

From the desk of Samcara Co-ordinator!



Ms. Khushboo Bedi
Co-ordinator SAMCARA

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSP) projected that 371.4 million people in India belong to the age group of 15-29 years, which is around 27.2% of the total population. And the shocking fact is that according to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), only less than 36% of the working age population in India was employed as of June 2022. It is observed that people wish to change their field of work after graduation due to loss of interest in their previous profession. Absence of robust career guidance at school level is the major cause for wrong career decisions. Career Counselling is not a luxury, it is the need of the hour. Indian students are still very dependent on their parents' career choice. Unfortunately, most parents are not aware of the endangered careers, new age careers, liberal education, university choices, career trends, job market and so much more that helps student make an educated decision. On the other side, students are also not sure of their aptitude, personality, interest, emotional quotient, and orientation style. Psychometric test is a scientific tool that can help students and their parents to know more about their ward, that will further aid in deciding the right fit career and university for the student perse. Samcara Cell is here to support our students and parents in the career journey ahead. We are committed to hand hold our students for a smooth transition from school to university, within India or overseas.



We are proud to share **Ms. Khushboo Bedi**, Samcara Coordinator was awarded the prestigious – Counselor of The Year Award at the Annual IC3 Conference 2022. She competed with 9 finalists from the top schools of India.

SAMCARA AWARDS COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR AWARD



SCHOOL NOMINATION

The Sanskaar Valley School was nominated for “School of the year award for Transformative Counseling” at Annual IC3 Conference! 2022.



NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

- Counseling Sessions
- Career Workshops
- Global Career Fair
- Scholarships
- Student Opportunities
- Counselor Enrichment Programs
- Placements

SESSIONS

Samcara Orientation Grade 9 & 10

Orientation sessions were organized by Team Samcara for grades IX and X to educate students about the importance of early career planning. The Samcara activity calendar was discussed with them so that they are well prepared and make the most out of the sessions planned. Various streams available and the major careers that emerge out of those streams were introduced. Career exploration and shadowing was also emphasized by the counsellors so that students delve into various career opportunities. The sessions were an eye-opener for students in terms of contemplating career planning and creating their career road maps. They were also excited about the various opportunities offered by Samcara.



WHAT IS A STORY?



Samcara along with FLAME University, Pune organized an interactive session on “What is a story” with Prof. Dr. Micheal burns, assistant professor in creative and academic writing at Flame University. He briefed Shikhar students about stories - the origin and the stance of writing to date. It allowed students to think creatively and improvise their story writing skills allowing a flow of creativity through mental exercises and structure. Students learnt strategies that they can use to make their writing pop off the page in all kinds of writing formats.

Unravelling the Path Towards 21st Century

Under the university connect series, Samcara organized a session with Vijaybhoomi University to help the students explore emerging careers through their job profiles and pathways. The team from VU focused on interdisciplinary approach and how it is important for the students to pick subjects of their interest for their majors. Professors from music and data science, gave a whole new perspective to the students about the subjects and the various career options associated with it. They also discussed about the future skills and industry 4.0, being the future of the world of work. The students were left with curiosity to explore more about the careers and their passion.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Students Inspire Students Like No Other!

Team Samcara planned an inspirational Session for VI to XII graders. The students shared their enthralling experiences created by Samcara about the summer schools, internships, fellowships, and career shadowing that they participated in. The team also shared about the new opportunities for the students like PSAT, entrepreneurship challenge, and scholarship options.”

A-Z of International Applications

An inspirational and eye-opening session by Mr. Himanshu Dev on A-Z of International Applications, driving the average students also to pursue a higher education dream in International Universities with scholarships.



Humanizing Technology & Technologizing Humanity

“Technology is Best When it Brings People Together.”

Ms. Parneet Shergill from Plaksha University (new age technical university) addressed 9-12th graders on the importance of integrating technology and humanity in this new age world.



What after 12th? - Boarders Session

A special focused group session was organized for the Grade 12 boarders making them aware about the career options, various entrance exams and how to prepare for them. The Samcara team focused on individual deadlines for the students so that

they shortlist college options and start preparing for their entrances. The students were motivated and got a direction to work towards their career and college planning. Students went back inspired with many action plans.



SKILLS OF THE FUTURE

An eye-opening session by **Ms. Bulbul Chaudhary** from the **Atlas SkillTech University** focused on Design to be a problem-solving tool, and not limiting it to drawing and sketching. Designers with a heart can work on real-time problems, use the skills and knowledge of entrepreneurship, technology, design, science, and Humanities and come up with innovative solutions to support mankind. The students of grades 9-12 took home inspiration and inquisitiveness to explore more about the magic of Design.



