

FoCh Newsletter

2015-16 Quarter 2

1 Update of 2015-16 Quarter 2

This quarter started with the regular academic session cycle. Our new students gradually started adjusting to the FoCh family. Along with the regular academic sessions, students were engaged in a number of activities including Annual Day, Annual Quiz, Mock Interview and Presentations. It was also pleasing to see all our graduated students starting their professional career one by one.

We were also saddened by the demise of one of our alumni Anjumunissa. She succumbed to Dengue on 4th of August.

Anjum, as we fondly used to call her, completed her graduation in year 2012 and was working in JP Morgan. She, along with her sister, was a pillar of support to her parents. Her memories will always remain with us, may her soul rest in peace.



1.1 Mock Interview

The Mock Interview session was held on 30th August for 2nd year and 3rd year students. The entire mock interview consisted of following sessions.

1. A Pre-placement talk
2. A Written test on Analytical, Verbal, Basic accounting and Email writing
3. Written and Oral communication skills . The participants were asked to write a short paragraph and they were also asked to speak for couple of minutes on a particular topic.
4. HR and Technical interviews.

The HR panel consisted of Venkatkrishnan S (Former VP-Engineering at Forus Health), Vidya Prasad (HR Manager from Mercedes) and Prasad BM. The Technical panel consisted of Karthik and Ganesh from AMICORP, Mansoor from TCS, Vinayak Pai (Independent Chartered Accountant Consultant). In addition, the panel included our ex-volunteers Archana Pai, Landmark Worldwide Breakthrough Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Sunil Muralidhar, Swiss Re and our current volunteer Akram MR, AMICORP.



Bhargavi and Sindhuja from 2nd year Degree were selected based on the Mock Interview. All the students were given individual feedback and we will be working with them to help them improve further.

Key Highlights of mock interview were

1. Higher number of External Panel members in the Technical and HR round.
2. The mock interview was completely coordinated by our Alumni. The coordination team included Kiran from 2013 Alumni, Deepa and Jyothi from 2014 Alumni, Pavan, Jhancy, Sowmya and Gayathri from 2015 Alumni, and was efficiently led by Veena R, 2015 Alumni.

1.2 Building Partnership with AMICORP

Thanks to efforts from our alumni members Akram MR and Jayamala Suthir currently working in AMICORP, we could establish a partnership with the AMICORP CSR Team. As part of the partnership the AMICORP CSR team will help FoCh in conducting trainings related to professional courses like Tally for degree students. Tally training for our 2nd year and 3rd year students will begin from the 1st week of December, and it would be handled by employees of Amicorp.

In addition AMICORP will also assist FoCh in conducting Mock Interviews, by encouraging their employees to be part of Technical or HR panel. As a beginning two of their employees, Karthik and Ganesh, were part of the Technical panel in the Mock Interview conducted on 30th August.

We hope this is a beginning of a fruitful partnership with Amicorp.

1.3 15th Annual Day Celebrations

The 15th Annual day was celebrated on 13th of September, 2015 at Udaya Bhanu Kala Sangha. Like last year, this year also the annual day was organized and coordinated completely by our final year degree students. Our students showcased their talents in dancing, acting, singing and presentation skills.



Veena, an alumni created a [video invitation](#) for the event this year too. The video was liked and appreciated by everyone. She also took an initiative and led a group which focused on preparing charts on topics such as - Health awareness and the functioning of FoCh. These charts, both in English and Kannada, were on display for the visitors of Annual day.

The annual day celebration started with invocation song followed by group dances, solo dances and a skit. Final year students came up with a presentation showing gratitude towards their mentors in FoCh. A mime by 3rd B.Com students portraying “*Unity in Diversity*” was the highlight of the day. All the graduates and students who completed 2nd PUC were felicitated. The winners and the finalists of the Annual Quiz were also awarded. Divya presented the annual report.

Bhagya and Deepa, our two timid final year students, compeered the evening without any nervousness. It was a pleasant surprise for us and a happy moment for all of us who have seen them growing over years.

The Annual day celebration was enjoyed by our audience. Cheers to all our students for their dedication in organizing the event.

