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LAUNCH OF DID YOU KNOW SERIES

We at Ashika Group believe, employee communication is very important to all of us, because it allows us to be productive and operate effectively as a TEAM. It is very vital for each one of you to know the developments in the organization as well as our vision, mission and ethics.

With a lot of excitement and enthusiasm we launch our 'Did You Know?' series which will be shared with all of you on every second and fourth Monday of the month. It's worth doing a job, it's worth sharing it!

HOSTED FINSIGHT VENTURES IN MUMBAI

A team from Finsight Ventures was in Mumbai this week and we are happy to inform that we hosted them at our office. They are based out of SFO and the founder is a Russian billionaire and the fund is actively looking at direct and financial services investments across the world.

and this is their first time in India. We had Anshu from Vikasara and Vikasara from San Francisco to discuss and get a direction for them for India space in India. We gathered to meet some amazing companies and brainstorm some great ideas with them.



Meet The Dabbing IPS Officer

We were very excited to partner with the Sasthangan group from Kolkata and host an event for them. The Sasthangan group consists of well-known CAs from Kolkata who are all successfully placed across industries. The chief guest for the evening was Mr. Anil Lohia - an IPS officer who currently heads the rank of Inspector general of police and is the author of 'Bitter Dabbing'. There was an interesting Q&A session hosted by Gaurav Jain with Mr Lohia. He spoke about the various aspects of being an IPS Officer, author of 'Social Antics', share of his most interesting and challenging life experiences. He truly inspired a lot of us with his dedication, discipline and focus. It was indeed a very interesting session.

Investor Awareness Seminars

Ashika Group held investor awareness seminar at Ghazipur, Hooghly. It was an interesting seminar where we spoke about investing in mutual funds. The seminar was attended by more than 80 clients and was very well received. Mr. Ashish Dasgupta & Mr. Debi Paul conducted the seminar and engaged the audience in interesting details about the same.

We also held the Breaker Education Program at Jabalpur where Mr. Manoj Mahat & Mr. Bhaskar Bhavsar provided insights on investing in mutual funds to the local community. The session was very interactive with the audience learning to know more details and applying the skills taken by our organization.

OPEN LIBRARY

Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers. -Charles M. Schulz-

We have recently launched our new initiative in partnership with the Open Library Project to encourage our team to read and have a variety of books available right from smartphones, to self-improvement books. These books will be replaced by a new set of books every few months. When reading, you're in full access because reading connects directly to your brain. In silence, you seek for more, in silence, your brain is clear and focuses. Thus, you learn and grow, and therefore succeed.



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you feel and learn from the point of view of the author about everything in life. Hence you shape a better self. Reading exposes you to a world of imagination, allowing you nothing is impossible in this world. By reading, you are exploring a different angle to see a thing you're facing, as how different action leads to different results. So keep reading, keep learning and keep exploring.



Thank God, It's FRIDAY

You are far more likely to succeed if you are having fun, as play just as hard as you work - if not harder. Find time to laugh, whether it's catching up with friends, meeting new people, trying new things.....

In Commemoration of our tradition of celebrating the last Friday of the month, our team had a wonderful time bonding over dumb charades / Pictionary and puzzles.

Things to ponder

NINE - The meaning of finality - By Bibek Das (HR Business Partner)

The symbol of divine completeness, the meaning of finality, the highest one-digit number, the number of the creator of the universe - Brahma, NINE.

Mathematical facts about Number 9: 1. According to Indian scriptures, letter 9 corresponds to Lord Brahma (the creator of the universe). Mathematically, the interesting property of 9 is 9 x 1 = 9, 9 x 2 = 18 (1+8 = 9), 9 x 3 = 27 (2+7 = 9), 9 x 4 = 36 (3+6 = 9). 2. In Hindu religion, number 9 is very important, keeping the importance of number 9, Plato/Vyasa created 9 Puranas, 108 Mahapurana (Upnishads), Manu Smriti has 9 chapters, Garuda has 18 chapters, Bhagavata has 180000 Shlokas (Verses).