STUDY IN SPAIN

Career Cell hosted a special session on “**Study in Spain**” on 12th September. IE University, the No.1 University of Spain and No 5 in Europe came on campus to open new opportunities for Sanskaarians! Students are ready to explore various undergrad programs, scholarships, summer schools in Spanish Universities!



Career Fair Orientation

Team Samcara had a candid conversation with High school students about what's in the fair for them, educating them about universities and what conversations to have, what research students need to do before the fair and much more.

Global Career Fair

600+ students, 45+ universities, 5 organizations, 11 countries, 100+ parents, and 1 captivating panel discussion on choosing university beyond rankings. Students were overwhelmed to interact with so many universities under one roof. Students and parents had some very

engaging and intense conversations with the universities and organizations about the admission process, scholarships, financial aid, various courses offered, new programs offered, summer schools, alumni, placements and so much more. Students left the fair with more clarity and confidence.



The Sanskaar Valley School



Virtual Career Fair

Samcara along with KIC UnivAssist organized Virtual Career Fairs, giving a chance to the students to interact with International Universities representatives from all across the globe and get all the required application and admission information from the comfort of their homes.

PSAT

Samcara conducted PSAT 8/9 (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) for 34 students on October 14 and PSAT NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) for 22 students on October 15 in the school campus. PSAT is the first real exposure to a standardized International Exam. It provides the best practice for SAT.



Counselor Scholarship Nomination Session – Grade 12

The Samcara Team conducted a special session for Grade 12 students, orienting them about the various scholarships for the students which are counsellor nominated and some specific scholarships for the Sanskaar Students in various National & International Universities.

The students nominated this year for scholarships are:

- Vasudha Dutta for University of British Columbia (UBC) & University of Toronto (UoT)
- Jhalak Gupta – Monash University,
- Nishtha Sharma – Huron University
- Ojasw Tiwari - University of Sydney

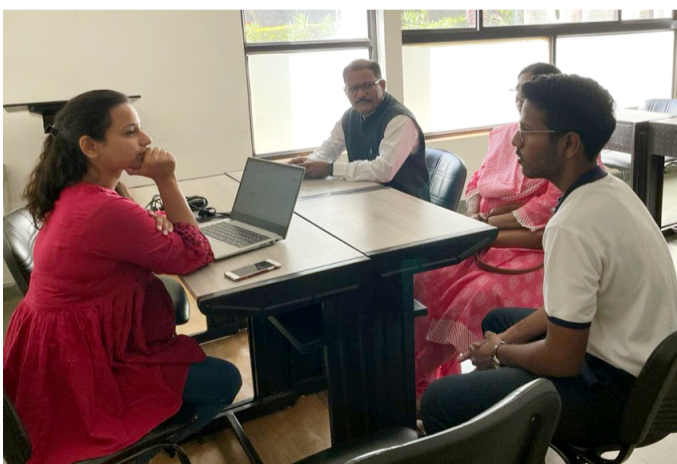
LOR Workshop for Teachers

“LEARNING IS NOT A DESTINATION, IT IS A CONTINUOUS PROCESS”

Samcara conducted a workshop on letter of recommendation for the high school teachers. This workshop was an attempt to empower our teachers to write impactful LORs for our students to help them stand apart in their college application. The teachers got an insight about the weightage of their LORs in the student's application. The session received a positive response from the teachers.



Counseling Sessions



Samcara is conducted one on one counseling sessions with the students of grade 11 along with their parents to help them in career planning and creating their career roadmaps and identify their dream and target universities while keeping backup options ready for the right fit program. Follow up sessions for Grade 12 were also conducted to help them decide on the college list, discuss on their eligibility and preparation of various entrance exams.

Essay Writing Workshop

Amber from Michigan State University & Julie Chiu from University of Southern California conducted an essay writing workshop specifically for the Sanskaarians. They educated our students on how to write and impactful college application essay.

TSVS now a SAT Center



We are excited to share that **The Sanskaar Valley School** is now an approved **SAT Center by the College Board, USA.**

We will be conducting the digital SAT on campus on the following dates:

March 11, 2023 & June 3, 2023



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

GRADE 10 SUBJECT ORIENTATION

A focused subject orientation session was conducted by Team Samcara for Grade 10 students to help them decide the stream and the subjects for Grade 11. Points to be kept in mind while choosing subjects, traditional & new age careers emerging from various subject combinations were highlighted along with the basic eligibility & entrance requirements for different courses.