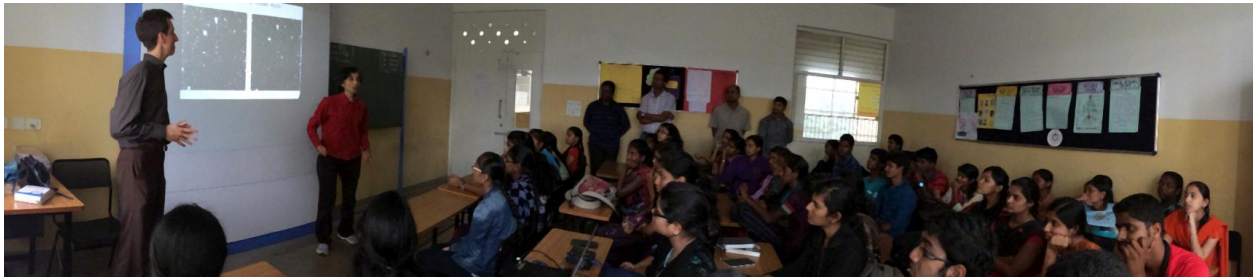
1.4 Annual Quiz

The Annual Quiz was conducted on 23rd August for all PUC and Degree students. The Quiz consisted of two phases the selection phase and the Finals. The question paper for written selection test was prepared by our alumni Rajesh. 45 students appeared for the written test, out of which 8 got selected for the Finals.

The 8 selected members were divided into 4 teams consisting of 2 members each. The Finals included multiple rounds including a round on Audio-Visual, Current Affairs, Personality identification and Rapid Fire. The questionnaire for final phase was prepared by our volunteer Murtuza and was completely managed by him. The team of Mousin Taj and Sonu S were the winners of the quiz.

1.5 Session on Astronomy

Dr. Mangala Sharma & Dr. Tom Statler, Astrophysicists, old friends & fellow volunteers gave a talk centered around the wonders of astronomy. This was open to all our students, so on a Sunday afternoon the students watched wide-eyed as the universe around was slowly unraveled. The story started with our telescopes, moved with the planets around, and culminated with the latest pictures from the satellite - 'New Horizons' on Pluto. The Q & A session was almost endless. It was a good opportunity to expose our students to some latest information from other fields.



1.6 Results

Even semester results were out. 12 students appeared for 2nd Semester, 8 students appeared for 4th semester and 8 students appeared for 6th semester.

Name	Course	2 nd Sem
Bhargavi	B.Com	90.83%
Parveen Taj	B.Com	59.00%
Sahana	B.Com	74.50%
Sangeetha	B.Com	68.00%
Shabnam	B.Com	69.33%
Shantha	B.Com	70.00%
Shivshanker	B.Com	60.50%
Simran	B.Com	75.00%
Sindhu	B.Com	70.00%
Sindhuja	B.Com	77.17%
Sonu	B.Com	70.17%
Swarnalatha	B.Com	76.83%

1st Year Degree

Name	Course	4 th Sem
Asha	B.Com	48.00%
Bhagya	B.Com	65.33%
Divya	B.A.	54.20%
Jacqueline	B.Com	49.67%
Manjula	B.Com	69.00%
Samreen	B.Com	68.00%
Sarah Jennifer	B.Com	59.83%
Shahbaz	B.Com	48.33%

2nd Year Degree

Name	Course	6 th Sem
Aravind	B.Com	65.66%
Ayisha	B.A.	73.17%
Gayathri	B.Com	78.00%
Jhancy	B.Com	71.83%
Lavanyya	B.A.	89.00%
Pavan	B.Com	78.83%
Sowmya	B.Com	75.00%
Veena	B.Com	75.17%

3rd Year Degree

Highlight of the results were, all final year degree students securing first class in their final semester, and Bhargavi getting third highest in Bangalore University in "Banking Law and Operations".

Savitha who is pursuing her MA in Kannada secured 78% in her 2nd Semester and Kiran pursuing M.Com secured 69% in 4th Semester.

2 Joys

Amudha our alumni and volunteer for PUC Science students, got selected for PhD at NIT Surathkal. She is currently doing her mandatory course work. Her area of research would be in Material Science. Congratulations and best of luck to Amudha, the science students are badly missing you.

Similar to last year, we could achieve 100% placement for our Graduate students. We had 8 students who completed to their degree and 2 who completed their post graduation. All of them got placed and have started working.

3 Financial Statement 2015-16 Q2

The financial summary for the Quarter Q2 2015-16 is given below in **Table 1**

Opening Balance for Q2 2015-16	3,76,040 Rs
Bank Interest	0 Rs
Donations	6,47,001 Rs
Total Expenses	2,16,422 Rs
Amount moved towards Corpus	6,50,000 Rs
Closing Balance for Q2 2015-16	1,56,619 Rs

Table 1: Financial Summary

As the admission process was still continuing in Quarter 2, 60% of Expenses were towards fees and 20% of expenses were towards Bus Passes. The breakup of total expenses for the quarter Q2 2015-16 is graphically illustrated in Figure 1

