

CONNECTIONS

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From the Editors desk

In the recent months we have all made a small effort to get all the GMCites together through our 'Connections' issues. The initial response was very enthusiastic but seems to be diluting over time now. This certainly does not represent any diminished interest (I hope) but I would attribute it to the inertia that is inevitable with time and distance. Most of us are still in the process of stabilizing our careers and time, especially free time is usually short at hand.

With every passing year the strength of our 'GMC graduates' goes up. We as an entity are showing our presence across the globe in increasing numbers. For various reasons USA has the most number of graduates from GMC outside of India. As time passes this strength is undoubtedly going to increase. So far we all seem to know each other personally but soon a time will come when the subsequent batches down the years will be as oblivious to me as my presence to them. This stark reality is faced by all senior graduates who visit GMC when they are visiting Chandigarh, only to find that the building is no more than a conglomerate of unknown faces. Nothing can be more painful for any of us when we have to try to explain our allegiance to that place and we get a cold stare of 'who cares'.

As years roll by, the physical distance to the closest located GMCite to anyone of us will certainly decrease but that does not give us any more sense of fraternity unless we all make an effort to know each other better and foster a sense of having a common bond.

'Connections' is a miniscule yet genuine effort in that direction. What we all can possibly achieve from this beginning can attain magnanimous dimensions over time. In the recent few months I have come to know more about our junior and fresh graduates and students of GMC than I did in the eight years since my graduation. I am sure I am not alone in this experience. It would be great to know more people as they join our message board of GMCCOSA and contribute more actively and regularly to Connections.

Recently I have been discussing the idea of getting the entire GMC offshoot situated in the USA together in one place in the near future. This can be framed as a semi-alumni meet and can provide a direction and stepping stone towards planning for a similar meet back home in India at some stage. The idea was discussed at a very primitive level amongst a few of my batch mates over our recent casual meetings and received a very warm and energetic response. Having a medium like Connections certainly helps us to get this idea across to everyone here and those planning to visit USA in the near future. However this nebulous idea needs to be given a form and that can only be possible if a deluge of ideas and suggestions follows this initial reference. Any ideas for the timing, geographic location, course, conduct and management of such an event will be more than welcome.

Needless to add that such an event would not be possible without active involvement of all. This kind of event will require a head lag of at least a few months so that all interested in attending can ensure adequate time off their schedules. Once the core plan is ready and we have an estimate of the approximate attendance a few of us can then start attending to the details and subsequent management.

Before I end I want to make a special reference to the new yet most important members of our GMCite gang...our spouses. Indeed some of us have been able to stay together as friends hailing back from GMC only because our spouses have always supported that association and have helped shrink the physical distances separating us. They more than us need to know our extended families and get the feel of being a part of an identity, an existence springing forth from common grassroots. I hope this idea infuses as much a spirit of enthusiasm in everyone as it did in me when I wrote it and the other editors when we first discussed it. So pick up your pens and start writing down the ideas...as they are the ones that will materialize this thought.

*Hemender Singh
(Class of '91)*

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The Homecoming

Navneet Majhail ('91) recounts some of his experiences, both factual and fictional, during his recent trip to India.

We were finally going home, for the first time in almost five years since we had come to the USA. We were excited, but also a bit apprehensive, especially as to how our three year old, Gurnoor, would react to India. I rolled my eyes and pooh-poohed as Rajni (my wife) started again, "No driving, be careful of what you eat, blah blah blah...I won't repeat all this another time!" I tried rationalizing with Rajni; I had spent more than twenty-five years in India and I was sure I would be fine and all the horror stories she had heard from our *desi*-friends were figments of her and their imagination.

As the plane taxied down the runway, I took a peek outside - Delhi had never looked so magnificent before. The Indra Gandhi International Airport was exactly the same as I had left it five years ago; everything was the same ramshackle old, *paan* spit and mold still muraled the walls. As I tried to explain to a foreigner that the door she was trying to open was that of an elevator and not of a bathroom, I said to my wife, "It feels so good to be home." The immigration area was over-crowded with space enough to just stand on your toes. Many weary eyes looked towards us as I said "Look Gurnoor, so many uncles and aunties," and Gurnoor was bobbing up and down in her pram with excitement, thrilled as I was to see this mass of humanity. Thanks to our three year old US citizen, it took us just a little bit less than eternity to get through emigration and collect our luggage. I decided to use the bathroom and as I finished washing my hands, I felt a tap on my shoulder. I turned to see an airport attendant in a white crisp starched shirt and a tie; "welcome to India," he grinned as he tore off a sheet from a toilet paper roll and handed it to me to dry my hands with.

