# Day 1

## <u>Ananya</u>

## 1) Murder Mystery – Bloody Trails



Date: May 14, 2021
 Time: 1:00 PM
 Duration: 50 minutes

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• Host: Abhishek Tandon, HOD of Ananya

Gaurang Ajmani, core member of Guest Relations

No. of Participants: 53Platform: Zoom meetings

#### **Event Summary:**

Ananya, the cultural wing of Sympulse hosted Bloody Trails, a murder mystery event. The event was hosted in an online mode on Zoom meetings. The event was anchored by Abhishek Tandon, HOD of Ananya and Gaurang Ajmani, core member of Guest Relations. The participants were given a murder mystery case which they had to solve using the clues and information provided by the host. The event had 53 participants, from various universities and colleges. The event took place in a very smooth manner. In the end, Himang Kalani from ITM University, Gwalior bagged the first position by being the first one to solve the case. The second and third positions were bagged by Abhijay Ahuja from Manipal College, Manipal and Nandhini Balamurugan from VIT Vellore, Chennai respectively.

## 2) Online Gaming – Valorant

Date: May 14, 2021Time: 1:00 PM

• **Duration:** 270 minutes

No. of Participants: 40 (8 teams of 5 each)
 Platform: Valorant – Online game mode

#### **Event Summary:**

Ananya, the cultural wing of Sympulse hosted Valorant, an online gaming event. The event was hosted in the online game mode – Valorant. There were 4 matches conducted in a game mode of 5 vs. 5 where 8 different teams went against each other. The event consisted of 40 participants in total from various universities and colleges. The event got a bit delayed as the last match was very intense.

In the end, 4 teams qualified for Round 2 which will take place tomorrow.

### 3) Graphic Design

• **Date:** May 14, 2021

• Host: Aarav Shah, Core Member-Ananya

#### **Event Summary:**

The event in-charge was Naavya. The event was hosted by Aarav Shah. There were no other judges except the in-charge. It was an individual participation event and a total number of 7 people participated. For Round 1 of the event, the participants had to redesign the homepage of Google. Submissions were to be sent by May 12, 2021. There were no eliminations and all the participants made it to Round 2.

## 4) <u>Debating – Civil War</u>

Date: May 14, 2021Time: 3:00 PM

• **Duration:** 180 minutes

Host: Mannat Trehan, core member of AnanyaJudge/s: Dhananjai Kalra and Devansh Shah

No. of Participants: 14Platform: Zoom meetings

Ananya, the cultural wing of Sympulse hosted Civil War, a fun yet fierce debating competition with a twist. The event was hosted in an online mode on Zoom meetings. The event was judged by Dhananjai Kalra and Devansh Shah who both are experienced debaters. The event was divided into two rounds. In the first round, each participant was given a topic to debate on and had to speak for or against it after spinning the wheel. The round was entertaining and competitive at the same time, testing the limits of the contestants.

The judges had to shortlist five contestants for the second and the final round which had a fun twist to it. Each contestant was given a topic on the spot and had to speak for the topic for 45 seconds and once the time elapsed, they had to switch and speak against the topic.

In the end, Abhivira Prakash of University of Birmingham bagged the first position followed by Anish Rajesh of Symbiosis Centre for Media & Communication (SCMC), Pune, followed by Pavitra Singla from Faridabad.

## 5) Group Dance – Groove Express



Date: May 14, 2021Time: 3:00 PM

• **Duration:** 90 minutes

• **Host:** Mishi Patni, core member of Ananya

• **Judge/s:** Kunal More

• No. of Participants/Contingents: 5

• Platform: Zoom meetings, streamed via Paytm Insider

Ananya, the Cultural Wing of Sympulse hosted the Group Dance competition called 'Groove Express' on the first day of Sympulse'21. The event was hosted in an online mode and streamed via Paytm Insider. The event started right on time and was hosted by Mishi Patni core member of Ananya. The event was judged by choreographer and YouTuber, Kunal More.

The groups were judged on the basis of their pre-recorded dance videos. Every performance was spectacular and well-coordinated. The judge's comments were taken after every performance where he gave his valuable feedback to each group based on their performance. The event had 5 groups as participants from colleges all over India.

