



TRAINING SHIP RAHAMAN

Capt. M. Makane & Mr. Pankaj Deshmukh attended meeting at the Mumbai University on 26th October to discuss 'online' assessment related to the Second Half of 2017 examination.

Capt. (Dr.) Ashutosh Apandkar visited Panama Consulate office, Colaba on 26th October.

Capt. Anuraj Singh, NYK Ship Management visited campus on 30th October.

The Pre Sea trainees went on trekking as per the following Schedule:-

Date / Day	Course
30 th Oct to 02 nd Nov 2017	GP I
02 nd to 05 th Nov 2017	GP II
05 th to 08 th Nov 2017	GP III
08 th to 11 th Nov 2017	CCMC 23A
11 th to 14 th Nov 2017	CCMC 23B
14 th to 17 th Nov 2017	FY MHS A + GME
17 th to 20 th Nov 2017	FY MHS B + IMU 16

Preparatory class CET, IMU DNS course started from 1st November onwards for so far 23 students have enrolled for the course.

2nd Entrance Test of GP Rating Batch 61 conducted in our campus on 2nd November.

Capt. K. S. Varadkar & Capt. (Dr.) Ashutosh Apandkar attended Global MeT conference at Holiday Inn, Andheri on 3rd & 4th November. Chairman received the award at Global MET function for Training Ship Rahaman being declared as the best training Institute promoting maritime training.

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Capt. Niles Kawal, Scorpio Marine Management visited campus on 6th November. Northern Marine Management conducted campus selection for Third Year BSc Nautical Science cadets on 8th November. Twelve cadets were shortlisted & four have been selected. Company Sponsorship letters for DNS course were submitted to IMU on 10th November 2017.

Mr. Vishal Bhoir, Pre Sea training Office deputed to DG Shipping to update GP Rating data on 11th & 18th November.

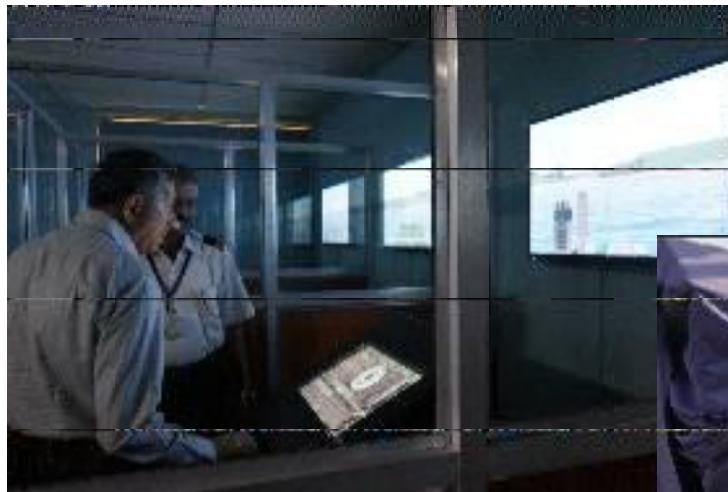
Fifteen students reported to the Dockendale Ship Management office for interview on 13th November. Six students were selected for DNS January 2018 batch.

Second Physical Endurance Test, Personal Interview & medical for new GP Rating Batch 61 conducted in the campus on 14th November.



Capt. Apandkar giving welcome speech to Sea Eagle Navigation candidates

CIP audit by DNV-GL Auditor Capt. Flavian Toscano & Capt. D. Sidhva on 10th & 11th November



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Physical Endurance Tests in progress: 14th November 2017



Scorpio Marine Management conducted campus interview for DNS Jan 2018 batch on 23rd & 24th November. 45 students were shortlisted & Seven selected for DNS Jan 2018 batch.

Interviews for DNS January 2018 Batch



Representatives of Scorpio Marine Management on a visit to the Museum



Practical examinations of IMU DNS batch 16 & 17 were conducted in the campus from 27th to 30th November.

Cruise ships of Sea Eagle Shipping Company will be shortly plying between Goa and Mumbai. Training Ship Rahaman has been approached to train crew of this Shipping Company.