The warm and humid Delhi air stung us as we exited the airport. As Rajni's sinuses became inflamed and blocked and mounted their response to the dust and smog, I gently reminded her, "This is our *desh ki mitti*." The taxi ride home had more thrills than any roller coaster that Gurnoor has sat in, and she loved the whole experience. Of course, it took a while to convince her that "we don't use child seats in India" and then later for her to understand that honking was not a sign of anger or frustration but a sacred ritual that one had to perform every so often while driving.

Initially I refused to epitomize the *Bisleri* toting NRI prototype; I had full faith on the immunity my

gastrointestinal tract had developed over the 10 years I had lived in hostels, initially at GMC and then at AIIMS, eating even God doesn't know what. But of course it became obvious that my faith was no match for the laws of immunology when both my proximal and distal sphincters gave way within 24 hours of stepping on the Indian soil and left me scrambling for the good old Flagyl. With that came crashing down all plans to indulge in *gol-gappas*, *bhel-puri* and chat.

Gurnoor, I guess like most *Amrikan* kids, gets fascinated by two things - animals and trash. She loves going to the zoo and everyday looks forward to visit by the friendly neighborhood '*kachda* truck'. Her eyes popped out of their sockets and her jaw dropped when she saw *Gau Mata* everywhere, "Cows, cows, papa look, so many cows!" she exclaimed. This was the first time she had seen this animal so close, for back in the US, one sees cows either locked up in the zoo or in a distant farm as you drive along a highway. And then she saw a horse, and then a pig, an ox, a lizard, a fly, a bee and a whole myriad of other animals which she had only read about. And then another day, we took her out to show the wonders of Sector-17, but her first comment on getting out of the car was, "Wow, look papa, so much trash!"

Before we knew it, the two weeks were over and we were back on the plane heading west of the Atlantic. As Rajni looked out the window, immersed in the blue above and the blue below, I noticed her slip into a pensive mood. "Where do we belong?" she pondered, "It is neither the US nor India." Instead of responding to her comment, I feigned ignorance as I closed my eyes to dream about the *tikkas* and the *kebabs* I had savored and would be missing again for a long long time.

*Navneet Majhail
(Class of '91)*

Tsunami Relief Fund

There was a concerted effort from GMCCOSA to collect donations for the recent Tsunami that struck south-east Asia. For various reasons many alumni donated money directly (income tax rebates, voluntary salary deductions etc). So GMCCOSA, as a group, did not make a donation. We would like to thank alumni who made contributions for Tsunami relief. Specifically, we would like to acknowledge alumni who pledged money for the relief fund through GMCCOSA (Navneet Majhail ('91) (\$100), Sandeep Kochar ('93) (\$50), Vikas Sharotri and Nancy Sharma (both '94) (\$300)).

Career Series

DR. PHYSICIAN MANAGER, MBBS, MBA

Ravi Kant Gupta ('98) discusses career options in management after MBBS. He is currently pursuing an MBA at the Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow.

Traditionally, after finishing MBBS, most medicos either plan to pursue post-graduate training (MD or MS) or go into practice (private or government). But in the recent years, there has been a boom for non-conventional career options for physicians. Management is one such avenue that can be satisfying as well as challenging. In this article, I will discuss the prospect of physicians in this field and describe the admission process for MBA.

♣ *Should I really go in for an MBA?*

This is the first, the most important and the most difficult question that one needs to answer before you start preparing for the Common Admission Test (CAT). Physicians in general tend to be respected & relatively well paid professionals, and changing career to MBA will largely make you forfeit contact with direct patient care. So, you should be doubly sure that you are ready to leave it for good. Consult your family & friends and take some time to make this decision. Consider all the pros and cons as this decision is very individual and once you steer towards management, it might become difficult to get back into hard-core medicine (though of course, you could still stay in the management aspect of medicine). Now if you are sure that you want to go for a MBA, and then enter the next step, i.e. start preparing!

