the minimum time taken to complete all the questions.

Considering all the criteria 3 students were selected as the winner for this contest.

Winners:

Rank	Name	Roll No.	Shift
1	Shubham Kamalpure	21	MCA 1E
2	Parvez Mullah	32	MCA 1M
3	Sharan Iyengar	21	MCA 1M



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A glimpse of the Event:



BLIND CODING COMPETITION FOR SECOND YEAR:

Considering the fact that SY's already know most of the codes and logics for all sort of programs. The members of the SPICE gave a twist to the event and brought forth the concept of blind coding.

The first round for the students was an aptitude exam consisting of basic C and C++ fundamentals. The aptitude was the elimination round for both the shifts and top 32 students i.e. 16 from each shift were selected for the blind coding competition.

In the second round which was held on 15th February, 2017 every participant was given a pre written program which they needed to type. The screen of the system was switched off by our members. The results were based on the number of errors occurring in the program and time out. Out of 32 participants top 10 were selected for the final round.

In the final round which was held on same day, the same protocol was followed, the only problem was that this time the problem statement was given rather than the program.



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Everyone needed to write their own set of codes. Again the results were declared on the same parameters i.e. time and errors.

Winners:

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1	Sandesh Nambiar	25	MCA 2M
2	Amit Vora	56	MCA 2E
3	Anusha C	03	MCA 2E

A glimpse of the Event:





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DEBATE COMPETITION:

"Don't raise your voice improve your argument-Desmond Tutu". A formal discussion on a particular matter always improves your opinions. Fighting over your point and to degrade your opponent's point is all that matters.

This event was only arranged for the SY's. As for the event groups of two were supposed to be made. A total of 13 groups participated in the event which was held on 24th March,2017 out of which 4 groups were selected as the top best and for the second round .

As for the second round four groups faced each other in the semi-finals and the overall performance of all groups was taken into consideration which was held on 27th March,2017.

Finally 2 groups were selected for the final round which was held on 27th March,2017 and topic for them is "Are Single Sex Schools more effective than co-ed Schools - Agree to Disagree" and only one group made it to the winning position.

Winners:

Rank	Name	Roll No	Shift
1	Mitali Nalawade	31	MCA 2E
1	Kshitija Vartak	55	MCA 2E



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A glimpse of the Event:



The event saw a great participation , hoping to do more and more with this good response and the anytime support from the faculty.



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Group Discussion for First Year:

The group discussion for the first year was way more impressive and every performer was at its upmost level which was held on 25th March,2017.

Finally the top 8 were chosen for the final round.

The final round had the topic "EVE Teasing-Who is responsible?" on which the outcome of every individual was totally different.

After a tough competition 3 candidates were declared winners.

Winners:

Rank	Name	Roll No.	Shift
1	Danish Azad	02	MCA 1E
1	Gauri Surve	53	MCA 1M
2	Pawan Jaiswal	24	MCA 1M



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A glimpse of the Event:



Group Discussion for Second Year:

The first round had some easy and cool topics on which everyone viewed their ideas in a relative manner which was held on 6th March, 2017.

Considering the overall performance of an individual in the discussion seven were selected for the final round.

The final round which was held on 9th March, 2017 seemed a bit more challenging for all the participants. Topic for them is "PM's vision to make India a Manufacturing Hub - dream or a practical possibility?" ,But everyone proved their worth in the final. After an all out effort from the participants top three were selected as the winners.



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Winners:

Rank	Name	Roll No.	Shift
1	Mitali Nalawade	31	MCA 2E
1	Neha Menon	23	MCA 2M
2	Nupur Harmalkar	15	MCA 2M

A glimpse of the Event:





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Senior Session

Aptitude and Problem Solving Sessions [15th February, 2017 & 20th February, 2017]

This session was kept purely on demand from the juniors to give an introduction about both technical and nontechnical aspects of a placement process and to make them efficient in problem solving.

Thanks to Amit Vora (MCA2E Evening) & Devesh Manjrekar (MCA2E Evening) for coming up and sharing their skills

SESSION BY SENIORS (11th March, 2017 & 1st April, 2017)

Session is based on "Preparation for Placements".

This session was to brief about the interview process as a whole and also to cover certain important points that need to be kept in mind when you go for any placement process.

It basically covered the following:

1. How to face a placement process.
2. Important Points for Aptitude Tests
3. How to go prepared for an Interview Round
4. How well to prepare and Resume Writing

They also share their personal experiences about above points and solve the doubts of students regarding placements.

This session was taken by Pratik Mahale & Sudarshan Shinde on 11th March, 2017 and on 1st April, 2017 by Minhaj Shaikh & Achilleus Almeida.

We have taken a feedback from students regarding conducting seniors session in future.



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