Distance Learning Programme (DLP) as on November

SSTP Certificate issued – 03 Candidates.

On Going DLP - 407 Candidates.

Candidates trained in various courses in the month of November were as follows:

REGULAR STCW & REFRESHER COURSES		
Sr. No.	Courses	Total no. of Candidates
1	PSCRB	39
2	MFA	41
3	PSSR	20
4	ROC & ARPA	13
5	GTFC	10
6	OCTA	16
7	FRB	08
8	Refresher PSCRB	09
9	Refresher PST	07
	Total	163

Rahaman College of Advanced Marine Engineering Studies and Research

Viva Voce for fifth Batch of GME for who completed their Final semester exams was conducted on 17th October, repeaters were re-examined for improved performance after conducting additional classes. The Batch completed their one year course on 31st October 2017. The students of the Batch were put through OCTA course between 6th to 11th November.

The Batch was given a sendoff by RCAMSAR Staff on 7th November. High tea was arranged for them. Capt Varadkar, CEO, Capt (Dr) Apandkar, Principal TSR and RCAMSAR staff attended. Six GME cadets went for placement interview to M/S MSI on 11th October and five GME cadets were selected. With this a total of 13 GME cadets would have been placed as follows:-

05 – Aza Shipping, 01- Synergy, 05- MSI, 01- Mercator and 01-BNSU sponsored. Attempts are being made to secure placement for the remainder five candidates.

Capt Varadkar wished all GME cadets well for their future career and blessed them. Capt Apandkar (Dr) Principal T S Rahaman and Mr. V A Kamath- Principal RCAMSAR also wished them well for their future and also assured that all efforts will be made for placement of GME cadets who could not secure placement till then.



GME cadet Mr Mendonca Denwil, welcoming Capt Varadkar with a bouquet



Capt (Dr) Apandkar, Principal T S Rahaman addressing GME 05 cadets



Mr V A Kamath, Principal RCAMSAR – addressing GME batch cadets.



GME cadet Mr Nair Ashish Ashok addressing gathering on his experience at TSR.

GME 06 Batch 20 cadets reported on 1st November and their enrolment, INDoS work was completed within 10 days of joining Cadets went on trekking from 14th to 17th November. Distribution of uniforms, PPEs and other formalities are being completed for GME 06 batch. They started their STCW training from 20th November and it will continue till 5th December.

DNV-GL Auditor Capt Toscano completed Annual CIP inspection for GME course on 10th November and Capt Sidhva completed Annual CIP inspection for MEO Class II course on 11th September. Both the courses are expected to secure A1 grading.

Installation of the Full Mission Engine Room Simulator (FMES) which was purchased from K line, was completed and trials were conducted from 15th to 17th November. Mr V A Kamath, Mr N G Adhikary and Mr R S Rahate attended trials with ARI staff, Mr Shashank. Defects noticed were informed.

Engine room simulator ERS 4000, desk top simulator was provided with UPS for preventing system failure due to fluctuation in power supply and software was reinstalled. It was tried out successfully. Mr S Nath has been earmarked to get familiarised with same and train GME cadets. Mr V A Kamath and Mr R S Rahate visited M/S Torm Shipping at Andheri (East) on 6th October for placement of GME cadets. Mr V A Kamath also visited M/S Dockendale at Andheri on 11th October. This was his second visit, the earlier being on 28th September. The Companies have promised to visit T S Rahaman at an earliest opportunity.

MDL completed draft on MOU with TSR and is expected to sign same in last week of November 2017. GME 06 batch will attend MDL training from January 2018.

Ms Anju Kumari Joined on RCAMSAR on 15th November in place of Mr S Sampath, who had to resign from services due to his suffering from accidental injuries.

Other Courses at RCAMSAR

TASCO batch 30 – One candidate and Batch 31- Three candidates

MEO Class II – One candidate

Number of candidates attended fire fighting courses in month of October:-

AFF	-	39
AFF REF	-	05
FPFF	-	20
FPFFREF	-	03
AUGMENTATION	-	26

Portable fire extinguishers, SCBA sets and BA cylinders, fixed Foam and DCP Extinguishers - routine maintenance carried out.

