

Raman Negi and his band made sure that the audience was thoroughly entertained

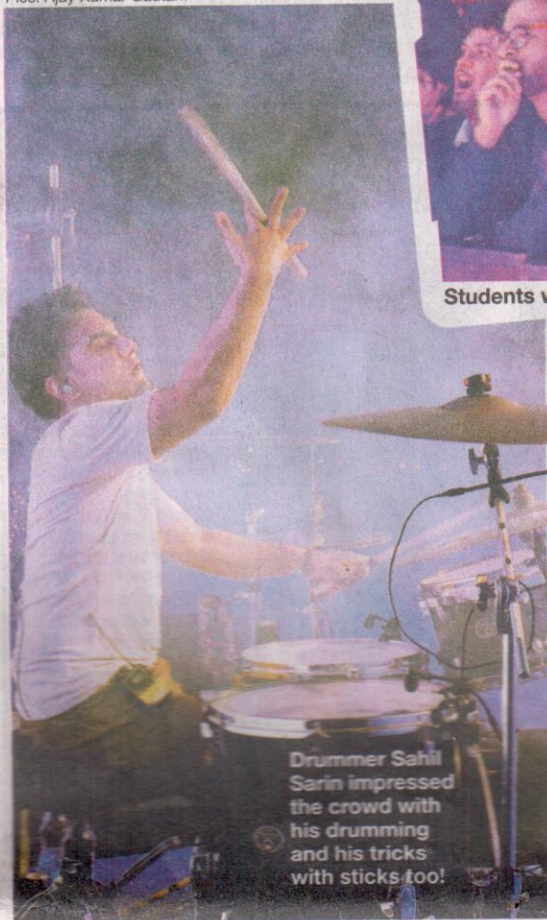
# Song dedicated to baldies at MDI concert in Gurgaon



Pics: Ajay Kumar Gautam



Students went into a frenzy when the band started performing



Drummer Sahil Sarin impressed the crowd with his drumming and his tricks with sticks too!

**LET'S START THE PARTY:** If DU colleges know how to organize grand fests, then Gurgaon colleges are not far behind, as the Management Development Institute proved. Students from various colleges in NCR came to participate in the competitions – from sports to fashion – held as part of Imperium' 16, the institute's annual sports, cultural and management festival.

**'GURGAON IS A NICE PLACE TO PERFORM IN':** As the part of the festival, the Delhi-based band The Local Train came to rock the campus. Since the band had performed at the institute in 2013, they felt at home. "Also, we have a decent following in this institute," said lead vocalist Raman Negi. He added, "Singing in a management institute is always amazing, as most students, after their post-graduation, don't study further and get jobs and since it's the last years of their student life, they value these fests and concerts more." Paras Thakur, the lead guitarist, added, "We have performed in many clubs and corporate shows in Gurgaon and we have always played before a very receptive audience. It's a nice place to perform."

**A SONG FOR GANJAS!** The band took a lot of time to complete the sound check, and so the concert start-

ed a bit late, but they made up for the delay by singing some of their most popular tracks like *Choo Lo*, *Aaoge Tum Kabhi*, *Bandey* and *Yeh Zindagi Hai*, among others. The crowd went into a frenzy when the band sang one of their new tracks, *O Ganje*. PV Sandeep, a first-year student who is bald, received a message from his friends that a song was being dedicated to him. "I was coordinating the football match and I came running. When I got there, I realized that the song is for baldies and everyone was glad that I was there. It was all in good fun as my friends lifted me on their shoulders. I never thought there could be a song like that," he said.

**A FAN-TASTIC CONCERT:** The band had many fans among the audience members, who kept singing along and telling others about the band and songs. "I've come from Chandigarh to take part in this fest and one of the major reasons is that this band, one of my favourites, was to perform here. Their music is brilliant and is not influenced by Bollywood," said Tanupriya, a college student. Ankita Khurana, an MDI student, said, "I know most of their songs and I like them a lot because their lyrics express the emotions of youngsters like us so well."

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