♣ *Where should one do an MBA from?*

As a medico, you should ideally join one of the best business schools to pursue an MBA; MBA done from a not so well known institute does not help much and you might rather just stay in medicine itself. There are around 10 very good MBA programs/institutes in India. These include the six Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Faculty of Management Studies (FMS) at the University of Delhi, Xavier Labor Relations Institute (XLRI) Jamshedpur, SP Jain Institute of Management Mumbai & Management Development Institute (MDI) Gurgaon. FMS & XLRI conduct independent entrance tests in January while the rest admit students based on performance in the CAT held on the penultimate Sunday of November. And then there is the Indian School of Business (ISB) Hyderabad which is a very reputed business school and offers a one year MBA for people with at least one year of

previous work experience (internship does not count). ISB loves diversity and entry is through the GMAT.

♣ *How do I prepare for the CAT?*

One thing should be clear in your mind; all of us enter medical college after going through tough PMT competition, so cracking the CAT, though not cakewalk, should not be very tough. If you are familiar with solving MCQ's, then you just need to apply your aptitude for clearing the exam, because the CAT is nothing but an aptitude test.

I will discuss the CAT paper in detail; other exams (GMAT, XLRI etc) essentially have the same format. All tests are MCQ type with progressive negative marking. One needs not more than 4hrs of regular study for 6 months to crack the CAT.

CAT has three sections and the exam typically contains 150 questions:

Verbal: This section contains questions dealing with normal spoken English. There are questions regarding vocabulary, reading comprehension, logical reasoning and deductions. This section is really a "Cash Cow" for medicos as we generally have a good command over this language. The aim of this section is to test the speed and accuracy in comprehending spoken and written English, and believe me, having spent so much time reading in medicine really hones these skills. You still need some preparation though and books by Normal Lewis ('Word power made easy' and '30 days to a more powerful vocabulary') are good starters. You can add on to this by studying notes of any good coaching institute.

Quantitative (Mathematics): This might be the most dreaded section as most of us have not touched maths for the last so many years. But rest assured, this is not a very difficult section. There are about 50 questions of the 10th class standard. You will always find 17-18 sitters, i.e. very very easy questions, which can be easily solved with a little bit of application. Don't worry even if you don't get the other questions right as our main aim here is to clear the minimum cut off which is around 11. If you can score something like 17-18 in maths, you will be in the top 10 percentile.

Data interpretation: This section has graphs that can be solved with practice and a bit of deductive reasoning. You don't need much knowledge of mathematics except simple stuff like calculating averages.

Thus with the right preparation and plan one can crack the CAT. To get a call from the IIM, you need to score

more than the 98.5th percentile as a general category candidate.

The next step is the group discussion and the personal interview. The personal interview in our case will largely revolve around why we want to leave medicine and join the corporate world. I will be available to personally guide GMC graduates who receive calls for interviews.

♣ *Should I join a coaching institute?*

I don't think it is a must to join coaching classes. But for increasing your personal confidence (to make sure you are doing the right things) and to remove the enigma of maths, it may not be a bad idea. You can join any institute and PT/ Bulls Eye/ Omega/ IMS/ CL are among the more well known ones in Chandigarh.

♣ *What is the future for medicos in the corporate world?*

We belong to a very unique category. There is huge demand-supply gap for doctor MBA's and this especially pertains to the health care sector (hospitals, pharmaceuticals, health care organizations, etc). Currently I am pursuing my summer internship at Wockhardt (a pharmaceutical company) and I can tell you that our need is very much there. We can also switch to non-medical jobs, for example, last year a doctor from IIM Bangalore joined Deutsche Bank.

So guys & gals, the corporate world gives you quick money and very nice cities to live in and enjoy...so come and join the club.

Ravi Kant Gupta
(Class of '98)

Cracking the Sub-eye!

So it all started one fine day as everything else in this world does. Vicky came home pretty early (unusual for ward postings). As usual I was trying to focus on his jargon of what happened on that fine day amidst the flipping of TV channels (isn't flipping channels so much fun, especially when the remote is in your hand!).