The event took place very smoothly and got great reaction from the audience. The judge appreciated every performance and enjoyed the whole event. In the end, Team Mudra from KREA University bagged the first position with 9 points.

## 6) Monoacting – Spotlight

Date: May 14, 2021Time: 4:30 PM

• **Duration:** 90 minutes

 Judge/s: Kakoli Gaur Nagpal & Prince Nagpal, theatre activists working with Asmita Theatre Group

• **Host:** Ananya Maheshwari, core member of Ananya

No. of Participants: 10Platform: Zoom meetings

#### **Event Summary:**

Ananya, the cultural wing of Sympulse held Spotlight, a mono acting event. The event was held online on Zoom meetings. The event was anchored by Ananya Maheshwari, a core member of Ananya. The event began with the host, Ananya introducing the judges. The performances of the 10 participants were then played, starting with Yousuf Kazi from Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce, Pune. He beautifully portrayed the monologue of Biff from Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller. The event continued with the performances of the participants being played. The last participant was Durga Wagle from Christ University, Bangalore. The event was held smoothly and efficiently. The judges were impressed and expressed their awe. They appreciated the efforts put up by the participants. In the end, Sayan Chaudhari from Christ University, Bangalore bagged the first position for his amazing depiction of a monologue from the Godfather. The second and third positions were bagged by Eeshaan Koundinya from Manipal Institute of Technology and Akshat Chaturvedi from Christ University, Bangalore respectively.

## **Headlines**

## 7) Texas Hold'Em

Date: May 14, 2021Time: 2:00 PM

Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes
No of Participants: 290
Platform: PokerStars App

#### **Event Summary:**

Day One of Texas Hold'em commenced with 290 participants. It was organised on an online platform. The 290 players were given the tournament code and the tournament commenced and the players were placed around 58tables initially with 5 players on each table. The tables kept coming together in a last man standing format and it came down to one table in the end. There were no eliminations. The code for day two is shared with the participants.

## 8) Rap battle - Rap it Up



Date: May 14, 2021Time: 2:00 PM

• **Duration:** 60 minutes

Host: Rakshit Gupta, core member of Headlines Events
 Bhuvi Gaikwad, core member of Headlines Events

Judge/s: MuhfaadNo. of Participants: 8

• Platform: Zoom meetings, streamed via Paytm Insider

#### **Event Summary:**

Headlines Events, the Glamour Wing of Sympulse hosted Rap it Up. The event was hosted in an online mode on Zoom meetings. The event was anchored by Rakshit Gupta, core member of Headline Events and Bhuvi Gaikwad, core member of Headline Events. The event was judged by Muhfaad who is a very experienced rapper. There were 8 participants in total. The participants' rap which was prerecorded was presented on screen one by one. After this, 5 participants were shortlisted for the next round which will take place on the last day.

## 9) War of the DJs



Date: May 14, 2021Time: 5:00 PM

• **Duration:** 90 minutes

• **Host:** Om Mehrotra, core member of Headline Events

• No. of Participants: 8

• **Judges:** Siana Catherine & Abhishek Mantri

• Platform: Zoom meetings, streamed via Paytm Insider

Headlines Events, the department which organizes crowd pulling events, hosted War of the DJs on Zoom meetings which was furthered streamed on Paytm Insider. The event was hosted by Om Mehrotra, a core member of Headline Events. The participants had to send their sets beforehand, which were further played for the judges and audience for the final round. The participants were supposed to make their mixes through an array of songs chosen by Headline Events. The event was very smooth and entertaining for both the judges and the audience. In the end the first position was bagged by Shivam Choraria of True School of Music. The runner up position was taken by Meghan Charholikar of Ness Wadia College of Commerce.

