

CALLOUT

Meet The Freshers

Unlike some newsletter editors who look at a new batch of consultants and go all “aah-fresh-meat” on them, we have taken the humane path and asked them to share some of their quirkiest thoughts about themselves. Their responses have been prompted by clever leading questions from us and mildly peppered with some customary Callout cheek.

No consultants were harmed in the making of this issue.

Look Who's Talking

Bahniman ...Bahni-Bin-Tughlaq

He looks like a cross between John Cusack and Danny Denzongpa (his words, not ours, but we totally see it!). Delhi's self-proclaimed Bahni-bin-Tughlaq has not yet shown any tyrannical traits—Bahni-bin-quite-nice we think.



Rohit... UnbalancedDietMan

We asked this Bombay-boy to tell us one weird thing about himself. He says "Weird? I'm not weird. No really, I'm not. Seriously. I'M NOT WEIRD". He then proceeded to load his bazooka and point it to our head.

Editor's note: Callout recommends a balanced diet for anger management issues.



Jayshree...Joan of Mumbai



Compulsively apologetic and courteous to a fault, this Joan of Mumbai is in fact the Cardinal of Chennai (where she is posted) and the Archbishop Of Ahmadabad too (where she is stationed for her project). Just when we thought we have a real saint on our hands, she clarified “I look like Kristen Stewart, but less pale”. Gets nightmares about missing her bi-monthly flight home. Oh Bella, Bella.



Nikhil...Nikhilix



“I am a lot like Rowan Atkinson. Same look, same degrees, and



similar sense of humour. Only, he is worth 85 Mn Pounds". Pick a warrior name we said. “Call me Nikhilix—like Asterix and Obelix. I would battle Romans of the Times New regiment, and I would take a swig of a magic potion to churn out a deck even before the next autosave.”

(Some might use their super-powers to save the world from evil, but your call). We asked him to tell us his claim to fame. “My internationally-awarded philatelic collection on Mahatma Gandhi. It might sound uncool, but it is a very relaxing form of edutainment.” (Sorry, you lost us at “philatelic”. And did you just say edutainment?). He loves working with Avalon “because “Avalon Consulting” re-arranges itself to “Not Loving Lacunas” (Lord who'd have thunk!) We asked him what made him awesome. “I am the go-to man for great deals on everything because I use the SAVE Framework (Strategically Assess Value-add from Expenses) on all occasions!”

Editor's note: Nikhil just won the Avalon Award for "Most Effort Expended By Consultant On A Callout Issue". We have used the RAVE framework. Not an acronym, we just RAVE about stuff we like.

Hardik...The Talking Assassin



Talking Assassin? Maybe this one kills with sheer vocab. Has a celebrity twin and fellow talking assassin in American talk-show host Jimmy Kimmel. Hardik also loves Bollywood. Like looooooves it. But he draws the line at Bhojpuri cinema and in fact gets recurring nightmares about getting trapped in an elevator with KRK (Bhojpuri SRK impersonator for the uninitiated).



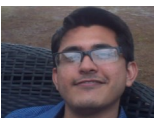
Bhaskar...Avalon TopCon



We asked him what his claim to fame was. "My *claim to fame* is *poetry*, though my *name* seems too *lame* for this *artistry*." (We're speechless, for a change). The rest of his responses were just as inscrutable. Much like the Mona Lisa smile. Ahem moving on...



Prit...Shaktimaan



While Prit has picked Shaktimaan, we vote for "Metabolism Man", because he eats all he wants without adding an inch to his waist. (Are you listening UnbalancedDiet-Man?) He likes giving really quirky gifts, most recent being a pair of boxing gloves to a friend for a wedding. (Just get us gift coupons, we say).



Celebrity look-alike? "Harry Potter" he says.

Matteo...Gladiator

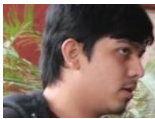


This guy is the spitting image of Jason Statham. His claim to fame is that he has played pro football for eight straight years. Sure that's cool, but what impressed us more was that this Braveheart from Bergamo boards Mumbai's infamous local train to get to and from work. Gladiator seems about right!



Rishabh ...

Chhatrapati Rishabhji Maha(ra)jan (Really?)



One of his quirks is to fanatically scrutinize emails before sending them, "I even do it for those which just have 'PFA' and an attachment in it". Okay, so that's about three nanoseconds, no problem, our billing mandays can deal with that. Says his celebrity twin is Antonio Banderas (ay dios mio!). But wait, that's not what the ladies tell him, "its just what some fancy face-recognition algos threw up". Thanks for clearing that up mate!



Editor's note: We must say we found the new crop ripe for picking on. Just kidding, thanks guys, it was fun getting to know you!

The Chatty Side Of Chennai

Chennai hosted a tongue-twistingly titled "Tell a Tale by its Tail" event (storytelling, for lesser mortals) in order to make the most of the rare office presence of their jet-setting consultants.



In Other News

Heartiest congratulations to Shekhar and Himani for tying the knot on 3rd July. Also, heartwarming moment for Parvathy Ramaswamy—her son Aditya is a proud new student at IIT Gandhinagar. We're proud too!

Meantime, Vivek Patil (Sr. Accounts Executive, Mumbai) and Anant Shroff (Sr. Consultant, Delhi) have joined us at Avalon. Welcome comrades!

Also, Nathaline from Mumbai completed 30 years @ Avalon. (Bet you thought she is 30!)

Changing Colours

Avalon's iconic red and grey colour palette is undergoing a makeover. The revamped version is set to be vibrant and contemporary, while retaining our characteristically professional look-and-feel.

We can hardly wait!

Our haunt—Newsletter@consultavalon.com

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