Suddenly a new word grabbed my attention when Vicky said, "The Sub-eye is great." The Sub-eye? What is this now? Generally Vicky is considerate enough to explain to me whatever technical terminology he uses. But that day he sounded like I already knew about it. Well I thought, he must have explained it to me earlier during one of my frequent absences (it is a state of *trans* where I often land due to my short attention span; it saves me from registering lot of unwanted information). Anyways, since I

assumed that I was already told about the sub-eye, my pretense took charge and I said, "Oh, ya!"

However the sub-eye started challenging my neurons. First of all I decided to use common sense. I started thinking about the common things in USA. Well, if you take TV ads, the number one ads are those of cars. And success! Guys love to talk about cars. So Sub-eye could be a new model of Honda. But wait. Why would Vicky be talking about cars with me? Rule of thumb: guys talk about cars with guys. He should be discussing this with his South Indian friend Gadha Bawa (this is not what you are thinking, Gadha in Tamil means sensible). So common sense backfires!

Next I tuned into my imagination channel. Most of things in US rhyme with each other or have words in common like Wal-Mart, K-Mart. So I started looking for things with sub in them. The first one that crossed my mind: sub-way. Oh wow, so could sub-eye be a new fast food joint? No wonder, the number two ads on TV are those about food. But wait a minute, if it came on TV, I should be telling it to Vicky, not the other way around.

So it was time to call my friend 'Google' into action. I typed the word sub-eye. It asked, "Do you mean Sub Eye?" Oh whatever, buddy, as long as you tell me what it is. I tell you Google never fails. There came the answer in a flash, Sub Eye - the ultimate system of underwater photography. Oh, please, my husband can't even swim. Why would he talk about underwater photography?

There I was getting drowsy sitting in front of computer when Vicky called for tea (just in time, he is a perfect husband). Sipping his tea he said, "So I was telling you that my sub-intern (Sub-I) is really nice." "Oh, ok", I said, smiling with the confidence of new found knowledge and finally relieved to be able to crack the Sub-I.

Nancy Sharma
(Class of '94)

KOSHISH – Wheels in Motion

'From those to whom much is given, much is expected.'

Mother Teresa

Indeed friends, as physicians (or budding ones), we have been blessed with many talents, skills, resources and material comforts. For that, and for the stark and grim reality that afflicts the poor and sick in our community and country, it is our moral duty to give back. We shall be remembered and judged for not what we extracted from society, but what we put back in.

Till now, *Koshish* has been just words, and many of you must be weary of talk. Not anymore. As you read this, *Koshish* is in motion! We had mailed all alumni in the USA and some of you have been very kind in donating money to bring *Koshish* to life. We have a dedicated sum of Rs. 3000-4000 per month for the next four to six months. Notices will be put up at all the different buildings and locations of our college; Varinder Pal Sandhu (93 batch and SR ortho) will talk to all batches at the same time about what we hope to achieve with *Koshish*. All students and housestaff can either call Varinder or email GMCCOSA if they find a patient in need of money anywhere-the clinics, ER, wards or the different colonies that they visit as part of the SPM classes. Varinder will try to provide money as soon as possible, if not immediately. The first installment of money is already on its way to Varinder. Every month we will send all of you an email about *Koshish* activities and expenditures. Initially, we are limiting the maximal amount of money allocated per patient to Rs. 300-350. If there is surplus by the end of the month, we can allot more per patient. *This is just the beginning!*

It may strike some of you, and correctly so, that we are not realizing much. After all, what are we really accomplishing by giving a few hundred of rupees to a handful of patients? To answer this, let me tell you a small story. An elderly man taking a walk at dawn along the beach saw thousands of small fish that had been washed onto the shore by the overnight tide. The poor fish were flailing and thrashing on the sand, succumbing eventually from the lack of air. He then saw ahead of him a young girl, picking up one live fish after another, and hurling them back into the ocean. She was clearly outnumbered, and there was no way she could have saved even a fraction of them, but yet she persisted, scampering from fish to fish tirelessly. With a benevolent smile he walked up to her and said, "Child, what you are doing is very noble, but what will you achieve by saving a few fish; most of them will die anyways. What difference will it make?!" The innocent eyes of the little girl looked back up at him, she picked up another gasping fish, showed it to him and threw it back to the ocean and said, "*To this one it will make a difference*".

