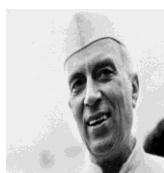




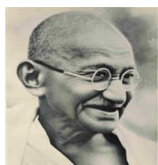
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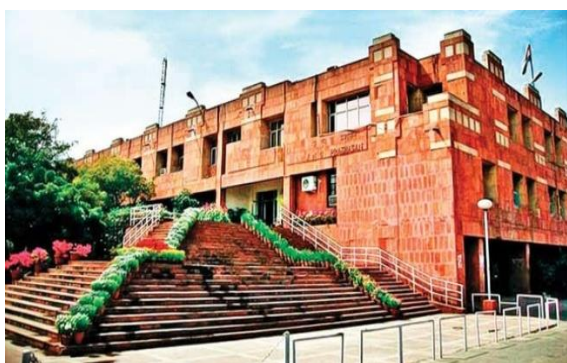
Time is not measured by the passing of years but by what one does, what one feels, and what one achieves.



Literacy in itself is no education. Literacy is not the end of education or even the beginning.



Arise, awake, stop not till the goal is reached.



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An Interview with:

In Conversation with Prof. Kashyap Kumar Dubey



Q 1. How were you introduced to JNU?

Research culture at JNU fascinated me after completing my MTech (Biotech), approached faculty members of JNU to host me as CSIR-SRF. Since then, I never stopped academic visits to JNU and finally inducted at SBT in 2020. It was my consistent efforts to conquer my curiosity towards research at JNU.

Q 2. How would you describe your experience here?

JNU has freedom to teach and do inter/trans-disciplinary research. It has no hierarchy culture. JNU believes in inclusive culture, intellectual dialogues, and dissent.

Q3. How has the transition been from being a faculty member to being part of the administration?

Mantra of my life is always be a learner. Transition has been improved leadership quality, learn to work in team and, do hard work; which boosted my energy level. I have accelerated work done by

forerunners at SBT. I want to learn many things from present leadership.

Q 4. What are some of the goals for the school/centres in the next few years?

Four C's are on my priority for SBT:

1. Create (Infra/Building)
2. Collaborate(Interdisciplinary)
3. Connect (Alumni)
4. Celebrate(with student/staff/faculty)

My aim is to develop SBT to help bio-based industries for Viksit Bharat, and to establish an interdisciplinary Centre of Excellence in Biomanufacturing.

Besides that, I want to develop strong, safe and comfortable environment for students, staff and faculty.

So far, School is nearly completing four decades and mentored hundreds of students who are leading in academia as well as industries. Strength of school have World-Class experienced and trained faculty with diverse backgrounds.

Q5. What is one message you would like to give to JNU Students?

Unstoppable Success= Learn + Hard Work + Consistency

7th Convocation - 2024

The 7th Convocation of the University was held on Friday, 2 February, 2024 in Physical mode to confer Ph.D Degrees to all the eligible Ph.D students who had defended their Ph.D viva-voce examination successfully.

Guest of Honour (s):

Chief Guest – Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, Hon'ble Vice-President of India
Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Education, Govt. Of India
Ambassador (Retd.) Kanwal Sibal, Chancellor, JNU
Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, Vice-Chancellor, JNU



Movements & Appointments

New Appointments/ Deans/ Directors/ Chairpersons

Deans

- Prof. Gopal Lal Meena, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, as Dean in the School of Indian Traditional Music and Dance.
- Prof. N. Janardhana Raju, as Dean, in the School of Environmental Sciences.
- Prof. T.V. Vijay Kumar, School of Computer & Systems Sciences, as Dean in the School of Engineering (SOE).
- Prof. R.K. Brojen Singh, as Dean, in the School of Computational and Integrative Sciences.
- Prof. Heeraman Tiwari, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences as Dean, in the School of Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management & Entrepreneurship.
- Prof. Kaushal Kumar Sharma, in addition to his duties, as Dean, in the School of Social Sciences.
- Prof. Shoba Sivasankaran, in addition to her duties, as Dean, in Centre for Japanese Studies, School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies.
- Prof. Amitabh Mattoo, Centre for International Politics, Organisation & Disarmament, as Dean, School of International Studies.
- Prof. Kaushal Kumar Sharma, Centre for the study of Regional Development, has re-appointed as Dean, in the School of Social Science.
- Dr. Sanjeev Sharma, Associate Professor, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences as Associate Dean of Students.
- Prof. Arvind Kumar, Associate Dean, Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management & Entrepreneurship.

Directors

- Prof. Krishnendra Meena, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, as Director, in Energy Studies Programme, School of International Studies.
- Prof. Kedar Singh, School of Physical Sciences, as Director, in Advanced Instrumentation Research Facility (AIRF).
- Prof. Satish Chandra Garkoti, Rector-I, as Director, in Vidyaranya Institute of Knowledge and Advanced Studies (VIKAS).
- Prof. Amitabh Mattoo, Dean, School of International Studies, has given additional charge as Director, in Energy Studies Programme.
- Dr. Pawan Kumar Kulriya, Associate Professor, School of Physical Sciences, as Honorary Associate Director, in Advanced Instrumentation Research Facility (AIRF).
- Dr. Sangmesh, Associate Professor, School of Engineering, as Deputy Director, in Vidyaranya Institute of Knowledge and Advanced Studies (VIKAS).

Chairpersons

- Prof. Jamal M. Moosa, as Chairperson, Centre for African Studies, School of International Studies.
- Dr. Ravi Rameshchandra Shukla, Associate Professor, as Chairperson, in Centre for Comparative Politics and Political Theory, School of International Studies.
- Dr. J. Jeganaathan, CES, SIS, as Chairperson of Alumni Affairs.
- Prof. P.R. Kumaraswamy, CWAS/SIS, has given additional charge as Chairperson, Special Centre for National Security Studies.
- Prof. Parimala V. Rao, as Chairperson, in Zakir Husain for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences.

- Dr. Shuchi Yadav, Associate Professor, as Chairperson, Centre for Media Studies, School of Social Sciences.

Coordinator

- Dr. Preeti D. Das, Associate Professor, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies, as Chief Coordinator, Linguistic Empowerment Cell (LEC).
- Prof. Manuradha Chaudhary, Centre of Russian Studies, School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies. re-appointed as Coordinator, in National Service Scheme (NSS).
- Prof. Suneel Kateriya, School of Biotechnology, as Coordinator for Ayurveda Biology Programme, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies.
- Dr. Sandesha Rayapa, Assistant Professor, Linguistic Empowerment Cell, School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies as Coordinator, Linguistic Empowerment Cell (LEC).
- Dr. Shuchi Yadav, Associate Professor, CMS/SSS, re-appointed as Coordinator, Media Relations.
- Dr. Saurabh Kumar Sharma, Assistant Professor, SC&SS, re-appointed as Co-coordinator, Media Relations.
- Dr. Sandip Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor, CIPOD/SIS, as Co-coordinator Media Relations.
- Dr. T. Mahender, Assistant Professor, School of Sanskrit & Indic Studies as Coordinator for Ayurveda Biology Programme, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies.

Proctors

- Prof. Sudhir Kumar, School of Sanskrit & Indic Studies as Chief Proctor.
- Dr. Sneha Bhagat, Assistant Professor, Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies / School of International Studies, re-appointed as Proctor.
- Dr. Jeevanandam S., Assistant Professor, Centre for Women Studies, School of Social Science as Proctor.

Faculty

- Prof. Bandana Jha, CIL, SLL&CS.
- Prof. Ashfaq Ahmad, CAAS, SLL & CS.
- Prof. Hriday Narayan, CEAS, SIS.
- Prof. Shilpee Dutt, SLS.
- Dr. Bhagaban Kisan, Associate Professor, SPS.
- Dr. Susmitra Rajwar, Associate Professor, CAS, SIS.
- Dr. Manish Sitaram Dabhade, Associate Professor, CIPOD, SIS.
- Dr. Azmatullah, Assistant Professor, CAAS, SLL & CS.
- Dr. Kailash Jeenger, Associate Professor, CILS, SIS.
- Dr. Suman Beniwal, Assistant Professor, CRS, SLL & CS.
- Dr. Abinaya Manivannan, Assistant Professor, SC&IS.
- Dr. Prakash Kanoo, Associate Professor, SCNS.
- Dr. Milind Suresh Dhaware, Assistant Professor, CSAS, SIS.
- Dr. Varada Avinash Sambhus, Associate Professor, CSL&G.
- Dr. Christhu Doss, Assistant Professor, CHS, SSS.
- Dr. Raktim Patar, Associate Professor, CHS, SSS.
- Dr. Tshering Chanzom Bhutia, Associate Professor, CEAS, SIS.
- Dr. Anand Prabhat Jawla Assistant Professor, CPS, SSS.

Wardens

- Dr. Asma Kouser, Assistant Professor, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies as Warden, Ganga Hostel.
- Dr. Saraswati Kerketta, Assistant Professor, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Science, as Warden of Sabarmati Hostel, in place of Ganga Hostel.
- Prof. Arun S. Kharat, SLS, as Warden of Brahmaputra Hostel.
- Prof. Ananda Kumar Sarkar, SLS, as Warden of Sutlej Hostel.

- Prof. Manju Khari, SC&SS, as Warden of Lohit Hostel.
- Dr. Vijay Pal Singh Rawat, SCMM, as Warden of Subansir (MRSH) (Mahanadi) Hostel.
- Dr. Amit Kumar, CWAS/SIS, as Warden of Kaveri Hostel.
- Dr. Ranvijay, CIPOD/SIS, as Warden of Mahi/Mandavi Hostel.
- Dr. Deep Narayan Pandey, SCDR, as Warden of Narmada Hostel.
- Dr. Sudhakar Vaddi, CEAS/SIS, as Warden of Jhelum Hostel.
- Dr. Buddha Singh, SC&SS, as Warden of Periyar Hostel.
- Dr. Shruti Agnihotri, CSPILAS/SLL&CS, as Warden of Lohit Hostel.
- Dr. Vijendra Singh, SS&IS, as Warden of Mahi/Mandavi Hostel.
- Dr. Gayettri Dixit, CAS/SIS, as Warden of Chandrabhaga Hostel.
- Dr. Saurabh Kumar Sharma, SC&SS, as Warden of Brahmaputra Hostel.

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- Sh. Bane Singh Meena, Deputy Registrar, Administration Branch.
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- Sh. Amit, Junior Assistant, SC/ST/OBC Cell.
- Sh. Vinod Kumar, Junior Assistant, Cash Section.
- Sh. Duggapu Suresh Kumar, Junior Assistant, CIS.

- Sh. Nikhil Yadav, Junior Assistant, SES.
- Sh. Sunny, Junior Assistant, SCMM.
- Sh. Rohit Kumar, Junior Assistant, S&P Section.
- Sh. Aditya Kumar, Junior Assistant, O/o D.R. (Salary).
- Ms. Parul Saini, Staff Nurse, Health Centre.
- Sh. Sanjay Yadav, Engineering Attendant/Khalasi (Electrical), Engineering Department.

Retirements/ Resignations/ Voluntary Retirements/ Relieved

- Sh. Makarand Paranjape, CES/SLL&CS.
- Sh. .P.A. George, CJS/SLL&CS.
- Sh. Saumitra Mukherjee, SES.
- Sh. Amaresh Dubey, CSRD/SSS.
- Sh. Rama V. Baru, CSM&CH/SSS.
- Sh. Syed Mohd. Anwar Alam, CIL/SLL&CS.
- Sh. Rajeev Kumar, SC&SS.
- Sh. Shankar Prasad Das, SPS.
- Smt. Urmila Sethi, Section Officer.
- Sh. Teeka Ram, Senior Assistant.
- Sh. Arun Kumar, Senior Assistant.
- Sh. Joshy Cherian, Security Inspector.
- Sh. Vinod Kumar, Junior Assistant.
- Sh. Nikhil Kumar, Junior Assistant.
- Sh. Aditya Kumar, Junior Assistant.
- Smt. Maya-III, Safaikaramchari, Sanitation Cell.
- Shri Stabir-II, Safaikarmachari, Sanitation Cell.
- Shri Iqwal Ali, Library Attendant, Central Library.