Assistance rendered to OCTO course candidates in drills for entry in enclosed spaces.

All strips of defective helmets were repaired, washed/cleaned, and readied for further use.

Chipping and painting work on the fire fighting (Large) mock up

Installation of new fire extinguishers in the Campus.

**Abdul Rashid Academy of Culinary Arts and Maritime Hospitality
(ARACAMH)**

An entrance test and interview for CCMC batch 24 admissions were held on 7th October. 120 candidates appeared for the test and interview. The interviews were conducted along with the representatives from LKM, Nautical and RCAMSAR. 80 students were selected. Second entrance examination and Interview was held on 02nd November. In all 34 students appeared for this examination and interview.

As a preparation for CIP Inspection, most of the ARACAMH staff was engaged in preparing the documents. Maintenance staff also worked in the ARACAMH College to complete maintenance tasks on 08th and 09th November.

Capt. Dinyar Sidhva and Capt. Flavian Toscano carried out CIP Inspection on 10th and 11th November. Capt. Dinyar Sidhva and Capt. Flavian Toscano inspected ARACAMH College on the first day. Thereafter they went around each department to inspect the training facilities. Later they went through the entire training related documentation of ARACAMH.

DNV GL Auditors for CIP in ARACAMH



On 1st November, Capt. Mahendra Parulekar from BW Shipping along with Mr. Christian Ioannou, Managing Director from MCTC (Marine Catering Training Consultancy) visited our campus. MCTC is a Cyprus based company involved in catering training for shipping companies. MCTC is looking forward to hire our training facilities to train their candidates.



ARACAHM has renewed the contract with Sodexo- Teyseer for a 10 day course (Advance course in Maritime cookery) and a 6 day course (Steward Skill Enhancement Program) which started last year. On 2nd November a batch of nine candidates comprising of seven stewards and two cooks joined the course.

59 CCMC students and 60 First Year BSc MHS students proceeded for trekking to Rajmachi fort in four groups of 40 each. The first group along with Mr. Silas Hiwale went for trekking from 08th to 11th and the second group along with Mr. Chandan Pardeshi on 11th to 14th. The third group along with Mr Baptist Rodrigues proceeded on 14th to 17th and the fourth group along with Mr. Rama Shankar Verma attended trekking on 17th to 20th November.

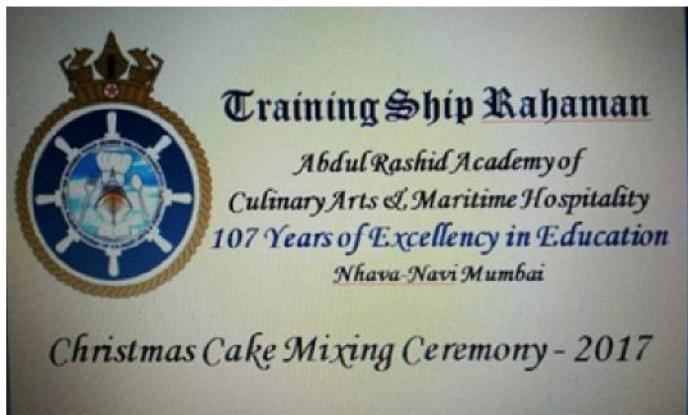
Third Year BSc MHS students have reported back after six months Industrial training in hotels around the country. On 14th & 15th November, these students underwent final Industrial Training examination. Mr. Anupam Dhoundiyal and Mr. Cletus Paul conducted the exams for the Vth semester Viva on behalf of Mumbai University.

First Year BA in Culinary Arts and First Year BSc MHS students returned from vacation on 30th October to start with their 1st semester practical and written examinations. Mr Kapil Rajak and Mr Vinay Kattu from Apeejay Institute of Hotel Management, Belapur visited as External examiners for Food production and F & B Practical respectively.

Two of our ARACAMH faculty, Mr. Amrish Balmiki and Ms. Meena Thapa underwent Training for Trainers and Instructors (TOTI) course at MTI Powai from 6th November to 11th November.