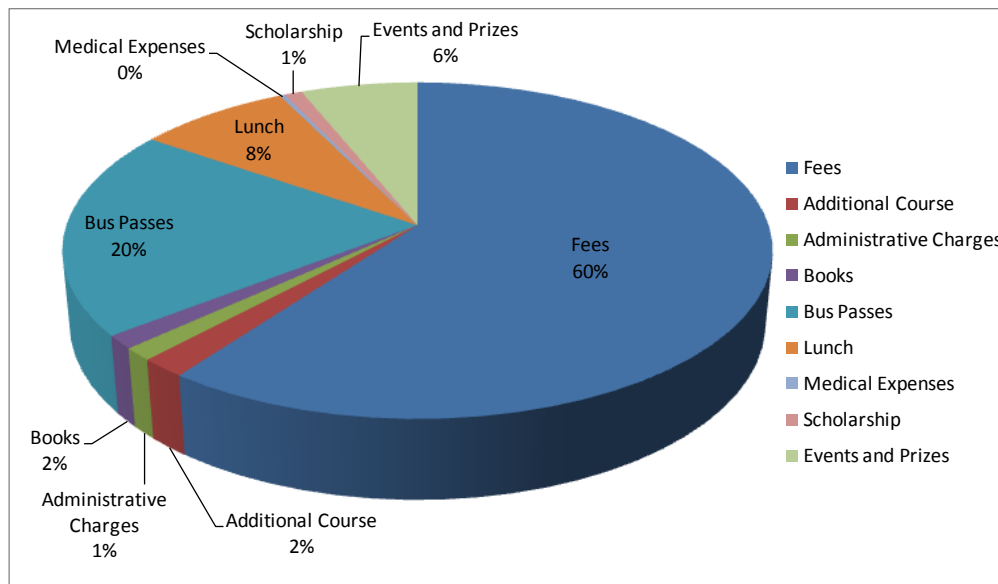


Figure 1: Expense Breakup

As a step towards organization sustainability we moved Rs. 6,50,000 towards Corpus.

4 Plans for Quarter 3

- Focus on Academics
- Tally classes for 2nd year and 3rd year students



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5 Fund requirements for financial year 2015-16

The projected expense for Q3 2015-16 is around Rs. 1,50,000. The expenses will mainly include Examination Fees, Books and Lunch for students on Sundays. We are looking forward for your continued support.

Contributions can be made to Friends of Children trust either by online transfer or by issuing a cheque. In either case please send a mail to contact.foch@gmail.com indicating your contribution as it will help us in tracking your contribution. Also please do mention your PAN number in the email as this is needed by Income tax department, and also helps us in issuing receipt for your contribution.

5.1 Transfer funds online

This is a preferred mode of accepting donations for us. You may transfer funds to our account – details given below.

Friends of Children Trust ICICI Bank

A/c number: 000201038922

IFSC code: ICIC0000002

Branch: Bangalore – Commissariat Road (also displayed as MG Road on some internet banking pages)

Imp Note: While making an online transfer, please mention ACCOUNT HOLDERS' NAME in the transaction remarks. (Do NOT mention any other text – for e.g. Friends of Children). Having a/c holders' name helps us in correctly tracking online donations and for auditing purposes.

5.2 Payment by Cheque

Send us a cheque: Mail/Courier your cheque favoring 'Friends of Children Trust' to the below address.

Friends of Children Trust c/o Akash Narayana No 3615, 6th Cross, 13th G Main, HAL 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560008

Drop a cheque favoring 'Friends of Children Trust' at any ICICI Bank drop-box in Bangalore. Please specify the Account No 000201038922 on reverse side of the cheque.

6 Get in Touch with us

The best way to know more about our organization is to visit us on any Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Bhavan-Bangalore Press School, Chamrajpet (Google Map Link: <http://goo.gl/maps/YtpJ5>). We meet the students on every Sunday at Bhavan-Bangalore Press School.

You can also get in touch with us by either dropping an email at contact.foch@gmail.com, or calling any of the following numbers

Pooja Goel: 7353Five 57255

Sanjay Padubidri: 98452 One5050

7 Students Area

7.1 Short Poem on Dr. Abdul Kalam by Rajeshwari, 2nd PUC

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ಬೆಚ್ಚನೆಯ ಭಾವನೆಗೆ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ
ತಂದು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಎದೆಗೆ ಸುರಿದು
ಬಿತ್ತಿ ಬೆಳೆದ ನಾಡೋಜ
ಜ್ಞಾನ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನವ ಅರಳಿಸಿದ ಕಲೆಗಾರ
ತನ್ನ ವೀಣೆಯ ಮೀಟಿ
ಸಂಗೀತ ರಸಗಂಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲೂ ಚೆಲ್ಲಿ
ಸುಮ್ಮನಾದ ಮೌನರಾಗದಿ
ದೇಶ ಕಂಡ ನಿಜ ಮನುಜ 'ಕಲಾಂ'
ಅವರಿಗೆ ಇದೋ ಇದೇ ನಮ್ಮ 'ಸಲಾಂ'

7.2 Artwork by Nidishree V, 1st PUC



7.3 Artwork by Sonu, 2nd B.Com