And so to all of you, I beg, beseech, plea, invoke, solicit, ask, entreat, *demand*, pray, petition, importune, *pester*, press (yes, all at once if that is conceivable) - please open your hearts to *Koshish* in anyway that you can, either with involvement in its activities or by providing the lifeline of any such venture - money. As little as Rs. 100-200 per month from alumni in India and \$ 5-10 per month from alumni abroad is not asking

much - surely your conscience can let you bleed this paltry sum every month for a right cause. We will mail all alumni again with addresses for contacts in India and the USA where money can be mailed in or you can email us anytime at gmccosa@yahoo.com. If you want to help Varinder with *Koshish* groundwork at GMC, please let us know as for now he is the lone ranger there handling this venture. I wish I had another heart-wrenching quote to end this article to make you all even more sentimental, but I am positive the spirit and mission of *Koshish* will affect all of us sooner or later.

Sandeep Kochar
(Class of '93)

Whereabouts

We thank Ashish Khanna ('98) for sending us this information. Our best wishes to these and all other graduates who continue to make GMC proud.

96 Batch

- ♣ Anuradha Chopra, Junior Resident (MS), Ophthalmology, GMCH, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Laxmi Mahajan, Junior Resident (MD), Anesthesia & Intensive Care, GMCH, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Navdeep Dhaliwal, Junior Resident (MD), Pediatrics, Medical College, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- ♣ Rajiv Kansay, Junior Resident (MS), Orthopedics, GMCH, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Sahil Pahwa, Junior Resident (Diploma), Ophthalmology, Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Punjab.
- ♣ Sharad Prabhakar, Junior Resident (MS), Orthopedics, Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Punjab.

97 Batch

- ♣ Amit Bansal, Junior Resident (MD), Anesthesia, King George Medical University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- ♣ Ashish Saini, Junior Resident (MD), Pediatrics, GMCH, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Deepika Agarwal, Junior Resident (MD), Anesthesia & Intensive Care, GMCH, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Deepti Mangla, Junior Resident (MD), Anesthesia & Intensive Care, UCMS, New Delhi.
- ♣ Dinkar Kulshreshta, Junior Resident (DM), Neurology, NIMHANS, Bangalore, Karnataka.
- ♣ Naveen Juneja, Junior Resident (MS), Orthopedics, PGIMS, Rohtak, Haryana.
- ♣ Poonam Raghove, Junior Resident (MD), Anesthesia, PGIMS, Rohtak, Haryana.
- ♣ Rohit Arora, Junior Resident (MS), Ophthalmology, King George Medical University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- ♣ Rohit Garg, Junior Resident (MD), Psychiatry, GMCH, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Upender Sharma, Junior Resident (MD), Microbiology, JIPMER, Pondicherry.

98 Batch

- ♣ Alkesh Khurana, Junior Resident (MD), Chest & TB, GMCH, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Ashish Khanna, Junior Resident (MD), Anesthesia & Intensive Care, GMCH, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Balwinder Kaur, Junior Resident (MS), Ophthalmology, GMCH, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Dinesh Kumar, Junior Resident (MD), Social & Preventive Medicine, PGIMER, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Irneet Mundi, Junior Resident (MD), Pathology, GMCH, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Manish Thakur, Junior Resident (MD), Transfusion Medicine, PGIMER, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Manoop Mittal, Junior Resident (MD), Medicine, SMS Medical College, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- ♣ Mili Bhardwaj, Junior Resident (MD), Gynecology & Obstetrics, PGIMER, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Neha Bansal, Junior Resident (Diploma), Anesthesia, LLRM Medical College, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.
- ♣ Preeti Mittal, Junior Resident (MD), Pathology, GMCH, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Puneet Chopra, Junior Resident (MD), Anesthesia & Intensive Care, GMCH, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Randeep Singla, Junior Resident (MD), Medicine, PGIMER, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Ridhi Gupta, Junior Resident (MD), Pediatrics, King George Medical University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- ♣ Saranjit Kaur, Junior Resident (MD), Gynecology & Obstetrics, GMCH, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Satinder Kaur, Junior Resident (MD), Anesthesia & Intensive Care, GMCH, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Sumit Khanduja, Junior Resident (MS), Ophthalmology, AIIMS, New Delhi.
- ♣ Teena Tandon, Junior Resident (MD), Social & Preventive Medicine, PGIMER, Chandigarh.
- ♣ Varun Agarwal, Junior Resident (MS), Ophthalmology, GMCH, Chandigarh.