List of Events organized by JNU

Event Date	Event Title
3/1/2024	<u>JNU organises 193rd Birth Anniversary of Mata Savitribai Phule's Jayanti</u>
16/01/2024	<u>CESP organises a Seminar by Ishita Chatterjee</u>
16/01/2024	<u>SCMM organises a seminar by Ravindra Singh</u>
18/01/2024	<u>ABVSME organises a guest lecture by Arvind Gupta</u>
19/01/2024	<u>ABVSME organises a guest lecture by Prof. Tripurari Pandey</u>
21/01/2024	<u>LEC announces the commencement of Winter 2024 program</u>
22/01/2024	<u>SBT organises a talk by Prof. Bal Ram Singh</u>
23/01/2024	<u>TRCFS & CSLG organises a public lecture by Dr. Sanghamitra Chakravarty</u>
24/01/2024	<u>SLS organises an International Conference "Vistas in Life Sciences 2024" to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of SLS</u>
24/01/2024	<u>LEC organises a workshop on "Words That Publish: English for Scholarly Writing and Academic Publication"</u>
24/01/2024	<u>Vistas in Life Sciences 2024, An International Conference Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the School of Life Sciences</u>
25/01/2024	<u>CCUSLAS organises a lecture by Prof. John Portz</u>
26/01/2024	<u>JNU Faculty Club organises 75th Republic Day</u>
30/01/2024	<u>SSIS and SC&IS jointly organises International Conference on "Environment and Society : Traditional and Contemporary Perspectives (Mathematical and Computational Approach)</u>
30/01/2024	<u>SC&SS organises an expert talk by Prof Sanjay Misra</u>
31/01/2024	<u>SPS organises a talk by Dr. Himlal Bhatt</u>
31/01/2024	<u>ABVSME organises four-day industrial seminar on Viksit Bharat @ 2047</u>
3/2/2024	<u>SCIS organises two distinguished lectures by Dr. Dipika Bansal and Prof. Seyed Ehtesham Hasnain</u>
5/2/2024	<u>SLS organises seminars by Prof. Neena Mitter and Dr Steve Fletcher</u>
6/2/2024	<u>SLS organises a special lecture by Prof. Shekhar C. Mande</u>
7/2/2024	<u>SCIS organises a workshop on "Applications of DNA/RNA Analyzer System"</u>
9/2/2024	<u>CHS organises film screening and discussion with Dr. Boris Hars-Tschachotin</u>
9/2/2024	<u>ABVSME organises an industrial seminar on Viksit Bharat Vision</u>
10/2/2024	<u>SCIS organises a distinguished lecture on "The Importance of 3D Thinking in Drug Design Strategies" by Prof. Prasad V. Bharatam</u>
12/2/2024	<u>ABVSME & SITMD are organising one-day national workshop on "From Policy to Practice: Implementing NEP 2020's Vision"</u>
13/02/2024	<u>CCUS&LAS organises a distinguished lecture by H.E. Mr. César Guillermo Castillo Reyes</u>

13/02/2024	<u>SES organises talks on "Introduction to the fellowship programs/opportunities of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation" and "Higher Studies and Research Opportunity in Freie University, Berlin"</u>
14/02/2024	<u>CSSEIP organises a talk by Dr. L. David Lal</u>
16/02/2024	<u>CSRD organises a seminar by Prof. Ajay Agarwal</u>
16/02/2024	<u>SCSS organises the first talk of lecture series on "Data Mining of Real World Patient Clinical outcomes for Design of Novel Drugs & Diagnostics" by Guljit Chaudhari</u>
17/02/2024	<u>SBT organises two-day workshop</u>
17/02/2024	<u>CSSEIP organises a webinar on Marginalised Women and Tech Spaces</u>
19/02/2024	<u>SBT organises national conference on Nano Bio Interface - 2024</u>
19/02/2024	<u>IIC 6.0, JNU organises an Expert Talk by Dr. Sandeep Kumar Goyal</u>
21/02/2024	<u>ZHCES celebrating the International Mother Language Day</u>
22/02/2024	<u>CSRD organises a seminar by Dr. Anil Kumar Roy</u>
22/02/2024	<u>CES, SIS organises JNU Jean Monnet Chair Lecture by H. E. MR. KRIŠJĀNIS KARINŠ</u>
22/02/2024	<u>CIL organises an International Seminar</u>
24/02/2024	<u>ZHCES organises a seminar on "Indian Higher Education: Where is it in Global Perspective?"</u>
25/02/2024	<u>SSIS organises Rashtriya Vaidik Sanghosthi</u>
27/02/2024	<u>CSRD organises a seminar by Prof Nihal Perera</u>
28/02/2024	<u>ZHCES organises a seminar by Dr Catherine Montgomery</u>
28/02/2024	<u>SLS organises National Science Day 2024</u>
28/02/2024	<u>CSRD organises National Science Day 2024</u>
28/02/2024	<u>SBT organises National Science Day 2024 on "Indigenous Technology for Viksit Bharat"</u>
29/02/2024	<u>SBT organises lecture by Dr. Amit Kumar Rai</u>
29/02/2024	<u>CMS organises a workshop on "AI For Social Scientists: How Scholars Can Now Build AI Tools?"</u>
6/3/2024	<u>CES, SIS organises Young Scholar's Conference (Hybrid Mode) on "The EU and Migration: Challenges and Responses"</u>
6/3/2024	<u>CHS organises a lecture by Dr. Baishakh Chakrabarti</u>
7/3/2024	<u>SCSNEI organises 12th Jayashree Roy Memorial Lecture</u>
8/3/2024	<u>CITD, SIS organises International Conference on Recent Developments in Economics Research: Theory and Evidence</u>
8/3/2024	<u>CSSE&IP organises one day National Workshop</u>

9/3/2024	<u>SLS organises an Alumni Talk by Dr T.B.K. Reddy</u>
9/3/2024	<u>CSMCH organises a discussion on "Philosophical Realm of Kabir in Social Sciences"</u>
11/3/2024	<u>CPS organises the Annual Nirman Foundation Lecture by Lisa Wedeen</u>
11/3/2024	<u>SES organises two-talk by Prof. Łukasz Drewniak and Dr. Klaudia Dębiec-Andrzejewska</u>
13/03/2024	<u>IIC 6.0, JNU organises an Expert Talk by Dr. Krishna Kanth Pulicherla</u>
14/03/2024	<u>CES, SIS organises a Roundtable Discussion on "Enabling Women - Safety, Security & Empowerment"</u>
14/03/2024	<u>JNU organises a lecture by Mr Sanjeev Sanyal</u>
14/03/2024	<u>CIL, SLL&CS organises a Seminar</u>
15/03/2024	<u>IIC 6.0, JNU organises an Expert Talk by Ms. Somya Lochan</u>
15/03/2024	<u>SC&IS organises a national seminar on "Ancient and Modern Indian Mathematics"</u>
15/03/2024	<u>LASP, CCUS&LAS, SIS organises a seminar on "Celebrating 75 years of India-Chile Diplomatic Relations"</u>
15/03/2024	<u>SPS organises SPS March Meeting on "Recent Progress in Quantum Technologies"</u>
18/03/2024	<u>IIC 6.0, JNU organises an Expert Talk by Mr. Aryan Mishra</u>
18/03/2024	<u>CSSP organises one day workshop on "The Role of Atal Tinkering Labs in the Promotion of Innovation and Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in India"</u>
19/03/2024	<u>CWS organises a lecture by Hemjyoti Medhi</u>
19/03/2024	<u>IIC 6.0, JNU organises one day Symposium on "Biomedical Devices"</u>
20/03/2024	<u>CESP organises a Seminar by Prof. L C Mallaiah</u>
21/03/2024	<u>SLS organises 18th Annual Science Fest BIOSPARKS 2024</u>
21/03/2024	<u>SLS organises Winter Research Workshop on "Applications of Bioinformatics in Life Science Research"</u>
21/03/2024	<u>CCUSLAS organises one day Seminar on "The Race for the White House"</u>
26/03/2024	<u>CHS organises a special lecture by Professor Vasant Shinde</u>
27/03/2024	<u>SLS organises a seminar by Prof. Ajay K. Saxena</u>
27/03/2024	<u>LEC and EOO are organising a panel discussion on "Hands That Speak: Harnessing the Potential of Tactile Signing for the Deaf-Blind"</u>
29/03/2024	<u>HRSP organises International Conference on "One Earth, One Family, One Future: Navigating Human Rights through the Lens of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"</u>
31/03/2024	<u>SCSNEI organises Purvottar Samvad 2024</u>

Campus Activities

Sports Office Organized following events for students:

1. JNU Inter School Cricket Tournament (24-01-2024 to 02-02-2024)
2. JNU open table Tennis Tournament (10-02-2024 to 11 -02 2024)
3. JNU open athletics / Para Athletics meet (27-02-2024 to 28-02-2024)
4. JNU Open basketball Tournament (01-02-2024 to 02-20-2024)
5. JNU open tennis Tournament 05-03-2024 to 06-03-2024)
6. JNU Open Chess Championship (26-02-2024)
7. JNU Inter Hostel Volleyball Championship (29-02-2024 to 01-03-2024)

Following students participated in National Para – Athletics Championship 2023-24 from 9th - 13th January 2024, Panaji, Goa.

Hem Chandra – Secured **third place** in javelin throw

Amisha Rawat (CFFS) secured **second place** in shotput

Aman **Won Gold medal** in 400m sprint

Kuldeep Dubey (CFFS) participated in 100 and 200 m sprints

Nitish Rana (CC&SEAS) participated in 100m and long jump.

Participation of JNU students in state level events

Participation of JNU teams in Sportech IIT Delhi 2024

JNU Badminton Team – Men

JNU Table Tennis Team – Women

JNU Table tennis Team Men

JNU Athletics Team – JNU Students **won total 6 medals** (Gold – 2, Silver – 2, bronze medal - 2)

International Participation

Hem Chandra of COP Sanskrit studies represented India in **FAZZA International Para Athletics Grand prix held at Dubai** from 12 - 02-2024 to 15-02-2024 and secured 3rd place in Javelin throw.

JNU Inter-School Cricket tournament 2023-24



JNU Open Chess Tournament



JNU Open Basketball Championship



JNU Open Volleyball Championship



JNU Inter-Hostel Football Tournament



Award Ceremony Of Hem Chandra at Dubai FAZZA Internation Para Athletics Grand Prix



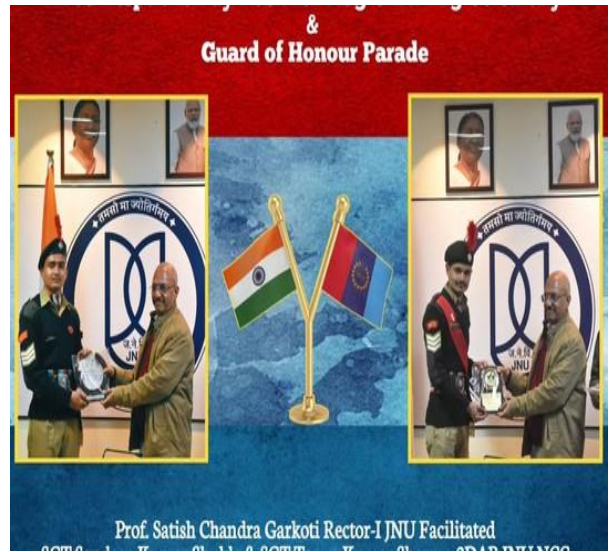
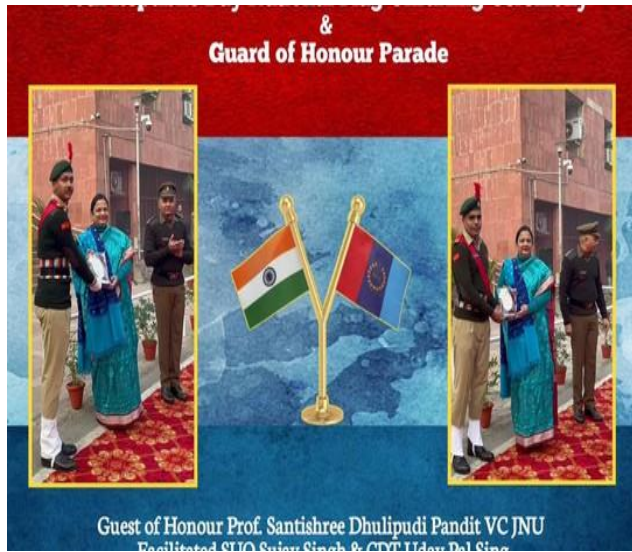
JNU Open Athletics Championship



NCC Events

Republic Day Celebration 2024

On Republic Day, the NCC unit of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) organized a grand celebration to honor the nation's constitution and its values. The event began with the ceremonial Guard of Honour, where cadets displayed impeccable discipline and precision in their formations. The highlight of the event was the marching contingent, which showcased the strength, coordination, and dedication of the NCC cadets. Their synchronized movements and sharp uniforms were a testament to their rigorous training and commitment to the nation's service. The celebration was a proud moment for JNU, reflecting the spirit of patriotism and unity among the students.