## **Symulate**

## 10) Academic Summit

• Date: May 14, 2021 • Time: 11:30 AM

• **Duration:** 90 minutes

• Host: Aishwarya Sundaram, core member of Symulate

Yash Sachdev, core member of Symulate

Guest: Dr. Vijay Bhatkar
No. of Attendees: 730+
Platform: Zoom Meetings

#### **Event Summary:**

The Academic Summit, the flagship event of Symulate marked the beginning of Sympulse'21. The event was graced by a number of dignitaries from Symbiosis International (Deemed University); namely Prof. Dr. S.B Mujumdar – Honorable Chancellor of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar – Pro Chancellor of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Dr. Adya Sharma – Director, SCMS Pune and the faculty of SCMS Pune. The summit was addressed by Dr Vijay Bhatkar – Scientist, Philosopher, Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan Awardee. Most notably known for his contribution in the making of India's first supercomputer PARAM, he is currently the serving chancellor at the esteemed Nalanda University, Bihar.

The summit commenced with Dr. Adya Sharma welcoming the esteemed guests and speakers and introducing them and the audience to Sympulse. The introduction was then followed by an address by Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar who introduced Symbiosis International (Deemed University) and the morals it stands for. This was followed by a short address by Prof. Dr S. B Mujumdar, who expressed his views on the ongoing pandemic and encouraged the students to embrace this calamity and convert it into a learning experience. He also expressed his appreciation towards the Sympulse team for adapting to the circumstances and putting up a Fest.

This was followed by an address by the keynote speaker of the day; Dr Vijay Bhatkar who addressed an audience of over 700 students present at the summit. He expressed his views on the ongoing pandemic and its effect on the lives of the students, the economy and the world as a whole. He shared his experiences as a notable scientist and an educationist. He expressed his gratitude and pleasure at being asked to address the summit. He also motivated and inspired the students to power through this difficult phase and emerge as better and stronger individuals.

The Summit concluded on a high note with Dr. Sabiha Fazalbhoy, Faculty Head for Sympulse Fest thanking all the dignitaries and Dr Bhatkar for addressing the Summit.

## 11) Best Manager

Date: May 14, 2021Time: 1:00 PM

• **Duration:** 240 minutes

• Host: Ananya Mittal, core member of Symulate

No. of Participants: 23Platform: Zoom meetings

#### **Event Summary:**

- Symulate, the business wing of Sympulse hosted the event 'Best Manager'. The event consists of 6 rounds (including the Finale). On Day 1 of Sympulse, 3 rounds took place.
- Round 1 was a quantitative case study round. Participants were given an hour and a
  half to go through the case study and answer the questions, and they had to be on the
  zoom meet the whole time. Google forms were used to collect responses from the
  participants.
- Round 2 was a Group-discussion round, where all the participants were distributed in 2 groups. They were given various topics, and also images to discuss. It was a noelimination round.
- Round 3 was another case study round, but done via asynchronous mode. Participants
  were mailed a case study each. They were to come up with policies to tackle
  situations given in the case study in order to target SDG goals. This was also a noelimination round.

## 12) Marketing

Date: May 14, 2021Time: 1:00 PM

• **Duration:** 240 minutes

• **Host:** Arpita, core member of Symulate

No. of participants: 18Platform: Zoom meetings

#### **Event Summary:**

Symulate, the business wing of Sympulse hosted the event. The event consists of 6 rounds (including the Finale). On Day 1 of Sympulse, 3 rounds took place.

Round 1 was called "A cup of marketing Espresso". Participants were called randomly, and were presented a topic on-the-spot. They were to speak for 1 minute after researching for 2 minutes. Exceeding the time limit might lead to negative marking.

Round 2 was called "Brand Mashup". All the participants were given 2 companies randomly. They were asked to prepare a presentation and poster about 2 brands collaborating.

Round 3 was an extension of round 2. Participants were asked to present their presentation and poster made in round 2. They were also cross questioned. It was an elimination round, where 8 participants got eliminated.

## 13) Human Resources

• **Date:** May 14, 2021

• **Time:** 1:30 PM

• Host: Anaisha, core member - Symulate

• **Platform:** Zoom Meetings

#### **Event Summary:**

The first round of the three day 'Symulate- Human Resources' event was a rousing success. The participants were placed in the shoes of a Human Resources (H.R.) Department and were given approximately forty-five minutes to create a presentation stating the need for Human Resources in the company that they were given. Participants had to further justify why they were eligible for that position.