99 Batch

- ♣ Neeraj Gupta, Junior Resident (MD), Anesthesia, SMS Medical College, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- ♣ Neeraj Kaur, Junior Resident (MD), Gynecology & Obstetrics, RNT Medical College, Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- ♣ Vikas Bacchal, Junior Resident (MD), Medicine, RNT Medical College, Udaipur, Rajasthan.

Kudos

...to Navneet Dhillon ('92) for securing a fellowship in Hematology-Oncology at the Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan starting July 2005. She is currently a fellow in Palliative Care Medicine at the MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas.

...to Tania Lamba ('92) for securing a residency position in Ophthalmology at the George Washington University, Washington, DC starting July 2006. She is currently a

resident in Preliminary Medicine at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.

...to Vikas Sharotri ('93), he will be moving to the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa in July 2005 as a second year resident in Internal Medicine. He is currently doing his internship at the Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

...to Navdeep Dhillon ('94) for securing a fellowship in Nephrology at the Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, New York starting July 2006.

...to Preety Chawla ('94), her poster on "Takotsubo Cardiomyopathy" won a prize for the best clinical vignette at the American College of Physicians annual meeting in April 2005 at San Francisco, California. She is currently Chief Resident, Internal Medicine, Beth Israel Medical Center, New York, New York, USA.

...to the following GMC graduates for securing residency positions in the USA starting July 2005:

- ♣ Sanjeev Dhakla ('97), General Surgery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.
- ♣ Ashwani Kapoor ('96), Internal Medicine, St John Hospital, Detroit, Michigan.
- ♣ Sonica Saini ('96), Internal Medicine, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York.

...to all starting residencies/fellowships in India and the USA and who we have not been able to acknowledge.

Stork Line

Parth, born 13th April to Jyoti Mahajan ('94) and Vijay.

Congratulations

Shivani Ohri ('94) wed Vignesh on December 12th 2004, both of them have done MD Pathology from PGI Chandigarh.

Rohit Parti ('94) wed Nisha on January 16th 2005. Rohit is currently working as a Lecturer in Internal Medicine at CMC, Ludhiana and Nisha is pursuing her MD in pathology at DMC, Ludhiana.



Album

Mini-reunion ('91 batch), Jan'05 Chicago - (left to right)
Navneet Majhail, Neeraj Manchanda, Surmeet Kaur,
Hemender Singh and Jaswinder Singh.



Mini-reunion ('94 batch), Feb'05 Chandigarh - (left to right)
Raman Singla, Satinderjit Oberoi, Gaurav Uppal and
Aneesh Gupta.



Mini-reunion ('91 batch), April'05 Chandigarh - standing
(left to right) are Amit Monga, Harvinder Taneja, Nitin
Mittal, Puneet Tuli, Jaswinder Singh and Navneet Majhail;
sitting are Shikha Tyagi ('93), Puneet's wife (2nd from left)
and Deepti Gaba ('94), Harvinder's wife (1st from right).



Mini-reunion ('94 batch), Feb'05 Chandigarh - (left to right)
Ashish Bhatnagar, Punkaj Gupta, Amit Saini and Aneesh
Gupta. More photographs of this reunion are available at
www.gmccosa.org (click on 'album' and then on '1994
batch')



Editors: Please send us photographs of your re-unions, parties, meetings, weddings, etc (anything) to gmccosa@yahoo.com.

Needed – Local Correspondent

GMCCOSA and 'Connections' are looking for a local correspondent in GMC. The applicant should be a student (MBBS), junior resident (PG or non-PG) or a senior resident in GMC. She/he should have basic computer skills, be comfortable with and have access to the internet. She/he will serve as a liaison between GMCCOSA and GMC, give ideas to make GMCCOSA better and write occasional articles for 'Connections'. Interested applicants please write to gmccosa@yahoo.com.

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