PINAKA : NCC Fest

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) unit of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) recently hosted the grand Pinaka All Delhi NCC Event Celebration. This event brought together cadets from various brother and sister battalions, showcasing their discipline, skills, and camaraderie through a series of competitive and ceremonial activities.

The celebration began with a solemn Guard of Honor, where cadets demonstrated their precision and respect in a ceremonial parade. Each battalion contributed to the event with a marching contingent, reflecting the unity and synchronized efforts of the NCC units.


The Pinaka All Delhi NCC Event Celebration was a testament to the spirit and dedication of the NCC cadets, promoting the values of unity, discipline, and leadership. The JNU NCC unit's meticulous organization and the enthusiastic participation of all battalions made the event a memorable success.



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JNU NCC first ever annual NCC fest

PINAKA'24



**CADET OF 2DAB & 3DGBN JNU NCC PRESENTED
HANDMADE INVITATION TO THE ADG MAJOR
GENERAL SANJAI P VISHWASRAO, SM**

**ONCE A CADET,
ALWAYS A CADET**

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Seminars/Conferences/Workshops/Lectures

School of Life Sciences

International

Name of Event: International Conference on Vistas in Life Sciences: Molecules, Organisms and Diseases

Summary of the event:

To celebrate five decades of excellence in teaching and research, the School of Life Sciences (SLS), Jawaharlal Nehru University has organised “**Vistas in Life Sciences 2024**” [VLS-2024], an International Conference on Frontiers of Life Sciences: From Molecules, Organisms & Diseases during 21-24 January 2024. VLS-2024 provided a platform for our alumni and faculty- both former and current, and the students to reconnect. VLS-2024 has brought esteemed experts, researchers and scholars from around the world and facilitated collaboration, shared knowledge, and explored the latest advancements in the diverse and dynamic field of life sciences. The VLS-2024 welcomed original research work in the following fields of Life Sciences:

▪ Metabolism and Metabolic Control	▪ Structural Biology
▪ Neuroscience & Biology of Behaviour	▪ Immunology & Immune Disorders
▪ Gene Regulation	▪ Plant Biology
▪ Biology of Diseases	▪ Cancer Therapeutics
▪ Computational Biology	▪ Fungal Biology

During the four days of the conference, 02 keynote plenary sessions, 51 talks by eminent invited scientists and young scientists, 02 panel discussions and 123 poster presentations by post-doctoral young scientists and students were presented. This conference was

sponsored by the DBT, SERB, CSIR, DRDO, DBT/Welcome Trust India Alliance and INSA.



The Inaugural Session of "Vistas in Life Sciences 2024" marked the commencement of a four-day scientific event at Jawaharlal Nehru University's Convention Centre. The

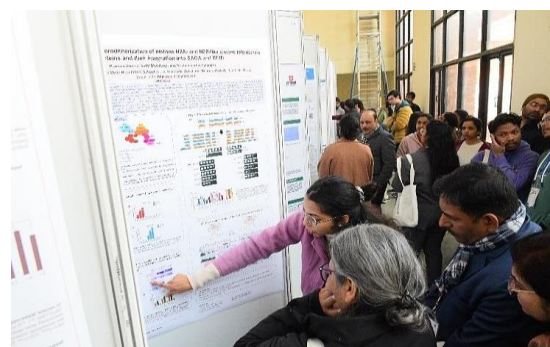


sessions were a gathering of distinguished scientists, scholars, and alumni, fostering an environment of intellectual exchange and collaboration. The Organizing Committee of VLS 2024 arranged a plenary lecture by Dr. Rajesh K. Gokhale, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India on “Harmonizing Connections: Understanding Inter-Organ Crosstalk” in JNU Convention Centre on 22nd January 2024. Following to the plenary session, the VLS 2024 organized five technical sessions on Day-2. These sessions included Structural Biology,

Metabolism and Metabolic control, Cancer Therapeutics, Biology of Cancer, and Alumni and Young Investigator Talks. These sessions were jointly moderated by eminent scientists from universities/institutes of repute and SLS faculty members from respective research fields.



On Day-3, the VLS-2024 organizing committee arranged another plenary lecture by Dr. Amita Sehgal, HHMI, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA on “Biology of bedtime: understanding how and why we sleep” on 23rd January 2024. Dr. Sehgal is a distinguished alumnus of SLS having graduated with an MSc degree and is an elected fellow of the U.S. National Academy of Science. Following to the plenary session,



four technical sessions were organized. These sessions included Neuroscience and Biology of Behavior, Immunology, Gene Regulation, and Plant Biology and were jointly moderated by eminent scientists from universities/institutes of repute and SLS faculty members from respective

research fields. Day-3 activities also involved ‘Poster Session-II’ along with a Panel Discussion on ‘Life Sciences Teaching and Research in Indian Universities: Is there a reboot required?’ Moderated by Dr. Ramesh V. Sonti, Director, ICGEB, New Delhi & Prof. Rajesh Sharan, Former Professor, NEHU, Shillong.



The VLS-2024 organized three technical sessions on Day-4 which included Biology of Diseases, Fungal Biology, Computational Biology, and Award Lectures. The organizers declared the winner of Prof. Sipra Guha Mukherjee Best Ph.D. Thesis Award, and Poster prize winners. All winners were awarded certificates, and a citation and cash prize for the best thesis award, and other academic achievement awards instituted in the School.



This international conference served as an invaluable platform for scientists, researchers, and scholars to delve into the depths of molecular biology, genomics, proteomics, and their profound impacts on living organisms and human well-being. The emphasis on molecules, organisms, and health aligns seamlessly with the

Government of India's broader vision for scientific research and public health. By placing a spotlight on these critical areas, the conference resonated with national priorities, such as precision medicine, biotechnology, and strategies for combating emerging health threats.

In future, the outcomes of this conference will have a lasting impact on healthcare practices, medical advancements, and the overall well-being of individuals, both nationally and internationally.

National

Name of Event : National Science Day 2024

Duration of the organized event: 28th February 2024

Summary of the event:

National Science Day (NSD) is celebrated to commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect by Sir C.V. Raman, one of India's most renowned scientists, on February 28, 1928. The Raman Effect refers to the phenomenon of the scattering of light, which earned Sir C.V. Raman the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930. This discovery was a significant achievement in the field of science and contributed immensely to our understanding of the behaviour of light and molecules. The aim of NSD celebration is to encourage scientific research, educate and create awareness among students and researchers, promote scientific temper, and inspire future generations stimulating interest



in science. Overall, the celebration of National Science Day underscores the importance of science in shaping the world and improving the quality of life. It serves as a reminder of the pivotal role that scientific discoveries and innovations play in the progress and development of a nation.



The National Science Day 2024 was organized by the School of Life Sciences at Jawaharlal Nehru University, in collaboration with the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Local Chapter, Delhi on February 28, 2024. This celebration brought together students, faculty members, researchers, and distinguished guests to commemorate the scientific legacy of Sir C.V. Raman and explore contemporary scientific advancements.

The event began with a formal inauguration, marked by an enlightening address from Prof. Supriya Chakraborty, the Dean of the School of Life Sciences at Jawaharlal Nehru University. Prof. Chakraborty highlighted the academic achievements of the School of Life Sciences in past decades and emphasized the remarkable progress of the school in various facets of its operations, from research output and student achievements to securing grants and advancing its teaching and research infrastructure. Prof. Niranjana Chakraborty, Professor of Eminence at NIPGR and Convenor of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Local Chapter, delivered opening remarks. He highlighted the significance of National Science Day and the collaborative efforts of academia and the scientific community in fostering scientific excellence. Prof. Chakraborty apprised the

audience about the mission of INSA in promoting science in India, and to harness scientific knowledge for National welfare.

A highlight of the NSD celebration was the special address by Prof. Pramod K. Garg from AIIMS, New Delhi, and Former Executive Director of THSTI, Faridabad. Prof. Garg's insightful lecture on "*Biology Enters the Clinic*" delved into the intersection of biological research and clinical applications, offering valuable perspectives on the evolving landscape of medical science. The lecture served as a focal point, bringing attention to the profound intersection of biological research and clinical applications, providing valuable perspectives on the evolving landscape of medical science.



Prof. Garg emphasized the seamless integration of biological research into clinical practices, highlighting how advancements in the field of biology are translating into tangible benefits for healthcare. During his lecture, Prof. Garg also stressed upon the collaborative efforts between researchers and clinicians to bridge the gap between laboratory findings and real-world medical applications. Prof. Garg also provided glimpses into ongoing research initiatives and potential breakthroughs, illustrating the dynamic nature of the field and the promise it holds for the future of medical science.

A notable feature of the National Science Day celebration was the launch of a new book. The book was edited by one of the SLS faculty members, Dr. Niti Puri titled "*Challenges and Solutions Against Visceral*

Leishmaniasis" in collaboration with three other editors from institutes of national repute.

Dr. Sushil K. Jha from the School of Life Sciences at Jawaharlal Nehru University delivered an intriguing talk on "*The Intriguing Interplay between Sleep and Memory*". His presentation added a neuroscientific perspective to the event, exploring the fascinating connections between sleep patterns and memory functions. Dr. Jha highlighted the importance of Non-Rapid Eye Movement (NREM) sleep and REM (Rapid Eye Movement) sleep, either both or individually, in memory consolidation.



The event was concluded with a gracious vote of thanks expressing gratitude to the distinguished speakers, attendees, and organizers. The collective efforts and collaborative spirit showcased during the National Science Day celebration were acknowledged, emphasizing the importance of such events in fostering a vibrant scientific community. The organizers also expressed their gratitude to INSA, New Delhi for sponsoring this event.

School of Biotechnology (SBT) :

The School of Biotechnology (SBT) at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has had a vibrant and eventful quarter from January 2024 to March 2024. This period saw a range of activities including conferences, workshops, lectures, and

special events that brought together students, faculty, and experts from diverse fields of biotechnology. Below is a detailed report on these events.

22 January 2024: Invited Talk by Prof. Bal Ram Singh

Prof. Bal Ram Singh, President of the Institute of Advanced Science, Massachusetts, USA, visited SBT and delivered an insightful talk on "The Biotechnology of Three Billion-Year-Old Bacteria Helping in COVID Care." The event was well-attended by students and faculty who gained valuable insights into the ancient bacterial mechanisms and their modern applications in combating COVID-19.

24 January 2024: Inaugural Lecture Series on Biomanufacturing

Prof. Kashyap K. Dubey, Dean, SBT, started a Lecture Series on Biomanufacturing. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Dr. Jitendra Kumar, Managing Director of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), who discussed the current trends and future prospects in biomanufacturing. This series aims to provide students and researchers with comprehensive knowledge in the field of biomanufacturing.