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BOOK REVIEW

Berkshire Hathaway - Letters to Shareholders by Warren E. Buffett (WEB) By Mr. Rajrang Narvita

This book is compilation of Annual letters written by WEB to the shareholders of BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY as Chairman, starting from 1986 till 2017. It narrates the performance of the company in a language beyond accounting complexity and also acknowledges the mistakes made by him during the year. WEB is quite candid in his commentary, gives a lot of credit to the managers and in the process gives lot of meaningful points on investment, human relations and corporate governance. If someone just wants to read a single book on investment philosophy, this is the book one can start with. WEB is a truly remarkable leader and human being. The language is simple and one doesn't feel bored with the commentary. The best piece of writing in the book is the commentary by both WEB and his partner and Berkshire vice-Chairman Charles T. Munger on completion of 50 years of the company (2014) starting the year 50 years and the reasons to see next 50 years. Also in the same commentary Charles T. Munger narrates his take on the reasons of Berkshire's success story. A must read for all looking for investment advice, corporate governance and human relationship in business.

UNQUOTE : Inspirational Quotes

1) Warren E Buffett, Annual Letter to Shareholders of Berkshire Hathaway 1986 on Market Crashes
"We believe that short-term forecast of stock or bond prices are useless. The forecast may tell you a great deal about the forecaster. They tell you nothing about the future."

2) Warren Buffett, Annual Letter to Shareholders of Berkshire Hathaway 2014 on Investing
"To the great misfortune of investors, however, who can - and should - invest with a multi-decade horizon, operational decisions are impermanent. These issues should remain fixed on obtaining significant gains in purchasing power over their investing lifetime. For those who diversified equity portfolios, bought over time, will prove far less risky than debt (bonds/mortgages)."



DERIVATIVES BOOK LAUNCH



"Inauguration of Book - 'Derivatives' co-authored by Mr. Harsh Gupta, CIO, Ashika Investment Manager". The book is published by Cambridge University Press and has been co-authored by Dr. TV Somasundaran (Ex-Director, World Bank) and Dr. Anantha Nagowawan (Dean, Krea University; ex-CIO - Julius Baer Group)

The book was launched by Dr. Bikash Debroy (Principal Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister) on Sept 27, in New Delhi.

Employee Spotlight

NAME : AMIT SHARDA

WHAT WOULD THE TITLE OF YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF YOUR LIFE BE?
"Life is what we make it"

IF YOU COULD LEARN TO DO ONE ONE THING WHAT WOULD THAT BE?
Want to learn about how to effectively communicate with people and also want to learn to stay positive no matter what

IF YOU WERE WINN A LOTTERY OF \$1.18 BILLION WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO?
Will invest 10% for my financial stability, 20% for my family financial stability and 10% for charity

IF YOU COULD BE ANY FICTIONAL CHARACTER WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?
Bond, James Bond, "Tears are eyeflow and lips are grin"

YOUR FAVORITE INDOOR/OUTDOOR ACTIVITY?
Badminton

WHAT ARE THE 3 TRAIT THAT DEFINE YOU?
Good Listening Skills, Persistence, Ethics

10 YEARS AGO WHAT DID YOU THINK YOU WOULD BE NOW?
Stay the same lively, lively person that I am

WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR A CAREER IF YOU WEREN'T DOING WHAT YOU ARE TODAY?
Business

SUCCESS ACCORDING TO YOU IS?
I define success as having a job that you enjoy and makes you financially stable, family that loves and cares for you, children that make you proud by what they are and what they do, and being able to contribute to the betterment of your fellow men and country

YOUR FAV DESTINATION?
I love holidaying at beach, to any place like Goa, Maldives....

FAVORITE MUSIC / SONG?
I am very fond of music, love to do my own.

FAVORITE MOVIE?
007 movies featuring Presley Braxton

IF YOU COULD MEET ANYONE LIVING OR DEAD, WHO WOULD IT BE?
My Father

YOUR SIGN OFF LINE :
"spread your energy than being for social work, not money"

Jokes

1. Unscramble the Words: MMAARDM
2. It is 05.08.30, 7, 04 What is it?
3. The 5 letter word become shorter when you remove 2 letters from it. What is it word
4. Many have found the ball but none me. I will not speak back unless spoken. What am I?
5. I am first on earth, but second in heavens. I come before in a week but appear only once in a month. What am I?
6. The ages of a father and son add up to 90. The father's age is the son's age reversed. How old could they be?

Brain Teasers