CAKE MIXING CEREMONY

Christmas is no fun without the traditional Christmas cake. And making it is no quick and easy task -- preparations begin months in advance for that. Swanky hotels and catering colleges organize cake-mixing ceremonies to spread the warmth of the festive season. People from different walks of life come together for such ceremonies.



This ceremony was held at ARACAMH by the faculty, staff and students on 29th November 2017. The soaked fruits will be opened before 25th December 2017 for preparation of plum cakes.

The first step towards making the cake is the mixing process, formally called the cake-mixing ceremony. "It is a ritual religiously followed the world over, and is said to be a harbinger of good tidings and happiness,"

The stirring ceremony is part of an age-old Christmas tradition of cake mixing and one of making wishes for the New Year. The ingredients of the festive rich cake are mixed with wine and liquor in advance so that the ingredients can develop aroma and taste. Originally a family affair, it is for many years celebrated within organizations to spread camaraderie and goodwill.

Speaking on the history of cake-mixing ceremony, it dates back to 17th century in Europe. The ceremony marked the arrival of the harvest season. During this time, lots of fruits and nuts were harvested and used in the making of the traditional plum cake.

This was saved till the next harvest, with the hope that it would bring yet another fruitful year. The sugar content of the liquor and fruit juices help preserve the ingredients. Also, for the cold "Christmassy weather", the plum cake is a perfect energy food. England loves this cake so much that no tea is complete without a slice of the rich cake.

Taking note of cake ingredients, they comprise dry fruits like raisins, black currants, prunes, glazed dates, cherries, candid orange, lemon rinds and nuts like cashews, pistachios and almonds. Then comes the best part - that is pouring in the liquor.



Later, large quantities of liquor, fresh juices, honey are generously added to soak the mixtures. Freshly ground spices are also added and tossed till the fruits and nuts are well coated. "This is emptied into large containers and stored for a couple of days before Christmas, with occasional stirring to ensure that the nuts soak till they are swollen,"



Lady Khatun Marium School & Junior College

The pre-primary section celebrated its Sports Day on 3rd November. The programme began with welcoming the guests. The Chief Guest for the programme was Ms. Dyan Clark. She was accompanied by Honourable Chairperson Ms. Elizabeth Yusuf, Brig. A. S. Adhikari, and other dignitaries from the campus. It was great to see the tiny tots marching past the dais. Upper Prep kids formed human pyramids. It was delightful to see young enthusiasts of Nursery and Lower Prep move naturally to rhythm while performing drills. The Parents, family members and teachers were entertained and excited to see their children participate happily in flat as well as in novelty races. The entire field resounded with a loud cheer and applause as the children finished their final March Past. The Programme culminated with Prize distribution followed by the National Anthem.

Software of assistive technology, Claro is installed in all the computers in the computer lab as well as in all the laptops in the secondary section. This software should help to improve the ability of slow learners and students having LD (learning disability).

Children's Day was celebrated in the school on 14th November. The students of Std. X presented a special assembly. The teachers presented the students with cards. A small snacks party was organised by the teachers for the students. Inter House Basketball matches were organised for the children. Pratapgarh House won the final match against Raigarh House. Quiz competitions were conducted in Pitale Hall for the students of Std. V to VIII, std. IX & X and Std. XI & XII by Ms. Bonasera Pinto, Mr. Jitendra Mahajan and Mrs. Pranita Nimgaonkar respectively. The children enjoyed the day.

42 Students of Std. IX accompanied by Mr. Pravin Kharat and Mrs. Rajashri Mhatre attended IAYP trekking camp for Bronze Medal at Rajmachi near Lonawala from 20th to 23rd November. They underwent various activities such as rappelling, trekking, walk through a forest and cooking.

3D Entertainment movie clips were shown to the students of Standard I to X on 15th Nov.

Open House was organised for the boarders of Std. VI to XII on 3rd November to discuss their progress in the Half Yearly Examination.

Quiz Competition for the students of Standard III to X was organized by NIIT on 6th November.

Science Olympiad Examination initiated by SOF Delhi was conducted on 9th November. Total 129 students participated in it.