Although each presentation was originally supposed to take place in front of the live spectator audience, one participant argued that this could lead to a difference in levels of preparation amongst participants and could thus affect the fairness of the scoring process. Therefore, participants were required to leave the Zoom meeting and rejoin once it was their turn to pitch their ideas in order to ensure a fair judging process. Participants were judged on the basis of convincing ability and reasoning.

## 14) Finance



Date: May 14, 2021Time: 1:45 PM

• Host: Pratham Mehra, Core Member - Symulate

• **Platform:** Zoom meetings

### **Event Summary**

The mind tackling event, Finance, started with a Financial quiz that was only a starter for the Participants to focus more and come up with the best financial tactics. Going ahead, the Real Estate Trading began, that was conducted in 2 batches with only one of the batches being completed until Day 1. It required critical thinking and impromptu decision-making skills to make the best property deals while trading. The event will be concluded with a night round that will test the comprehensive minds of our contestants with a Personal Finance Case study and the final results will be declared on day 2.

## 15) <u>B-Ouiz</u>

• **Date:** May 14, 2021

Time: 3:00 PM
Duration: 3 hours

• **Host:** Lakshay Khandelwal – Core Member, Symulate

• **Platform:** Zoom meetings

Hosted by Lakshay Khandelwal, the event started with the 8 teams packed with excitement and enthusiasm among the participants. Among them were present two National Level quizzers. Round 1 of the event were crosswords, wherein the participants were mailed a set of crosswords and given a time of half an hour to finish. After a very competitive start, the quiz goes on to round 2, Guess the logo. Round 2 was filled with opportunities for other teams to take the lead. Finally, the Day 1 came to an end with Round 3. This round had a total of 24 questions, which was chosen by participants on turns. The B-Quiz was a very informative quiz which basically checked the knowledge and team work spirit of the participants. In conclusion we had the finalists for Day 2 and their teams. The finalists were Nishant Khera, Ahan Sen, Anant Tyagi, Sanat Dayani, Lavesh Karwa and Kaushiki Das.

## 16) Best Entrepreneur

• **Date:** May 14, 2021

• **Time:** 1:30 PM

• Host: Nikhil Chavda, Core Member - Symulate

• Platform: Zoom meetings

#### **Event Summary:**

The first day of the Symulate - Best Entrepreneur event was an extremely exciting test of entrepreneurial knowledge and perspective. In anticipation of the event, participants were required to join a Google Classroom so that submissions and event schedules could be more efficiently communicated. 'Risky Wits,' the first round, provided participants with a choice of a particular industry. Each prospective entrepreneur then had to justify and defend their choice of market in the form of a comprehensive document. In the following round, participants were given forty-five minutes to prepare a speech and then had a 'face off' roundagainst their fellow participants.

Each participant represented a different company or entrepreneur. Therefore, this round was a high-risk yet extremely entertaining battle between brands such as Netflix vs. Amazon Prime and McDonalds vs. Burger King as well as infamous and renowned entrepreneurs such as Jeff Bezos vs. Elon Musk. Although this round did take longer than expected, this change was openly welcomed by participants, with the chat box being filled with support and excitement from spectative participants. The participants will now be treated to a case study-based night round, where each participant will be provided with an entrepreneurial case let and will have to prepare a Corporate Social Responsibility campaign; after which 5 participants will be eliminated. The remaining participants will then advance to the next round.

### 17) Strategy



Date: May 14, 2021Time: 1:00 PM

• **Duration:** 240 minutes

• **Host:** Jivika Jain, core member of Symulate

No. of participants: 25Platform: Zoom meetings

#### **Event Summary:**

Symulate, the business wing of Sympulse hosted the Strategy event, a competitive and challenging business event covering all aspects. The event was hosted in an online mode on Zoom meetings. The event was divided into three rounds. In the first round, participants were given the scenario of a fake Merger of 2 companies and were asked to launch a new line of products. The deliverable included a PPT with all major details. In round 2, participants were made to assume the Role of the Mayor of a city. An inventory of all the services and buildings that the city can accommodate was sent with a budget, which had to be used in order to plan the city. In the 3rd and the final round, the participants had to pitch their city to the panel. A crisis was prompted on the spot with 7 minutes preparation time for the same. The Mayors gave their plan of action to tackle the crisis in the form of a press speech. The final winners will be declared on the final day of Sympulse.