STUDENT OPORTUNITIES @ SAMCARA

H21 INTERNSHIP

Samcara is proud to share the participation of the students for the "Prestigious" summer fellowship program & scholarships received

100% SCHOLARSHIPS	50% SCHOLARSHIPS	25% SCHOLARSHIPS	25% SCHOLARSHIPS

Program Partners

ATLAS SKILLTECH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Samcara Internship with Atlas SkillTech

Elated to share that the students have successfully completed the first riveting mentorship program.

A 3 - month long rigorous mentorship focused on design thinking.

Proud to share that the students were pushed beyond their thresholds, but they showed resilience and perseverance and successfully finished the internship

Dhruv Manshani	Charvi Gupta	Ridhima Gohiya	Aurvi Pandey
Aabir Ghosh	Lineysa Pradhan		

DB INTERNSHIP

Samcara started the initiative of helping the students get work experience through internships and understand the career domains by observing them more closely. Students of Grade 11 & 12 got a chance to intern with Dainik Bhaskar Corporate office, press and My FM radio channel understanding the nitty gritty of management sphere, journalism and radio industry. This 2-week experience was one of its kind with lot of learning and deeper understanding of the career.



ATRIA UNIVERSITY

Shlok Gupta, Priyanshu Ahirwar, Bhawat Bansal, Vishrut Mishra and Vedant Dubey from grade 12 participated in a two-day event called 'Beyond Convergence'22' organized by Atria University, Bengaluru. The event focused on career guidance and giving a chance to the students to explore, experiment, and experience the space of liberal STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) programs through various activities, hands-on application-based workshops to create cars and drones and live simulations so that students could explore their real interest in science. Samcara is happy to have provided this opportunity to the students to help them make an informed decision.



Psychometric Assessment

To get more subject and career clarity, Samcara introduced psychometric assessment for Grade 10 (stream selection) and Grade 11 (Career Planning) students. The 5-dimensional assessment helped

the students in understanding themselves better and understand the right fit stream and career options for themselves so that proper career roadmap planning can be done.

Offbeat Shadowing



OFFBEAT SHADOWING

Excited to share that Aarav & Mridima participated with the Professors & Masters students from Archaeological Department of Shiv Nadar University. Our students shadowed Archaeologists at an Archaeological site at Mandu.



Aarav Bhatija



Mridima Harkawat

Summer School Acceptance



COUNSELOR ENRICHMENT & AWARDS

AHMEDABAD UNIVERSITY VISIT

Samcara Cell Coordinator, **Ms Khushboo Bedi** visited Ahmedabad University for a counsellor meet with counsellors coming from top schools of India. It was an enriching Cohort and she shared her knowledge and experience with Sanskaarians!



Annual IC3 Conference 2022

The Sanskaar Valley School was well represented at the IC3 (International Career and College Counseling) Annual Conference amongst 1400+ attendees from 90+ countries. **Ms Khushboo Bedi**, Career Cell Coordinator, was a panelist for the session "Green Guidance - A New Approach to Career Counseling" and **Ms Namrata Sharma**, Career Counselor, was a panelist for the session- "Managing Information Overload for the right fit program". Our counselors are back with stronger connections, deeper knowledge and the right industry partnerships for our students.



"Samcara Shines @ IC3 Awards"

On Campus Experience with Vijay Bhoomi University

A University committed to truly let the students explore, experiment and engage in a soulful, scenic and serene environment. Flexible, adaptive, skill based, interdisciplinary, liberal, inclusive, learn by doing and so much more at Vijaybhoomi University!



Singapore Visit



Visit to Singapore Universities
@SIM @NTU @SMU

Enriched with understanding on Singapore education system, public and private universities, subsidised fee structure, bond for International students with Singapore Government, scholarships, student loans, admission criterias, culture, history and so much more! 80 counselors from South East Asia were part of the event.

ISH Visit

Ms. Namrata Sharma, career counsellor attended the Indian School of Hospitality's Counselor Retreat 2022. The event gave an insight into the hospitality sector and the opportunities it opens for the students. The retreat was attended by more than 120 counselors from all

over the country. The event gave a glimpse of the experiential learning at ISH, how they are making the students industry ready with their ultra-modern infrastructure, top industry experts as their facilitators. Placements are the last thing to worry about at ISH.