Our students presented 10 projects at the District Level NCSC (National Children's Science Congress) on the topic 'Technology and Invention' on 16th November at Government BEd College, Panvel.

Inter House Cricket matches were conducted on 25th November. Sudhagarh House won the final beating Devgarh House in a close encounter.

Mrs. Rajashri Mhatre attended a meeting to form Art Teachers'Association at NI School Uran. The Association will be responsible to promote art education in nearby schools.

U17 football Team participated in 7 A Side Football Tournament organised by St. Wilfred School, Panvel on 17th November. They stood as runners up among the 16 teams that took part in this event.

Mr. Vinit Kumar attended a CBSE workshop on Effective Evaluation System at Rajhans Vidyalaya, Andheri on 24th November. The programme aimed to improve the evaluation process of the Board Examinations conducted by the Board.

Fatma Banu Hospital

Patients treated in FB Hospital in the month of November

Patients	Staff	Trainees	Villagers	School	Dental	Total
237	150		80	92	00	559

Well baby Clinic Spraying total children from the Campus 15
and fogging was carried out in the campus

Infrastructure, Repairs and Maintenance

Maintenance staffs have carried out the repairs/modification in the Sagarsh hostel and adjusted Pre Sea trainees so as to undertake repairs on the second floor. ACs mountings and ducting were fabricated and modified at RANSCO premises in the Barnes Academy, telescopic fittings for projector at Chemistry lab in the Barnes Academy were installed. Electrification, partition and tiling work of bakery at Catering College is in progress.

Plinth for a cold room at Hasham mess kitchen is laid. The carpenters fabricated aluminium windows of stair case well at Sagarsh hostel and installed door closer for Engine and Simulator room at Sagardweep and provided centralized control switch for televisions at Sagardweep reception. The upholsterer has replaced blinds of cabins at 'The Heights'.

Electricians have replaced non-working street light with new LED street lights in the Campus. Rolling shutters at "Shop and Go" shop in the campus have been installed.

The broken chamber and pathway of House keeper's quarters at Nambair Terrace were repaired. Electrical connections for new projectors at Chemistry lab at Barnes academy were provided. Twenty desks with wooden top were fabricated for the Catering College.

Important Visitors

30th October 2017, NYK Ship Management.

Capt. Anuraj Singh.

6th November 2017, Scorpio Marine Management.

Capt. Nilesh Kawal.

8th November 2017, Northern Marine Management.

Capt. Sumit Trikha

Capt. Mahesh Garimella

10th & 11th November 2017, CIP Auditors.

Capt. Flavian Toscano

Capt. D. Sidhva

23rd & 24th November 2017, Rep. of Scorpio Marine Management.

Capt. Bathena.

Capt. Nilesh Kawal.

Capt. Arjun Kshirsagar.

Capt. Suresh Venkatraman.

Capt. Pawan Kumar.

Ms. Pooja Rawat.

George Campbell Library

Study material for GME batch-6 candidates was distributed to all the candidates in time. Library has added three new catering books in library and the details of the same will be published in forth coming library bulletin.

"India's most fearless" (True stories of modern military heroes) and "Spirituality Leadership Competency Model" have been donated to our library by Brig A S Adhikari, Administrator and the Capt K S Varadkar, CEO respectively. Our grateful thanks to them!

List of e-books and e-magazines that are available in library have been installed in all library computers for free access during library hours.



LKM SCHOOL



QUIZ COMPETITION ON CHILDREN'S DAY



RAPELLING DONE BY THE STUDENTS AT THE CAMP



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON EDUCATIONAL DAY



STD X STUDENTS WITH THEIR CHILDREN'S DAY CAF



STD XII AT THE CHILDREN'S DAY FUNCTION



STUDENTS COOKING MEAL AT THE IAYP CAMP



STUDENTS EXHIBITING THEIR GYMNASTIC SKILLS



WINNERS RECEIVING THE MEDALS

LKM SCHOOL



3D EDUTAINMENT MOVIE



CAMP AT RAJMACHI LONAVLA



MR. ANDRE MORRIS GIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE STUDENTS
OUR HONOURABLE CHIEF GUEST AT THE
PRE PRIMARY ANNUAL SPORTS DAY



PRE PRIMARY STUDENTS PERFORMING



PRIMARY STUDENTS WATCHING 3D MOVIE



QUIZ COMETITON HELD ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2017 QUIZ COMPETITION AT PITALE HALL



Marine Museum

Capt. Sidhva and Capt. Toscano, CIP Auditors visited the Marine Museum on 10th November and remarked that it was a unique facility available in this heritage Institute.