25 January 2024: SBT-JNU Alumni Conference "Pratibimb"

The SBT-JNU Alumni Conference, "Pratibimb," was organized by Prof. Kashyap Kumar Dubey and Dr. Ravi Tandon. The event served as a platform for alumni to share their experiences and achievements, and for current students to network with successful professionals in the biotechnology sector.

16-17 February 2024: Workshop on Nanoscale and Microfabrication

A two-day workshop titled "Exploring the Nanoscale: Synthesis and Characterization" and "Microfabrication Using Mask-Based And Maskless Lithography For Different Biological Applications" was organized by Dr. Jaydepp Bhattacharya and Prof. Kashyap Kumar Dubey. Participants gained hands-on experience in advanced nanoscale synthesis techniques and microfabrication methods, crucial for cutting-edge research in biotechnology.

18-19 February 2024: National Conference "NanoBio Interface-2024"

The National Conference "NanoBio Interface-2024," organized by Dr. Jaydepp Bhattacharya and Prof. Kashyap Kumar Dubey, brought together researchers from across the country to discuss the intersection of nanotechnology and biotechnology. The conference featured keynote speeches, paper presentations, and panel discussions on the latest advancements and future directions in nanobiotechnology.

27 February 2024: Student Visit from RPS Degree College

M.Sc students from RPS Degree College, Haryana, visited SBT. The visit aimed to provide students with insights into the cutting-edge research and facilities available at SBT and foster interaction with eminent personalities in the field of biotechnology. The students were exposed to various ongoing projects and had the opportunity to discuss their career prospects with SBT faculty.

28 February 2024: National Science Day Celebration



SBT hosted a remarkable event celebrating National Science Day by Prof. Rajiv Bhatt, Dr. Arvind P Singh, Dr. Virendra. This event draws in a host of students and faculty keen to immerse themselves in scientific exploration.

Prof. Kashyap Kumar Dubey, Dean, SBT, commenced the event with a heartfelt welcome to the esteemed guest speaker, Prof. Dinakar M. Salunke. Integral to the day's agenda was the presentation by Prof. Salunke, titled "Origins of Structural Biology in India," where he traced the development of this crucial field within the Indian context.

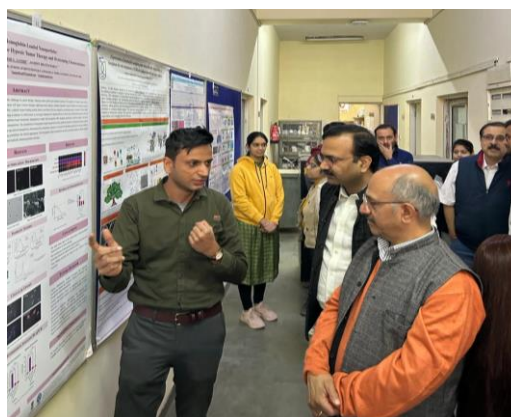
The event included fun competitions like: A poster presentation where students displayed their scientific projects. A treasure hunt that took participants on a science-based clue search. A crossword puzzle filled with science terms. Emoji charades where students guessed scientific terms from emoji clues. After the competitions, Prof. Dinakar and the faculty presented awards to the winners.

29 February 2024: Lecture on Functional Foods

Under the Lecture Series on Biomanufacturing, Dr. Amit Kumar Rai, Scientist D at the National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute, Mohali, Punjab, delivered a talk on "Translation of Traditional Fermented Food as Functional Foods Enriched with Bioactive Molecules Using Foodomics Approaches." The lecture provided valuable insights into the potential of traditional foods enhanced with modern biotechnological techniques.

8 March 2024: International Women's Day Seminar

On the occasion of International Women's Day, SBT organized a seminar by Prof. Kashyap K. Dubay and Dr



Ranjana Arya. This seminar was featuring a talk by Dr. Geetha Vani Rayasam, Scientist at CSIR-HRDG and she has focused on "Encouraging Women in STEM," emphasizing the need for greater female participation and recognition in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields.

28 March 2024: 12th Annual Conference “BIOEPOCH”

The 12th Annual Conference “BIOEPOCH” was organized by Prof. Kashyap Kumar Dubey and Dr. Jaydepp Bhattacharya. The conference featured prominent speakers and researchers who presented their latest findings in various areas of biotechnology. This annual event serves as a significant platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration among researchers and students.

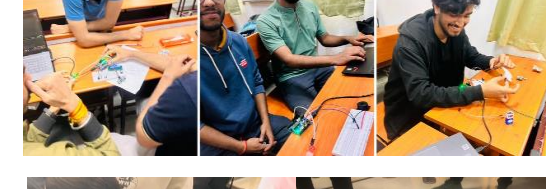
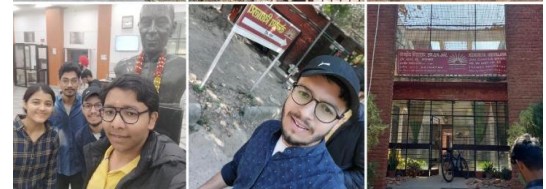
School of Engineering

Hack JNU 3.0 on 27-01-2024 at Convention Center, JNU.

A 24 hour in person hackathon where students from across the country come together to build solutions that align with the



Sustainable Development Goals laid down by the United Nations. The event is graced by Mr. SiddharthSinghnaan Yale fellow, Geo and Climate Policy Lead, IND, he encouraged the students to leverage technology and solve for the global south.



The event is sponsored by AbilityConnect, Bobble Fan store, DevFolio, Polygon, Replit

and J Doodle. Top 3 teams with innovative idea received cash prizes of 25k, 15k, 10k respectively. Total 1500 student registration from 89 institutes and 8 states have participated in the event.



Enquest 2.0: Technical Fest on March 9th 2024 at ELC, SoE

The School of Engineering has organized the Intra School Technical Fest for B.Tech, M.Tech. and Ph.D. students on March 9th, 2024. As part of Intra School Technical fest the following are the contest conducted. The total 144 teams participated in 9 events and top 3 prizes for the teams were given.

1. Treasure Hunt: # Chase the clues, follow the beat, in this treasure hunt, victory's sweet!
2. Crazy Circuits: Thrilling two-round circuit design competition.
3. Innovation Out Of Waste: Transforming waste into innovative solutions.
4. Robo Racing: "Race to Trace: Line Following Robo-Race – Join the Chase!"
5. Ad-Act: Creating Ad for the given product

6. Technical Quiz
7. Cybug-Find the flaw, fix the flow of the code
8. BigO : Competitive Programming Contest
9. TechWise- Techie competition

Udbhav 2.0: Intra School Cultural Fest on 28-04-2024 at Convention Centre



A glimpse of the event, Udbhav'24, organized for the students of School of Engineering JNU. Amidst laughter, music, and shared experiences, friendships were forged, laying the foundation for a supportive and vibrant community within the SoE.

Sports Fest: The School has organized inter school sports fest on 28th Feb 2024 to 3rd March 2024. Games like Volleyball, basketball, athletics, table tennis, badminton, cricket and kabaddi.



Guest Lectures Organized: The school has organized 6 guest lectures, one workshop on Robotics with CDAC.






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 IS ORGANISING A SEMINAR ON
Prevention Through Education: Increasing
Awareness of The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace
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Seema Samridhi
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Prof. Santishree
 Dhulipudi Pandit
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 SC&S, JNU

 April 18, 2024 (Thursday)
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 Audi 1, Convention Centre
 Jawaharlal Nehru University,
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Participation in Conferences/ Seminars/ Workshops:

1. R. K. Gupta, M. S. Choudhry and V. Saxena, “A Passive Floating C-MOS Memristor with Analog Applications,” 2nd IEEE International Conference on Device Intelligence, Computing and Communication Technologies (DICCT -2024), 15-16 March 2024.
2. Sujeet Kumar, Veerendra Kumar Gautam, Sangeeta Sharma, and Mukesh Giluka, “Improving uplink transmissions for URLLC communication in 5G NR”, Comsnets 2024.
3. Anupama Namburu, 3rd EAI international conference “Classification of Normal or Abnormal Gait using Machine Learning and Deep learning approaches” Pune India, 05-01-2024 to 06-01-2024
4. Singh, Lavish Kumar, “Synergistic Effect of MXene and CNT on the Elastic Properties of Honeycomb Composite Structure: Analytical and Numerical Method” International Conference on “Advances in Mechanical Engineering (ICAME 2024)”, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Tamil Nadu, India, 20-22 March, 2024.

Accomplishment of students:

- (1) Divyansh Pandey (ECE) has secured AIR 107 in GATE 2024 examinations.
- (2) Abhishek Jain secured has secured AIR 142 in GATE 2024 examinations.
- (3) Abheet Kaushal Lodhi (ECE) has secured AIR 169 in GATE 2024 examinations.
- (4) Sanjeev Acharya (ECE) has secured AIR 198 in GATE 2024 examinations.
- (5) Roshan Kumar (CSE) has secured AIR 210 in GATE 2024 examinations.

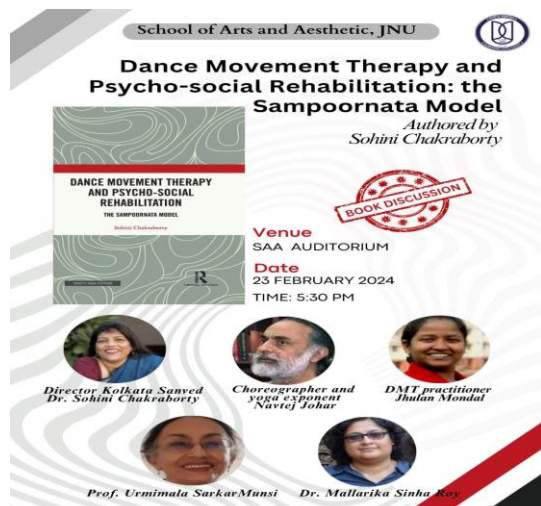
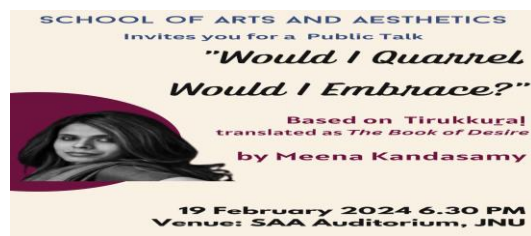
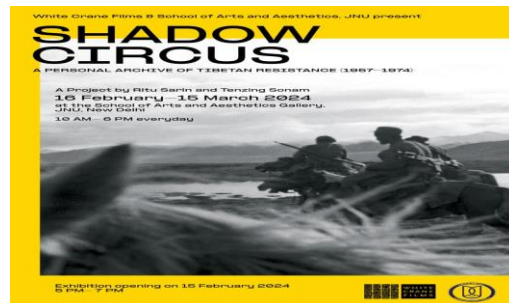
- (6) Keeratpreet Singh (CSE) has secured AIR 439 in GATE 2024 examinations.
- (7) Vishal Saini (CSE) has secured AIR 986 in GATE 2024 examinations.
- (8) Tushar Choudhary (CSE, 3rd Year, 21/11/EC/033) got internship for Google Summer of Code 2024 program with 1500 USD stipend.
- (9) Christa Elsa Linu (CSE, 4th Year, 20/11/EC/015) got internship in ACM summer school at IITGN, sponsored by Microsoft Research India.
- (10) Vishisht Makkar (CSE, 4th Year) has completed his internship from Code 4 Gov Tech.
- (11) Amandeep (CSE, 4th Year, 21/11/EC/007) has got internship at Sekure Net with a stipend of Rs 5000.
- (12) Sarthak Agarwal (CSE, 3rd Year, 21/11/EC/049) got internship at ATG World, with Stipend-8,000 per month, Duration - 7 months.
- (13) Mohammed Furkan (CSE, 3rd Year, 21/11/EC/021) got internship at Ragman Technology Private Limited with stipend - 9000 per month for a duration of 3 month.
- (14) Alam Sahilpervez Mohammad Sohrab (CSE, 3rd Year, 21/11/EC/056) got internship at Ricoz with stipend Rs 3000 incremented to Rs 9000 from July-2023 to November-2023.