Sanskriti Yadav-AIR 172, NLSIU Bengaluru

Kriti Johri - 100% Scholarship @ UCD

SCHOLARSHIPS

2022 Cohort - #FlyingSanskaarians

NAME OF THE STUDENT	UNIVERSITY	SCHOLARSHIP
Kriti Johri	University College Dublin, Ireland	100% Global Excellence Scholarship
Nandini Dave	Ritsumeiken Asia Pacific University (APU), Japan	80% Scholarship
Khushi Yadav	University of British Columbia, Canada	10,000 CAD Scholarship (Outstanding International Student Award)
Jiya Naryani	Pratt Institute, USA	\$56,000
	Rochester Institute of Technology, USA	\$72,000
	Massachusetts College of Art & Design, USA	\$38,000
	SCAD, USA	\$64,000
	Woodbury University, USA	\$48,000
	University of Arizona, USA	\$60,000
Mehak Johri	Deakin University, Australia	25% Vice Chancellor Scholarship
Arundhati Singh	University of Glasgow, Ireland	£28,000

PLACEMENTS

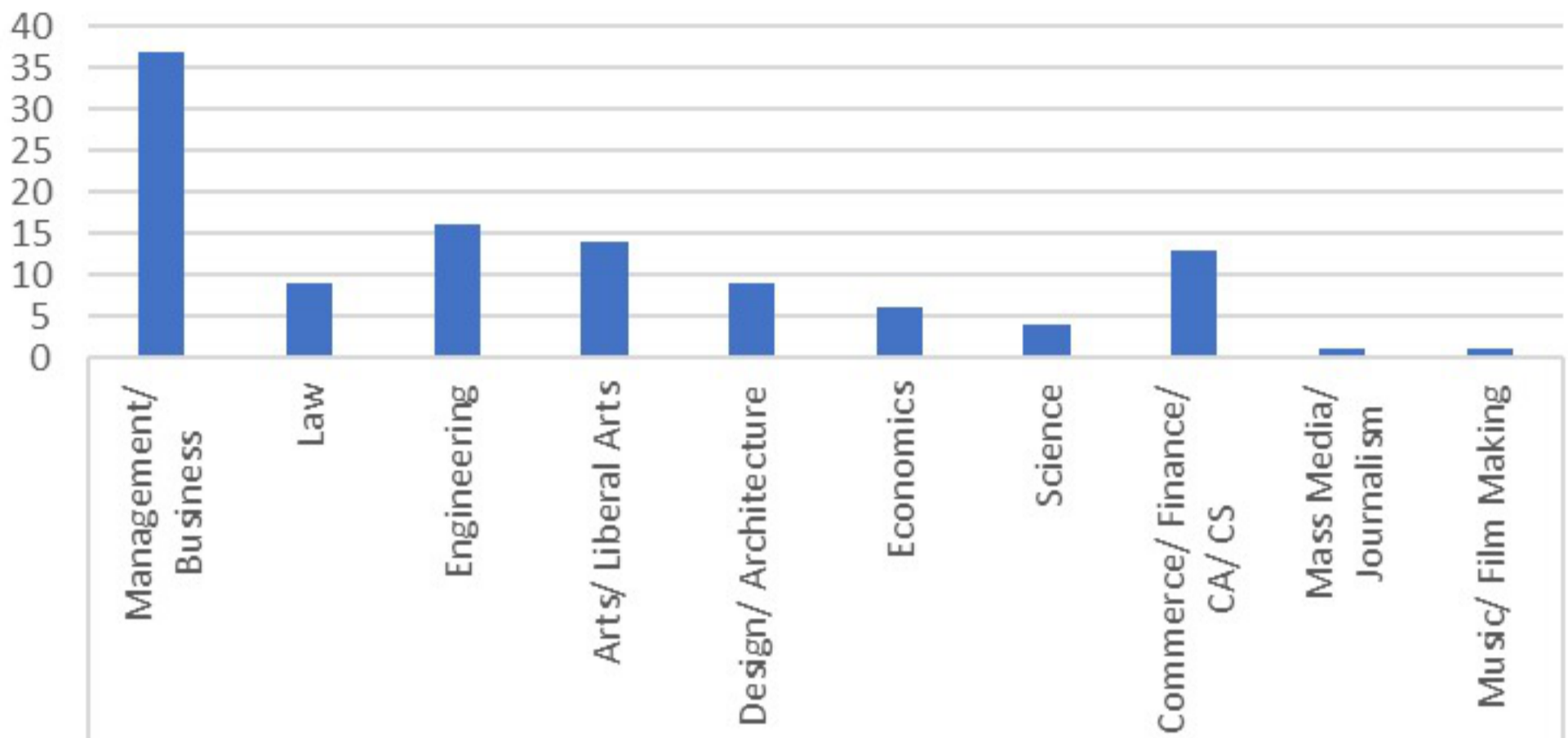
NATIONAL PLACEMENTS 2022

- West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), Kolkata
- Symbiosis Law School, Noida • Indian School of Design and Innovation (ISDI), Mumbai
- Manipal University, Manipal • Mithibai College, Mumbai • Jai Hind College, Mumbai
 - Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS), Mumbai
- OP Jindal Global University, Sonipat • Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru
- MSRUAS Ramaiah, Bengaluru • National Law University (NLU), New Delhi
 - Christ University, Bengaluru • Nirma University, Ahmedabad
 - MIT World Peace University, Pune • St. Xavier's College, Mumbai
 - BITS Pilani Goa Campus • Symbiosis International University, Pune
- Ashoka University, Sonipat • Indian Institute of Art and Design (IIAD), New Delhi
 - Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore • Miranda House, New Delhi
- Krishnchandra Chellaram College, Mumbai • Ahmedabad University, Ahmedabad
- Kirori Mal College, New Delhi • Vijaybhoomi University (True School of Music), Mumbai
 - National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Mumbai
- Sushant School of Architecture, Gurugram • Fergusson College, Pune
 - DY Patil University, Pune • NM College of Commerce, Mumbai
 - Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT), Bhopal
 - National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru
 - Tolani Maritime Institute, Pune • Doon University, Dehradun
 - Symbiosis School of Liberal Arts, Pune
 - HR College of Commerce & Economics, Mumbai
 - Plaksha University, Mohali

INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENTS 2022

- Indiana University Bloomington, USA
- University of Cincinnati, USA
- Macquarie University Australia
- Rochester Institute of Technology, USA
- University of British Columbia, Canada
- Arizona State University, USA
- University of Warwick, UK
- Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan
- University College Dublin, Ireland
- Victoria University, Australia
- University of Wollongong, Australia
- East Stroudsburg University, USA
- Nottingham Trent University, UK
- Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands
- Lancaster University, UK
- Toronto Metropolitan University, Canada