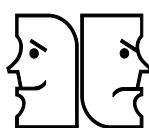
A group of 51 students from New English School, Gavhan visited on 17th November. Another group of 92 students from Sadhana Vidyalaya, Sion visited the Museum on 27th November. They witnessed the Fire fighting demonstration, which they greatly enjoyed. They also visited the Sagardhan Engine Room mock up where they were conducted around by Mr. R.S. Rahate, Capt. Dandekar and Mrs. Anju Kumari. After this, they were conducted around the Museum and they took a round of the Campus.



NEW FACES



Mr. Bal Kumar Kami,
Assistant Painter, Maintenance Department with effect from 01st November, 2017.



Mr. Harendra Singh,
General Duty Worker, Security Department with effect from 08th November, 2017.



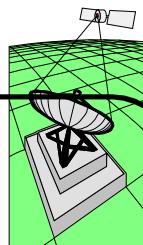
Mr. Mahendra Dayaram Rahadi, Telephone Operator / Receptionist, Administration Department with effect from 13th November, 2017.



Mr. Mukesh Kumar,
Plumber Helper, Maintenance Department with effect from 16th November, 2017.



Mrs Anju Kumari, Training Faculty, RCAMSAR, with effect from 15th November, 2017.



Future Watch

Well baby clinic - 9th and 23th December

Dental OPD - Date to be announced later

Pulse Polio - No Fixed Date

30th November to 18th December 2017

TY B.Sc. Nautical Science Batch No.10 (semester-V) examination at B.P.Marine Academy (Panvel)

28th November to 14th December 2017

FY Sem I & SY Sem III BSc Nautical Science exam

1st or 2nd week of December.

Passing out Parade for Cadets & Ratings.

4th to 11th December 2017

IMU DNS Batch no. 16 (Semester II) & Batch no. 17 (Semester I) exam

7th to 9th December 2017

Practical & Oral exam of GP Rating Batch no. 60.

13th December 2017

Online exam of GP & CCMC Ratings.

16th December 2017

Common Entrance Test (CET) for DNS course.

23rd December 2017

Exit exam of GP & CCMC Ratings.

WHO AM I?

Who am I and for what purpose do I exist? How did we appear here and where are we going? Is it possible that we have already been in this world before? Can we know ourselves and the universe? Why does man suffer and is it possible to avoid suffering? How can one find peace, satisfaction, and luck? How can we attain tranquility, fulfillment, and happiness?

Many people in every generation attempt to find answers to these persistently haunting questions, and the very fact that this happens from generation to generation demonstrates that we still have not found satisfactory answers. Studying nature and the cosmos, we find that all that surrounds us exists and functions in accordance with strict, purposeful laws. Regarding ourselves as the crown of nature's creation, we find humanity to be as if it were outside this system. For instance, seeing in the wise and logical manner nature created each part of our organism, seeing the precise purpose in the functioning of each cell of the body, we are unable to answer the question: what is the purpose of this entire living organism?

All that surrounds us is permeated by the cause and effect relation, meaning nothing is created without a purpose. In the world of physical bodies, there exist definite laws of motion, dynamics, and rotation. A similar logic exists in the plant and animal kingdom. But the primary question, i.e. for what purpose does all this exist, that is, not only ourselves but also the entire surrounding world surrounding us - still remains without an answer. Is there a person in the world who was never, at least once in his life, concerned with this question? The existing scientific theories maintain that the world is governed by invariable physical laws, which we are unable to affect. Our sole purpose consists in wisely utilizing those laws to live out, well some 70 to 120 years of our life, preparing the ground, both literally and figuratively, for future generations. But for the sake of what? "Did humanity develop by way of evolution of the simplest forms", or "was life brought from other planets"?