School of Arts and Aesthetics

The winter semester of 2024 began for the School of Arts and Aesthetics with the opening of an exhibition titled “Boy Dancer: Convergence and Continuum: A Revisiting” by the contemporary visual artist Birendra Pani, at the SAA gallery on January 29th. It had several associated events such as a panel discussion on 5th February and periodic gallery walks. Another exhibition on photographs from the Tibetan resistance, titled “Shadow Circus”, a project by Ritu Sarin and Tenzing Sonam, opened on 15th February. It was accompanied by film screenings on the 22nd and 29th of February and a roundtable organized at the School on 24th and 25th. It was closely followed by a workshop on storytelling narratives by the Booker Prize awardee Geetanjali Shree and Anuradha Kapur from the 16th to the 18th of February. Several talks have been organized including a public talk by Meena Kandasamy on her translation of Tirukkural, *The Book of Desire* on 19th February. Other talks included those by the film maker Farshad Zaher (January 24th), art historian Dipti Mulgund (February 2nd), and a

book discussion by Sohini Chakraborty on 23rd February on *Dance Movement Therapy and Psycho-social Rehabilitation*.

Film screenings at our auditorium included Chaitanyabhoomi directed by Somnath Waghmare on 9th February and the screening of *Bhavantarana* followed by a talk on the late director Kumar Shahani by Surabhi Sharma on March 13th.



Two field trips from the school went to old Delhi

(25th February) and Fatehpur Sikri (2nd, 3rd March), with MA and PhD students. These were part of the annual curriculum at SAA and offered scholarly insights into each of the historic sites, enriching the student with hands on experiences with monuments.



School of International Studies

Lecture on Fifty Years of India – Guatemala Diplomatic Relations and its Future :

The Latin American Studies Programme of the Centre for Canadian, US and Latin American Studies, SIS, organised a distinguished lecture on “*Fifty Years of India-Guatemala Diplomatic Relations and its Future*” on 13 February 2024 at SIS, JNU. Professor Amitabh Mattoo, Dean School of International Studies, JNU, initiated the

proceedings by talking about the contribution of the School of International Studies to India’s relations with Latin America. The speaker, His Excellency César Guillermo Castillo Reyes, former Vice President of the Republic of Guatemala, laid emphasis on the ancestral Mayan civilisation and India’s rich civilizational heritage. He traced the relations between India and Guatemala since its establishment in 1972. H.E. Reyes emphasised that as a Central American group SICA should take forward Guatemala’s relations with India. India has been investing in pharmaceuticals, auto rickshaws and the automobile industry. Given Guatemala’s geo-strategic location, the two countries should work on improving trade, physical connectivity and student exchange programs. During the vote of thanks, Dr Priti Singh, Chairperson of CCUS&LAS, affirmed that the Latin American Studies Programme has been actively collaborating with the Guatemalan Embassy.



L to R: Prof. Priti Singh, Chairperson, CCUS&LAS, César Guillermo Castillo Reyes, former Vice President of the Republic of Guatemala and Prof. Amitabh Mattoo, Dean, SIS

Seminar on Celebrating 75 years of India – Chile Diplomatic Relations :

The Latin American Studies Programme of the Centre for Canadian, US and Latin American Studies, SIS, organised a seminar on “*Celebrating 75 Years of India-Chile Diplomatic Relations*” on 15 March 2024 at SIS, JNU. His Excellency Mr. Juan Angulo, Ambassador of Chile to India and Prof. Amitabh Mattoo, Dean, SIS, inaugurated a photo exhibition on “*Sabor a Chile: A Visual Journey*” featuring a variety of Chilean cuisines. This was followed by a half-day seminar with an inaugural address by Prof Amitabh Mattoo, Dean, SIS, touching upon the milestones and achievements during the 75 years of diplomatic

relations between India and Chile. The first speaker, H.E. Juan Angulo, spoke on the 'Political and Economic Relations of Chile' in which he affirmed the extent of bilateral ties between India and Chile have been growing stronger. Mr. Nicolás Tota, Third Secretary, Embassy of Chile in Delhi, through his presentation on Panorama of the Chilean Culture, showcased the geographical landscape, culture and cuisines of Chile. 'Start-Ups Chile: Opportunities for Indian Youth' by Mr. Martín Gormaz, Third Secretary, Embassy of Chile, presented how the startup ecosystem in Chile can provide opportunities to Indian youth. Dr Aprajita Kashyap of CCUS&LAS spoke on the 'India-Chile Connect: Looking Back, Looking Ahead' tracing the ebbs and flows in the ties between India and Chile. Prof Priti Singh, CCUS&LAS, focused on 'Chile and the Indo-Pacific Construct' and delineated the opportunities and challenges that Chile faced in this region. Dr Anshu Joshi, CCUS&LAS spoke on the theme 'India's 'Vision 2047' and India-Chile Relations'. In the vote of thanks, Dr Sneha Bhagat, CCUS&LAS, SIS summarised the key takeaways from the seminar.



L to R: Dr Vineet Prakash, Mr Nicolas Tota, Prof Abdul Nafey, H.E. Castañeda Solares, Ambassador of Guatemala, H.E. Juan Angulo, Ambassador of Chile, Prof. Amitabh Mattoo, Dean, SIS Dr Aprajita Kashyap, Prof. Priti Singh and Dr Sneha Bhagat

Seminar on the US Presidential Election :

The US Studies Programme of the Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies, School of International Studies organised a One-Day Seminar on the US Presidential Election on 21 March 2024. Organised around the 70th year of



the founding of the School of International Studies, the seminar titled “Race for the White House: Candidates, Parties and the Presidential Campaign of 2024”, brought together academics, journalists and foreign policy professionals for an engaging and vibrant discussion covering multiple facets of the US Presidential Election, 2024. Distinguished participants included Amb. Nirupama Rao, Amb. Navtej Sarna, Amb. Meera Shankar, Shri Raj Chengappa and Prof. Abdul Nafey. The seminar was organised by Dr. Vineet Prakash with the assistance of a grant received from ICSSR.

National Seminar on “Race for the White House: Candidates, Parties and the Presidential Campaign of 2024”

L to R: Prof. Priti Singh, Chairperson, CCUS&LAS, Amb.



Meera Shankar, Prof. Amitabh Mattoo, Dean, SIS; Dr. Vineet Prakash, Seminar Convener

Lectures during the Winter Semester :

A series of seven lectures during the Winter Semester (January to May 2024) was coordinated by Dr Saumyajit Ray of the US Studies, Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies, School of International Studies. Prof John Portz of Northeastern University, Boston (MA), a Visiting Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar at the Centre, delivered a series of insightful lectures on themes ranging from American Domestic Politics and Public Policy to US Foreign Policy. The sessions captivated students and offered a nuanced understanding of various issues concerning the United States, fostering an engaging learning environment.



Prof. John Portz, Visiting Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar at the CCUS&LAS, SIS

Kunzru Memorial Lectures :

The Kunzru Memorial Lectures, a flagship event of the School of International Studies, JNU are designed as an interface between the world of scholarship and the domain of policy. Delivered by the in-house subject experts, the series is open to the wider civil society and academia. The purpose of the 2024 lectures was to re-position the School of International Studies, JNU at the centre of the academic and policy debates on key issues of international relations, especially foreign policy. This also coincided with the beginning of the celebration of 70 years of the founding of the School of International Studies, JNU (in 1955).

The theme this year was ‘India’s Foreign Policy in a Fragmented Planet’. Dr. S. Jaishankar, Hon’ble Minister for External Affairs, the Chief Guest at the inaugural spoke on ‘*Bharat and the World*’ on 26 February 2024. He outlined a series of transformational changes in Indian foreign policy and diplomacy that have posed conceptual novelty to the settled notions of foreign policy in the last decade. The Chancellor of JNU, Ambassador Kanwal Sibal (Retd.) delivered a special lecture on ‘*Continuity and Change in India’s Foreign Policy*’ on 28 February 2024. Ambassador Sibal portrayed the landscape of the evolution of India’s policies over two decades employing two sets of variables (UPA and NDA governments) and their outlook. At the valedictory session on 01 March 2024, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon’ble Minister for Finance, delivered the keynote address on the theme ‘*The Vision of Viksit Bharat in an Evolving Global Landscape*’. She emphasised that the Government’s mission that has emerged as a people driven movement, has catapulted into a catalyst for the nation’s significant transformation at the global stage. Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, the Vice Chancellor of JNU in the course

of the Chairperson’s remarks highlighted how India’s foreign policy has adjusted itself to gain prominence in the evolving global order. The salience of the theme of the Kunzru Lecture series and the contributions of SIS to the realm of foreign policy making was elaborated upon by the Dean SIS, Professor Amitabh Mattoo in his welcome address.



From Left to Right: Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit (Vice Chancellor, JNU), Dr. S. Jaishankar (External Affairs Minister, Government of India) and Prof. Amitabh Mattoo (Dean SIS)



From Left to Right: Prof. Amitabh Mattoo (Dean SIS), Prof. Dipendra Nath Das (Rector II, JNU) Ambassador Kanwal Sibal (Chancellor, JNU), Dr. Aprajita Kashyap, Prof. Ummu Salma Bava



From Left to Right: Dr Aprajita Kashyap, Prof. Amitabh Mattoo (Dean SIS), Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman (Hon'ble Minister for Finance), Prof. S.C. Garkoti (Rector I, JNU) Kanwal Sibal (Chancellor, JNU), Prof. Ummu Salma Bava

International Conference on “Recent Developments in Economics Research: Theory and Evidence”

Centre for International Trade and Development (CITD) at the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, organized a two-day international conference during 7-8 March, 2024, in its campus in Delhi, India. The conference was a platform to debate, deliberate and disseminate scholarly insights on issues of economic, social and environmental importance. It had participation of scholars from leading foreign and Indian universities, bringing to the fore contemporary and cutting-edge research carried out in major universities. The conference comprised of a rich plethora of sessions that included keynote address, plenary sessions, panel discussion and parallel technical sessions. There



were two categories of contribution in the conference – invited contribution and contribution through submission. A total of 11 invited speakers contributed by way of keynote address, plenary sessions, panel discussions and a few technical presentations during parallel sessions. A total of 87 submitted papers were presented over 18 parallel technical sessions spanning over the two days of the conference. Most of the submitted contribution were by young scholars from various universities and institutions within India.

The conference witnessed a rich diversity of participants. Including invited paper presenters, contributory presenters, and plenary speakers, altogether 58 universities were represented. The conference had participants from 9 countries (US, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Mauritius, India, and contributions of scholars

from Nepal and Afghanistan who are pursuing studies in India). Within India, it had participants from 13 states (Assam, Goa, Gujarat, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Delhi, UP, Haryana, Uttarakhand). More than half (about 53 per cent) of the paper presenters were females



.The two-day international conference brought together eminent academicians, distinguished financial sector professionals, enthusiastic research scholars, and passionate students of economics from various parts of the world. The young scholars and students got an opportunity to interact with distinguished speakers and enrich their economic know-how. The keynote and plenary speeches were delivered on topics which were relevant to the current times: global supply chains, fintech and financial digitalization, energy, environment and economy, many forms of women’s work and the much less discussed but highly significant aspect of micronutrient malnutrition.



Apart from this, two eminent scholars also delivered lectures at CITD.

Professor David Zilberman, Robinson Chair in the Agricultural and Resource Economics Department, University of California, Berkeley delivered a talk on “Sustainability and Growth through Climate-Smart Circular Bio economy” on March 06, 2024.

Professor Biswanath Goldar, Institute of Economic Growth also delivered a talk on “Share of Manufacturing in India's GDP: Stagnant or Increasing” on January 18, 2024.

School of Language, Literature and Cultural Studies

International Young Researchers' Conference (IYRC, 2024) Recent Trends in Research: Indian and Foreign Languages

The School of Language, Literature and Cultural Studies (SLL&CS) and Special Centre of Tamil Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, with support of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) organized two-day International Young Researchers' Conference (IYRC, 2024) on the theme "Recent Trends in Research: Indian and Foreign Languages", 29 Feb- 1 March 2024 in hybrid mode. The conference was supported by ICSSR, V.K. Global Publication, GOYAL Publications, Langers International.