PLACEMENT ANALYSIS 2022



TESTIMONIALS

Ojasw Tiwari (Head Boy 2021-22)



I would like to express gratitude to the entire Samcara team for helping me with my UCAS application. Khushboo Ma'am and Namrata Ma'am were so supportive and helpful in my journey of applying abroad. Grade 12th is a pivotal moment in a student's life, and having the proper guidance takes a considerable weight off your shoulders. The insights and the critical points that Samcara provided were essential in making my application stand out. In such a fast-paced timeline for the application, Samcara provided me with all the necessary documents that helped me submit my application on time with the topmost quality. The team is very welcoming and always has an answer to our doubts. The team at Samcara is always open to help you and respond immediately, which makes you feel at ease. I will be highly grateful to the whole team for supporting us in such a crucial time and being our guide so that we flourish in our future path.

Jhalak Gupta (Satya House Captain 2021-22)



Selecting the right college, choosing the correct course and college applications, all of this sounds really stressful and overwhelming and trust me it sometimes can be. But with **Khushboo and Namrata ma'am** by my side made this journey a lot easier. Be it writing my essays, or filling out details for my application, their support and guidance was commendable. I cannot think of doing the whole procedure without them. Their individual attention and feedbacks helped me improve my application. I was really glad to have them with me on every step of my journey. **Thank you so much teachers for your encouragement and love!**

PARENT TESTIMONIALS

As parents, we know the traditional fields of career and have some awareness of how to guide our children across those paths. But when the child tells you something as unconventional as Animation and expresses a desire to study abroad, you find yourself totally at bay. However, Samcara at Sanskaar, with a strong team of **Khushboo and Namrata**, is fully equipped to guide you through the selection of colleges and give you a heads-up on the entire application process. I remember going to the Samcara block at the beginning of my daughter's 12th grade. (I wish we had engaged earlier so that there would have been greater clarity on various issues). I was impressed not only with the infrastructure but the positivity with which Khushboo met us. Incidentally, at one parent-teacher meeting, when I could not make it, the grandparents met Khushboo and came back extremely excited about a positive and meaningful interaction.



Through the processes of the brag sheet, LOR, and reporting scores on the common app, there have been many occasions when we have reached out to the team. We found the Samcara team always accessible, positive, and available even beyond school hours. Samcara is a great repository of knowledge and experience. I wish the team of **Khushboo and Namrata** all the best and success as they guide students through various chosen career paths.

Deepika Suri (Mother of Amiya Tuhina)