There are two dates - birth and death, and what occurs between them is unique and, therefore, precious. Or vice versa: life is nothing if after it there is an end, darkness, and precipice? Where is the wise, all-envisioning, logical Nature that creates nothing in vain? Or, do there exist laws and goals still undiscovered? Our studying of the world is in essence merely the studying of the world's reaction to our actions, which we perceive by our five senses: touch, smell, sight, hearing, and taste, or by instruments that increase their range .All that is beyond our studies is not perceived by us at all, it does not exist as far as we are concerned. Moreover, we are unable to miss the lacking senses, the way we do not miss a sixth finger, or the way it is impossible to explain eyesight to one born blind. For this reason, man will never discover hidden forms of nature by the methods at his disposal.

The spiritual world exists but is not perceived by our organs of sense; our Universe is a tiny part of this world located in the center and our planet, the Earth, is its inner center. This world of information, thoughts and feelings, affecting us through material laws of (perceptible) nature and chance, places us in certain situations that determine the way we act. We have no influence in matters like the time and place of our birth, or who we are going to be, whom we are going to meet in our life, and what consequences our actions are going to have.

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TREK TO RAJMACHI

Filled with excitement and enthusiasm, the students of GP-II packed their bags for the trek scheduled for 2nd November 2017. Our bags were loaded with eatables and our hearts were full of joy.

The morning of 2nd November was probably the most waited day. After following our normal routine, our luggage was accumulated in the common area of the hostel before we mustered in front of the GC Library at 1230 hrs. We greeted our instructor Mr. Rajan Lal who was to accompany us on the trek, before a briefing on discipline and safety precautions to be followed. We collected our packed dinner from the mess and boarded the campus bus. The two hour journey began, and as I looked around, I saw beaming, happy faces, singing and enjoying the moment. I recalled the moments of my previous trekking experience. Some of the out stationed students hadn't been on a trek before and were eager to know what lies ahead.

We reached our destination at around 15:00 hours. We were given some instructions from the trekking in-charge Mr Arjun Kale and Mr Nooman Shaikh. We proceeded to our campsite, which involved a long walk for a couple of hours or more. Tired and thirsty, we finally reached our campsite and rested for a while before we received further instructions. The itinerary was disclosed and then we were divided into three groups. We were allotted our tents and soon after the scrumptious dinner from T R Rahaman, we were all off to sleep. Each member had to do night duty for 40 minutes in rotation with the other members.

The next morning we woke up at 05:40 hours, had tea and proceeded towards Manoranjan Hill to do our 1st task that was basic rappelling. The scenery at the summit was very beautiful especially the sunrise. What a feeling it was to be in the midst of nature! We got a chance to

rappel and fortunately everyone completed it successfully. With a lot of chatter along the way we returned to our camp for breakfast.

Next on the agenda was jhumbarring- a special technique used to climb a rope. It was a fun filled challenge.

After lunch,

we were all assigned a cooking task to prepare dinner with the ingredients provided. It was fun to cook on a wood fire. We understood the hardships faced by villagers just to cook their food. Preparing a meal with my classmates was fun. By 1800 hours, our dinner was ready and our trekking instructors savoured our dishes. Our effort was highly appreciated by all before we all tucked into our dinner. The second day ended on a good note too.



The intermediate rappel was scheduled for the third day. A few students were scared to rappel down a 100 foot cliff but overcoming their fear qualified them for the final one. 25 students qualified for the final rappel, a fun and fearful experience. The day ended with singing songs and dancing.

The 4th and final day arrived as we proceeded to Shrivardhan summit to view the picturesque sunrise. We were asked to meditate for a while surrounded by complete serenity. We then proceeded to the campsite for breakfast and packed our things to head back to our abode. Our trek had come to an end. These few days had taught us so much, an experience that most of us wouldn't forget. We had lunch and thanked our trekking instructors for this wonderful experience. We covered the same distance that we walked on the first day and boarded the campus bus for T S Rahaman. Exhausted from the exciting experience, most of us dozed off to sleep. On reaching the campus, we realized how fortunate we were to have such a wonderful experience. We thank the institute for arranging the trek for us.