On 29 Feb the inaugural session began at 9:00 am with lamp lighting ceremony and hosted by Dr. Mercy V. Guite. Following this, Prof. Shoba Sivasankaran, Director of the Conference, Dean, SLL&CS, welcomed all the participants and called it a platform to learn and exchange information i.e, to provide the budding researchers and academicians the chance to



exhibit their work, share ideas, and collaborate to work together with fellow researchers and colleagues, strengthening their interdisciplinary research. Dr. Sonu Saini, Assistant professor, CRS, SLL&CS highlighted the aims and objectives of this conference. He informed that 121 papers were selected for presentation from 350 papers received. The Abstract book was released by the dignitaries on the dais and members of the Organising Committee. The number shows the requirement of such an interdisciplinary platform. Prof. Ravikesh, Registrar, JNU threw light on the recent trends in research in Indian and foreign languages. The Guest of honour, Prof. Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary, ICSSR addressed the participants and highlighted the importance of collaborative work. Prof. Ashok K. Chawla, Advisor (Japan), MEA, India in his keynote address shared various ideas, strategies, and practices on how to do research efficiently. Prof. Udaya Narayana Singh, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Amity school of languages, Gurgaon in his keynote address discussed the ethics and various key points to be considered in research. Dr. Satyanshu Srivastava, Assistant Professor, CKS, SLL&CS JNU extended the vote of thanks and expressed his gratitude to one and all for gracing the occasion.

Session of day 1 began at 10:30 am and continued till 7:00 pm. These sessions were chaired by Prof. Pauthang Haokip, Dr. Allauddin Shah, Prof. Ranjana Banerjee, Dr. Shahbaz Amil, Prof. R. Thamocharan, Dr. Lovey Srivastava, Prof. Rosy Singh, Dr. Yogesh Kumar Rai, Dr. Hari Madhab Ray, Dr. Milind Awadh, Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Dr. Gous Mashkoo Khan, Dr. Ajoy Kumar Karnati, Dr. Kiran Singh Verma, Dr. Arihant Kumar Vardhan. Over 60 scholars presented their erudite papers in the first session. The sessions focused on a variety of themes. The theme Language and Identity, explored the role of language in shaping personal and group identity in various cultural

contexts. Similarly, the theme Literature and Social Change, examined how literature reflects and influences societal changes and norms. Translation Techniques showcased translation techniques that could be deployed while translating from and into Indian and foreign languages.

Sessions on Day-2 began at 10:00 am and was chaired by Prof. Sadhana Naithani, Dr. Lipi Biswas Sen, Dr. Vinay Kumar Gupta, Prof. Babu Thaliath, Mr. Santosh Kumar Ranjan, Prof. Akhlaque Ahmad Aahan, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Jha, Dr. Mercy V Guite, Dr. Kaushal Kumar, Dr. Anil Kumar Singh, Dr. Satyanshu Srivastava, Dr. Neerja Samajdar, Dr. Sonu Saini, Dr. Meenakshi Sundriyal, Dr. Gaurav Kumar. Over 62 scholars presented their erudite papers in the session. In these sessions also a variety of themes were discussed. Cultural Diversity and Inclusion analysed the impact of cultural diversity and the challenges and benefits it brings to communities and societies. Language and Technology investigated the relationship between language and technology, and included topics such as language preservation and digital communication. Emerging teaching methodology discussed the futuristic emerging trends in the teaching of language, literature and culture and other related themes.

The conference concluded at 5:30 pm with the Valedictory Session, which was chaired by Prof. Shoba Sivasankaran, Director of the Conference and Dean, SLL&CS, with the vote of thanks. The Director applauded the efforts of the organising Committee members Prof. R. Thamocharan, Dr. Rajesh Paswan, Dr. Gaurav Kumar, Dr. Vinay Kumar Gupta, Dr. Anil Kumar Singh, Dr. GousMashkoo Khan, Dr. Mercy V. Guite, Dr. Arihant Kumar Vardhan, Dr. Satyanshu Srivastava, Dr. Sonu Saini. She also appreciated the active work of all volunteers. Prof. Sivasankaran thanked the speakers and participants of the conference from various states of India as well as from Russia.

Webinar on Tolstoy and Yasnaya Polyana:

New Delhi, 15th March 2024: The Centre of Russian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University in collaboration with Embassy of Russian Federation in India, New Delhi organised an interactive webinar on Tolstoy and Yasnaya Polyana. The renowned Galina V. Aleekseva, Head of Research at the State Tolstoy Museum at Yasnaya Polyana was the speaker of the webinar. The chairperson of this webinar was Prof. Richa Sawant, SLL&CS, JNU and the coordinators of this webinar was Prof. Ranjana Banerjee, SLL&CS, JNU, Dr. Kiran Singh Verma, SLL&CS, JNU AND Dr. Sonu Saini, SLL&CS, JNU. At 2:00 in the evening, the webinar began in a hybrid mode.

The webinar was begun by the Dr. Kiran Singh Verma by welcoming Galina V. Aleekseva, in which she told her that she is a highly qualified scientist, she wrote many articles and went to many international conferences and for that she was awarded both in Russia and abroad twice. She was also awarded an academic scholarship and was also the president of the International Committee of Literary Museums and further she invited her to share her meanings and experiences on Nikolai Tolstoy and Yasnaya Polyana.

In the webinar, Galina V. Aleekseva, Speaker, shared so many untold facts about the Nikolai Tolstoy and how Yasnaya Polyana is so dear to her. She talked about the Tolstoy's grandfather, Prince Nikolay Volkonsky, his father and mother and also showed the house where Tolstoy was born, how his childhood was spent and died at the age of 82 because of Nionia. Further, she said that at The Kuzminsky House, he opened the school "The Left Wing". She added that he wrote many works and prose for children as well as students like "How I spent my morning". Charles Dickens was the favourite author of Tolstoy. He also opened 21 schools and later he fell in love with a girl, Sofia and married her, she was a medical doctor. It was continued by telling everyone about his trip to Borodino, a place which holds significance because it is a place where the Russian and French war happened. She also highlighted the fact that Tolstoy says that Alexander Sergevich Pushkin was like his father figure and he should learn from him. "Dubrovsky" is an unfinished work of Pushkin and Tolstoy was very much influenced by this work. After that, she talked about Tolstoy's life, why his life changes radically? Tolstoy wanted to

find what is the meaning of life when all he has can be destroyed? And in the process of finding the answers he started reading eastern and western philosophy, where he got more attracted towards India and also described the social crisis. He started living the simple life and turned spiritual. After his death he bought to Yasnaya Polyana. “Green Stick”, is a place where his grave is located and in 1928 it was called the most simple and poetic grave in the world, because it is surrounded by the trees. She finished her talk by showing many images related to Tolstoy’s life, which includes his wedding photos, personal library, telling his grandchildren a fairy tale, personal library, which is now protected by UNESCO. She also mentioned his famous work “what is an art”, which is an aesthetic manifest.



Following, the webinar was continued with the question-and-answer session, where Prof. Ranjana Banerjee asked that Vivekananda’s influence was there on Tolstoy’s life, as on the later part of his he became spiritual and she said yes. Another question was whether he also wrote any children stories and in answer to that she mentioned the work “alphabet / азбука”. Many more questions were also asked like he belongs to a noble family, many times he was nominated for the Nobel prize but he declined, his work “Resurrection” and also Mahatma Gandhi had a lot of influence on Tolstoy etc.

The webinar concluded with the Valedictory Session, in which Prof. Ranjana Banerjee thanked the speaker Galina V. Alekseva for introducing the students to the interesting facts about Tolstoy and Yasnaya Polyana and was very grateful to her.

School of Social Sciences, Centre for Philosophy

- Smita Sirker gave a talk on ‘The Role of Evidentials in Social Exchange and Knowledge Acquisition’ organised by IPN Colloquium, 30 March 2024.
- Sonia Sikka gave a talk on ‘Racism in Modern Western Philosophy: An Unenlightening History’ organized by Centre for Philosophy, SSS-I, on 27 March 2024.
- Smita Sirker gave presentation in a UGC and ICPR sponsored Global Seminar on *Buddhist Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science with Human Moral Experience*, organised by the Department of Buddhist Studies, Acharya Nagarjuna University, 20–22 March, 2024.
- Smita Sirker delivered lecture on ‘The Epistemic Category of Absence and the Perception of Absence’ at the UGC and ICPR Sponsored Global Seminar on *Buddhist Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science with Human Moral Experience*, organised by the Department of Buddhist Studies, Acharya Nagarjuna University, 20–22 March, 2024.
- Bhagat Oinam delivered a lecture on ‘Idea of ‘Beauty’ in the Indigenous Lifeworld: An Attempt towards Decolonizing Concepts and Methods” (online), as part of the lecture series on *Decolonial and Postcolonial Ecologies: Critical Voices from India*, organized by Decolonial Anthropology Research Project, National Research Foundation of Korea, and Österreichischer Wissenschaftsfonds, on 21 March 2024.
- Bhagat Oinam gave a presentation on ‘Indian knowledge tradition and samvad’, in the national seminar on *Indian Knowledge System and its Ethical Imperative*, organized by Department of Philosophy, Hansraj College, on 16 March 2024.
- Book Discussion by Daniel Weltman of Ashoka University, and Rajarshi Dasgupta of CPS, JNU, on ‘What Responsibility? Whose responsibility? Intentions, Agency, and Emotions of Collective Entities’, on 12 March 2024.
- Bhagat Oinam moderated a conversation with experts under the title *Deep Talks* on ‘Economic and Development Challenges of the Act East Policy: Implications for Northeast India’,

organized by Delhi Manipuri Society (DeMaS), at IIC (Annexe), New Delhi on 1 March 2024.

• Bhagat Oinam moderated a panel discussion *Representation of Northeast in diverse art forms* organized by Janki Devi Memorial College, The Northeast Students' Group (NESG), University of Delhi, on 27 February 2024.

• Smita Sirker gave a lecture on 'Mill on Liberty and Freedom', in the Refresher Course on *Ethics, Value & Society*, organised by the Department of Philosophy, North Bengal University, 27 February, 2024

• Bhagat Oinam delivered Special Lecture on the national seminar theme *Culture, Identity and Society in North East India*, jointly organized by Department of Sociology, Manipur University, and Special Centre for the Study of North East India, JNU, at Manipur University, during 23-24 February 2024.

• Bhagat Oinam and A. Nataraju coordinated 5th Refreshers Course in Philosophy, organized by JNU-MMTTC, during 24 January -7 February 2024.

• Smita Sirker gave a presentation on 'Social Exchange and Knowledge Acquisition' One Day Seminar on *Theories of Truth and Knowledge* in celebration of the World Philosophy Day 2023, organised by the Department of Philosophy, North Bengal University, 16 January 2024.

• Smita Sirker gave a lecture on 'Why Act Morally?' at the course on *Western Philosophy*, organised by the Bhaktivedanta Research Centre Trust, Kolkata, 10 January 2024.