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An Amazing Library In China

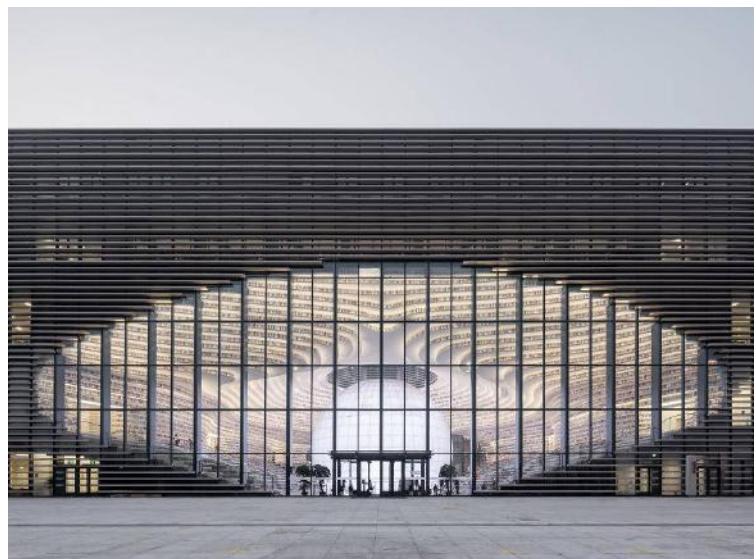
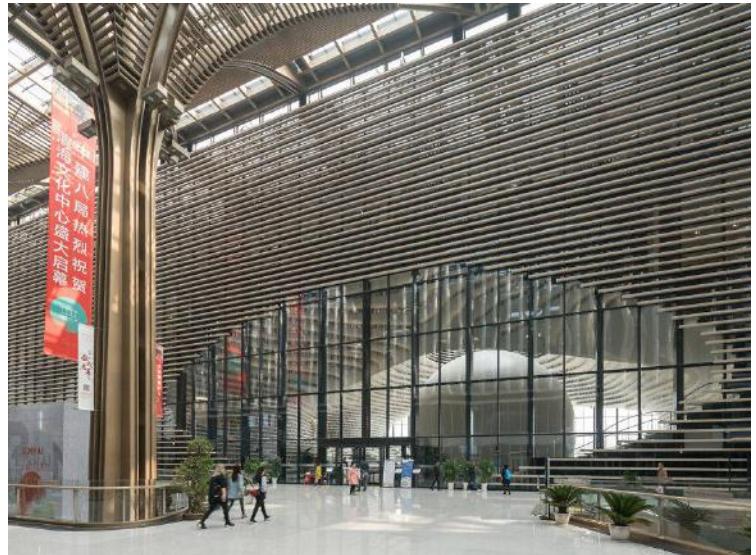
China Opens World's Coolest Library With 1.2 Million Books, And Its Interior Will Take Your Breath Away
James Gould

Nobody likes to be watched while they're trying to read a book, but we're willing to make an exception if it means getting to visit this stunning new library in China, because as you can see below, the incredible structure has a giant spherical auditorium in the middle that looks just like a giant eye.

Located in the Binhai Cultural District In Tianjin, the five-story library, which was designed by Dutch design firm MVRDV in collaboration with the Tianjin Urban Planning and Design Institute (TUPDI) and has since been dubbed "The Eye of Binhai", covers 34,000 square metres and can hold up to 1.2 million books. Taking just three years to complete, the library features a reading area on the ground floor, lounge areas in the middle sections and offices, meeting spaces, and computer/audio rooms at the top. We're not sure how much studying we'd get done though – we'd be far too busy marveling at the awesome architecture!

This isn't the first time we've written about the endlessly creative MVRDV. Click here to read about their giant scaffold staircase and here for their beautiful market hall in Rotterdam.

More info: [MVRDV](#)



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