हिंदी कार्यशाला की रिपोर्ट

जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय, नई दिल्ली में दिनांक:16-02-2024 को एक दिवसीय हिंदी कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यशाला का आयोजन जेएनयू के समिति कक्ष-225, प्रशासन भवन में किया गया। कार्यशाला विश्वविद्यालय के नवनियुक्त कनिष्ठ सहायकों के लिए आयोजित की गई थी। इसमें दो सत्र रखे गए थे। प्रथम सत्र में 31 कनिष्ठ सहायकों को

नामित किया गया। इनमें से 28 कनिष्ठ सहायकों ने कार्यशाला में भाग लिया। वहीं, दूसरे सत्र में 30 कनिष्ठ सहायकों को नामित किया गया था जिनमें से 29 कनिष्ठ सहायकों ने अपनी प्रतिभागिता दर्ज कराई। कार्यशाला का विषय 'कंप्यूटरों में कार्यालयी कामकाज हिंदी में कैसे करें' तथा 'संघ की राजभाषा नीति, नियम आदि की संपूर्ण जानकारी' था।



प्रथम सत्र में विषय-विशेषज्ञ के रूप में डॉ. श्याम सुंदर कथूरिया, संयुक्त निदेशक (रा.भा.), कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा निगम, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, चेन्नई उपस्थित हुए। कार्यशाला का संचालन श्री सुमेर सिंह, सहायक निदेशक (रा.भा.), राजभाषा प्रकोष्ठ ने किया। प्रथम सत्र का उद्घाटन श्री गगनदीप सिंह, उप कुलसचिव (प्रशासन) ने किया। उन्होंने एक हिंदी पुस्तक भेंट कर अतिथि वक्ता का औपचारिक स्वागत-सत्कार किया तथा सभी नामित कर्मचारियों से आग्रह किया कि वे अनुभवी वक्ता के ज्ञान का लाभ उठाकर हिंदी कार्यशाला को रुचिकर बनाएं और अपने कार्यालयी कामकाज में राजभाषा हिंदी का प्रयोग बढ़ाएं। उन्होंने कहा कि सभी नवनियुक्त कार्मिक अपनी भाषा पर गर्व करते हैं। इसलिए हमें हिंदी में काम करने में कोई

संकोच नहीं होना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि अपनी भाषा के प्रति स्वाभिमान से ही देश और समाज की प्रगति बेहतर होती है।

डॉ. श्याम सुंदर कथूरिया ने अपने व्याख्यान में “कंप्यूटरों में कार्यालयी कामकाज हिंदी में कैसे करें: सम्पूर्ण जानकारी”, के बारे में विस्तार से जानकारी दी। उन्होंने विभिन्न अन्य हिंदी ई-टूल्स तथा संघ की राजभाषा नीति, नियम आदि के बारे में भी विस्तार से बताया। विषय-विशेषज्ञ ने इस बात पर बल दिया कि कंप्यूटरों में हिंदी में काम उतनी ही सहजता एवं सरलता के साथ किया जा सकता है जितना कि अंग्रेजी में। उन्होंने बताया कि सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी हमारी मदद के लिए आगे आ रही है। इसकी सहायता से हम अपना दैनंदिन कामकाज आसानी से हिंदी में कर सकते हैं। उनका व्याख्यान काफी उपयोगी एवं लाभप्रद रहा।

इसके अलावा, अतिथि वक्ता ने राजभाषा हिंदी के संवैधानिक, सैद्धांतिक एवं व्यावहारिक पक्ष पर भी प्रकाश डाला। अंततः अतिथि वक्ता को स्मृति चिह्न भेंट कर एवं एक समूह फोटो लेकर प्रथम सत्र का समापन हुआ।

दूसरे सत्र में विषय-विशेषज्ञ के रूप में डॉ. जगदीश प्रसाद, मुख्य प्रबंधक/विभागाध्यक्ष, दि स्टेट ट्रेडिंग कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड, नई दिल्ली पधारे। हिंदी पुस्तक एवं स्मृति चिह्न भेंट कर अतिथि वक्ता का स्वागत-सम्मान किया गया।

डॉ. जगदीश प्रसाद ने ‘राजभाषा अधिनियम 1963 सहित विभिन्न राजभाषा संबंधी उपबंधों’ की विस्तृत जानकारी दी। उन्होंने वॉयस टाइपिंग आदि के बारे में प्रस्तुति दी। उन्होंने अपने व्याख्यान की शुरुआत में राजभाषा हिंदी के बारे में



विस्तारपूर्वक चर्चा की। उनका व्यावहारिक व्याख्यान सभी प्रतिभागियों के लिए निश्चित रूप से लाभप्रद रहा है।

कार्यशाला के अंत में सभी प्रतिभागियों ने अपने-अपने फीडबैक भी दिए। अंततः समूह फोटो के साथ दूसरे सत्र का समापन हुआ।

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जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय ने प्लेसमेंट और ट्रेनिंग कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया।



नई दिल्ली, 12 मार्च 2024: भाषा, साहित्य और संस्कृति अध्ययन स्कूल में 12 मार्च 2024 को प्लेसमेंट और कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यशाला में कई मुख्य बिंदुओं पर प्रकाश डाला गया जैसे, इंटरव्यू में अच्छा प्रदर्शन किस प्रकार किया जाए, भर्तीकर्ताओं के रहस्य क्या हैं, यानी वे अच्छे कैंडिडेट्स से क्या अपेक्षा करते हैं, बेहतरीन बायोडाटा किस प्रकार बनाएँ, ग्रुप डिस्कशन के लिए सही प्रकार से तैयारी किस प्रकार की जाए आदि। भाषा, साहित्य एवं संस्कृति अध्ययन संस्थान, जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय के 200 से अधिक छात्रों ने इस कार्यक्रम में भाग लिया।



इस कार्यशाला की प्रारंभिक टिप्पणी जेएनयू प्लेसमेंट सेल, एसएलएल एंड सीएस के समन्वयक डॉ. सोनू सैनी द्वारा की गयी। जेएनयू के प्लेसमेंट सेल के निदेशक, प्रो. वी. बी. सिंह ने विश्वविद्यालय में प्लेसमेंट सेल की भूमिका के साथ-साथ इसके माध्यम से छात्रों के सशक्तीकरण के बारे में बात की। प्लेसमेंट सेल के उप निदेशक, डॉ. गोपाल राम ने कहा कि जब



भी किसी विशेष भाषा से संबंधित साक्षात्कार में जाते हैं तो उस संबंधित भाषा में अच्छी पकड़ का होना बहुत आवश्यक है। प्लेसमेंट सेल के उप निदेशक, डॉ. मुकेश कुमार गिलुका ने कार्यशाला की प्रकृति के बारे में उल्लेख किया और सुझाव दिया कि इस प्रकार की कार्यशालाएँ नियमित रूप से आयोजित की जानी चाहिए। प्लेसमेंट सेल के पूर्व समन्वयक, डॉ. खुशीद इमाम द्वारा इस बात पर जोर दिया कि छात्रों को कक्षा में प्रश्नों में सक्रिय रूप से भाग किस प्रकार लेना चाहिए, क्योंकि वे साक्षात्कार की पंक्ति में बड़ी उपलब्धियों की तरफ एक प्रगतिशील कदम हैं। उन्होंने बाजार को "मार-काट" (प्रतिस्पर्धा) के रूप में दर्शाया, जिसका अर्थ है "योग्यतम की उत्तरजीविता"। उन्होंने निष्कर्ष में इस बात पर जोर देकर बताया कि यह कितना आवश्यक है कि प्रत्येक छात्र भर्तीकर्ता और प्लेसमेंट सेल के साथ सामंजस्य और समन्वय बनाए रखे ताकि उससे कोई भी अवसर न रह जाए।



सुश्री दीप्ति कौर (सीनियर मैनेजर, एक्सेंचर कंपनी) ने अपनी जेएनयू से एक्सेंचर तक की यात्रा को साझा किया। छात्रों के साथ बातचीत में उन्होंने कहा कि हमें पहले भाषा के मूल सिद्धांतों पर ध्यान केंद्रित करना चाहिए। हर परिस्थिति के लिए हर वक्ता तैयार रहना चाहिए। साक्षात्कार से पहले कंपनी या फर्म पर अनुसंधान करना चाहिए। अपने जीवन में अधिक कौशलों को जोड़ने के लिए तत्पर रहना चाहिए और साथ ही साथ अपनी प्रतिभा को और अधिक बेहतर बनाने को प्राथमिकता देनी चाहिए। श्री रिक मुखर्जी, कंसल्टिंग में उप प्रबंधक, उन्होंने साक्षात्कार और बायोडाटा पर अधिक ज़ोर दिया। बायोडाटा को बहुत ही संक्षिप्त और मुख्य बिंदुओं पर होना चाहिए। बायोडाटा तैयार करते वक्ता, केंद्रित और सटीक होना आवश्यक है। अपनी उपलब्धियों को उजागर करने वाले छोटे विवरणों पर सावधानीपूर्वक विचार करें। उन्होंने कहा कि यदि किसी को नौकरी के लिए फोन कॉल आती है, तो याद रखने वाली सबसे महत्वपूर्ण बात यह है कि वह हमेशा उस पदनाम के लिए पूछें जिसके लिए वे काम पर रखे जा रहे हैं। कार्यशाला का समापन विदाई सत्र के साथ हुआ। प्रोफेसर वी. बी. सिंह और डॉ. सोनू सैनी ने आभार व्यक्त किया और भर्ती पर उनकी अदभुत वार्ता और अंतर्दृष्टि के लिए दोनों वक्ताओं को स्मृति चिन्ह भेंट किए। उन्होंने सहभागियों की अत्यधिक प्रतिक्रिया के लिए भी धन्यवाद दिया।

जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय में गीतकार शैलेन्द्र जी के संगीत, गीत और फिल्मों पर परिचर्चा:



नई दिल्ली, 14 मार्च 2024, नीमिता आर्य: जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय, नई दिल्ली के भाषा, साहित्य और संस्कृति अध्ययन संस्थान में 14 मार्च 2024 को गीत, संगीत, फिल्म, साहित्य और समकालीन समाज पर परिचर्चा का आयोजन किया गया। परिचर्चा का संयोजन प्रो. रंजना बनर्जी, डॉ. किरण सिंह वर्मा और डॉ. सोनू सैनी, अध्ययन केंद्र भ. स. स.अ.स., ज. ने. वि. द्वारा किया गया।



परिचर्चा में शैलेन्द्र जी की कई विशेष संदर्भों पर बात हुई। कई महान अग्रणियों के द्वारा इस परिचर्चा की शोभा को चार चाँद लगे। इनमें शामिल थे डॉ. इंद्रजीत सिंह, लेखक, पूर्व प्रिंसिपल केंद्रीय विद्यालय, प्रो. प्रमोद तिवारी, कवि,

संयुक्त निदेशक एसओएल, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय, श्री यादवेन्द्र, लेखक, साहित्यिक अनुवादक। इस परिचर्चा की अध्यक्षता प्रो. देवेन्द्र चौबे, चर्चित लेखक, द्वारा की गई।



चर्चा की शुरुआत में ही प्रो. देवेन्द्र चौबे द्वारा सभी वक्तामण्डल को सबसे रूबरू करवाया, और विश्वविद्यालय में हो रही इस परिचर्चा को रखने के लिए डॉ. सोनू सैनी को बहुत शुक्रिया कहा। उन्होंने श्री शैलेन्द्र जी के जीवन पर कई बिंदुओं पर प्रकाश डाला। उनके द्वारा लिखे गए गानों और फिल्मों की बातें की गईं। जिसमें शामिल थे बेजूबावरा, आवारा इत्यादि।



डॉ. इंद्रजीत ने शैलेन्द्र जी के बारे में कई ऐसे रोमांचक किस्से बताए जिसने सबके दिल को कई अनकहे भावों से भर दिया। उन्होंने अपने माँस्को में रह रहे वक्त के कई किस्सों को बताया जो शैलेन्द्र जी के गीतों के कारण माँस्को में रुसी

लोगों को गीतों को गाते हुए देखा है। उन्होंने बताया कि श्री राज कपूर जी के गाने वहाँ इतने गाए जाते हैं कि वो एक एक राष्ट्रगान की तरह प्रचलित है। प्रो. प्रमोद तिवारी के अनुसार अगर गीतकार को शब्दों का अच्छा ज्ञान हो तो वह धुन में गीत को पीरो देगा और वही अगर धुनकर को धुन का अच्छा ज्ञान है तो वह गीत को धुन में पीरो देगा। उन्होंने श्री शैलेन्द्र जी के शब्दों को जीवन की सहजता को सरल शब्दों में पिरोने की ताकत को उजागर किया। उन्होंने यह भी बताया कि उन्हें भावुक भोजपुरिया भी कहा जाता था। उन्होंने उनके कई किस्सों को परेशानी में डालते हुए बताया कि उनके गीतों में संस्कृतियों और लोकप्रियता का भाव उनके माता और पिता के कारणवश दिखता है। उन्होंने बताया कि श्री शैलेन्द्र जी की लोकप्रियता का कारण उनके शब्दों के कारणवश है, जिसमें आम लोगों की नब्ज़ को पकड़ने की ताकत है। गरीबों और तंजकस ने की पीड़ा उनकी कहानियों और गीतों में दिखाई देती हैं, उनके अनुसार श्री शैलेन्द्र जी ने हमेशा ही सबके कल्याण की बात की है और न की सिर्फ मनोरंजन की। अंत में उनके गीतों की कुछ दो-चार पंक्तियों को गाकर अपनी बात को विराम दिया।

श्री यादवेन्द्र जी ने बताया कि कई भाषाओं का लिखित साहित्य नहीं है, परंतु हम उन्हें गीतों में सुनते हैं जो कि एक साहित्य ही माना जाता है। उन्होंने अपने उत्तरकाशी के किस्सों पर प्रकाश डाला। उन्होंने संगीतकार कविताओं के बारे में बताया जो कि पढ़ने से ज्यादा देखने में प्रभावशाली है और श्री शैलेन्द्र जी के कई निर्माणों पर दृष्टि डाली। उन्होंने बताया कि वह बिहार से इस कदर जुड़े हुए थे कि उनकी चाहत थी कि उनकी सभी बेटियों की शादी बिहार में ही हो। उनके अनुसार जब जीवन की कई विधाएँ परिस्थितियों से टकराती हैं तो वह हमें अपने में समा लेते हैं या उस में ढल जाती हैं। उन्होंने इस बिंदु पर प्रकाश डाला कि पहले की पीढ़ी ज्यादा स्थिर थी और मसलन इसका कारण आज कि

पीढ़ी का उदहारण देते हुए कहा कि, हर नए साल में गानो में परिवर्तन देखने को मिलते हैं। अंत में उन्होंने अपने शब्दों को विराम देते हुए बताया कि शैलेन्द्र जैसे व्यक्तित्व साहित्य और फिल्म जगत के वह दिग्गज हैं जो कभी सदी में ही होते हैं।



इसके उपरांत, कई छात्र-छात्राओं ने प्रश्नों के द्वारा अपनी जिज्ञासा व्यक्त की कि क्यों लोग हिंदी साहित्य को ज़्यादा महत्व नहीं देते हैं। इसका उत्तर देते हुए डॉ. इंद्रजीत ने बताया कि इसका मूल कारण है कि आज की पीढ़ी साहित्य से जुड़ी नहीं है। मनोरंजन, चेतना का विकास और संवेदनाओं का परिषाद् अगर एक कविता में हो तो वह कविता एक खूबसूरत व्यक्ति को जन्म देती



है। इस प्रकार की कविताएँ हमें जड़ों से जोड़ के रखती हैं।

अंत में, परिचर्चा का समापन करते हुए संचालक, प्रो. दैवेन्द्र चौबे ने कहा कि एक अच्छा कवि और लेखक सामूहिक चेतना का विकास करता है और सबको सामूहिक ही लेके चलता है। हम गीतों के द्वारा अपने समाज और राष्ट्र को भली-भाँति समझ पाते हैं। यही हमें शैलेन्द्र के गीतों में दिखता है, जो हमें भारत और उसके गाँव को समझने में पूर्ण तरह से हमारी मदद करता है। परिचर्चा का समापन प्रो. रंजना बनर्जी, प्रो. किरण सिंह वर्मा और डॉ. सोनू सैनी द्वारा किया गया। डॉ. किरण सिंह वर्मा ने सभी वक्ता-मंडल को धन्यवाद दिया और श्री शैलेन्द्र जी की जीवनी को प्रस्तुत करने के लिए और सभी छात्र-छात्राओं को इसे सुनने के लिए आभार व्यक्त किया। प्रो. रंजना बनर्जी ने धन्यवाद ज्ञापन किया।

डॉ. सोनू सैनी जी ने इतनी अच्छी परिचर्चा का आयोजन किया और उन्होंने गीतकार शैलेन्द्र की जीवनी को खूबसूरती से प्रस्तुत करने के लिए धन्यवाद दिया। चूँकि अधिकतर वक्ता ये गीतकार गुमनाम नायक की तरह होते हैं जिन्हें पूर्ण मान्यता नहीं मिल पाती।

Alumni Corner

Sh. Suresh Kodati, Program Director, Linux Technology Center – IBM Cognitive Systems



How would you describe your association with JNU and your first impressions of the campus?

My first association with JNU started in 1998 while reading

“Employment News”. I was quite excited to learn about JNU heritage, campus life and couldn’t resist the temptation to apply immediately. My excitement doubled when I saw the image of huge Library building in the brochure and I was quite charged up for the admission process which included written exam and interview. It was a moment of joy and sense of accomplishment when my father read out the telegram from JNU about my admission confirmation.

The first thing that stroked my mind when I entered the campus was the diversity of thoughts, origins, languages, tolerance and respect towards others point of view. In my mind it is a true reflection of India.

Why did you choose JNU for higher studies?

I had a choice of universities to join, and I went with my first preference as JNU. The factors that went in favour of the decision were the culture of JNU, academic excellence, infrastructure, and international eminence.

What has been the trajectory of your career since you left JNU?

Joined IBM soon after completing my M.Tech in Computer Science and Technology in 2000 and still continuing my journey with IBM. Started my career as a Software Engineer working on the Linux operating systems, held various roles and responsibilities and experienced broader software engineering challenges. I experienced breadth and depth of technology and leadership roles during the past 24+ years.

How has JNU impacted your multifaceted career?

JNU gave me a huge learning opportunity beyond the curriculum, and I am pretty much confident to say that those opportunities are unique to JNU. Those opportunities helped me immensely during my professional life.

Some of the key learnings from JNU include respect towards diversity of thoughts and culture, resiliency, interpersonal communication and exposure to international community. All these are extremely critical for a successful corporate life.

What has been the most challenging part of your work and why?

Typical challenges start with decision making and communication. Having deeper expertise in a wider range of technology, people, project and stakeholder management are critical towards driving successful career. Being resilient and agile is an important challenging factor in the rapidly changing technology space.

Would you like to share any special memories that you associate with your time in JNU?

A lot, right from the moment I landed in my senior’s room in Sabarmati hostel and the final day we took 615 to railway station, it was a fun filled experience with unforgettable memories. The amount of time and passion that our seniors have spent in making our initial days comfortable was a pleasant experience. I can recall memories from all those late-night walks between dhabas and SC&SS labs, and the discussions we used to have on wide range of topics were lively. Highly talented faculty and their creative thoughts always inspired us. Being part of the election committee is one of the most memorable experiences.

What would your message be to the readers of JNU News and students of JNU?

JNU is a place where you can learn a lot beyond books, it provides a great opportunity for individuals to realize their dreams by broadening their thought process through its diverse culture and talented faculty.

Prof. Maheshwar Singh, Political Science, National Law University, New Delhi



How would you describe your association with JNU and your first impressions of the campus?

My association with JNU has been very productive and fruitful. JNU gave me the platform to explore myself as person. It particularly equipped me to converse with diverse cultural and political viewpoints. JNU represents microcosm of the diversity our country. And it is most beautiful and lively campus in the country as well as the wider world.

Why did you choose JNU for higher studies?

Post graduate studies JNU not only taught me what is prescribed in the syllabus but made broaden my awareness horizon about the world we inhabit. JNU could enable me to have access to high quality education at an unimaginable low cost by any standards. JNU stands out as a pole star among its peers in training the future generation of professionals in every walk of life.

What has been the trajectory of your career since you left JNU?

My career has witnessed its own share of high and lows as does anyone's life and career. I have always taught Political science in National Law universities. Currently, I am Professor of Political Science and Dean of Student's Welfare at the National Law University, Delhi.

How has JNU impacted your multifaceted career?

JNU has influenced my life and career choices are inexplicably mysterious ways. But I am certain about the fact that JNU has made me more humane while dealing with others.

What has been the most challenging part of your work and why?

To my mind teaching itself is very challenging task. But it's more satisfying than any other work as we ordinarily understand the meaning or work. There is a strong sense of service and giving back to the society what it has sacrificed in making of a teacher.

Would you like to share any special memories that you associate with your time in JNU?

Each day I Spent in JNU for almost a decade is special in itself. I very fondly remember my evening walks with my Guru Prof Dawa Norbu. While I was in final stage of my doctoral thesis, one evening he walked up to my room in Jhelum hostel and asked my friends to leave me alone with my work if there were my real well wishers. Looking back in time, this certainly is an occasion which leaves with wet eyes.

What would your message be to the readers of JNU News and students of JNU?

Make the most of your stay in JNU. Diversify your reading habits.

Obituary



Sh. Jagdish Prasad-II, Safaikaramchari, Passed Away on Friday, 26 January, 2024.



Sh. Ravinder-I, Safaikaramchari, Passed Away on Friday, 16 February, 2024.

We extend our condolences to the bereaved families.

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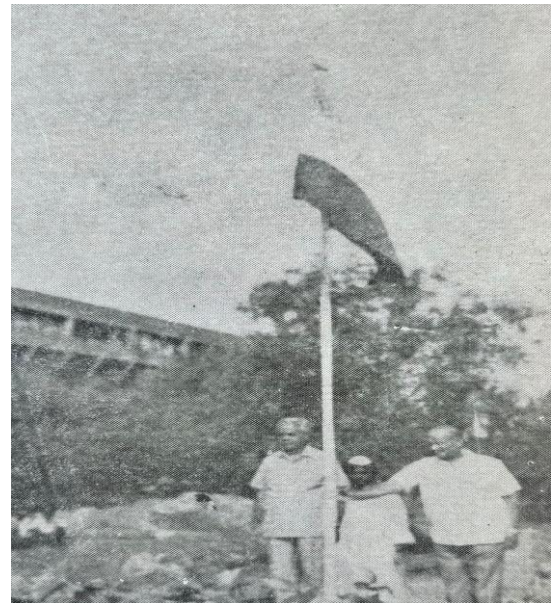
A Poster Exhibition “Drug Abuse” was arranged on the Campus by NSS Cell of JNU on 22 September, 1991.

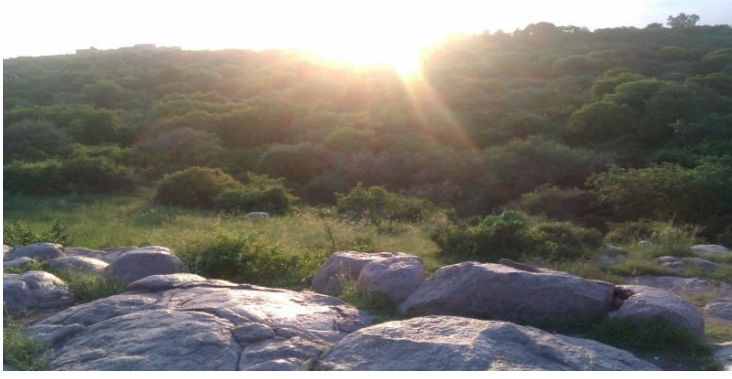


A Scientist at JNU, Dr. S.K. Sharma has developed a device to control vehicular pollution and noise level. The photo shows Dr. Sharma with his invention.

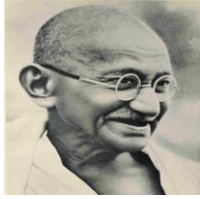


JNU community celebrated Independence Day with hoisting of national tricolor by the Vice Chancellor Prof. M.S. Agwani and singing of songs.





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“साक्षर होना ही शिक्षित होना नहीं है। साक्षरता शिक्षा का अंत अथवा प्रारंभ नहीं है। शिक्षा से मेरा अभिप्राय है कि बच्चे और मनुष्य के शरीर, मस्तिष्क और मन का सर्वोत्तम चहुँमुखी विकास किया जाए।”

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