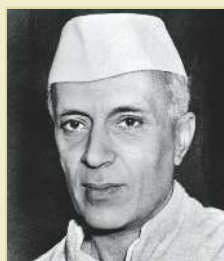




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A university stands for humanism, for tolerance, for reason, for the adventure of ideas and for the search of truth. It stands for the onward march of the human race towards ever higher objectives. If the Universities discharge their duties adequately, then it is well with the nation and the people.



The symbol is a graphic statement which stands for international academic exchange and onwards search of knowledge for the betterment of human being.

The overlapping circular segments of the design denote global interaction, creating a flame emitting enlightenment, this flame emerges out of the traditional Indian 'diya' (lamp)-a source of Light, Understanding and Brotherhood.

The design is also representative of the rose-bud closely associated with the name of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.



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Vice-Chancellor's Speech....

Excerpts from Vice-Chancellor's Speech Delivered on 5 December, 2018 at the University Court Meeting

On behalf of the University and on my own behalf, I assume great privilege to welcome you all to the 46th meeting of the JNU Court. Our warm welcome to the Chancellor, Dr. Vijay Kumar Saraswat and to all members for sparing time to participate in the deliberations of this meeting. The Chancellor has visited the University on a few occasions. The interactions during these visits have been very encouraging and motivating. We look forward to continuous guidance of the Chancellor and support of Members of this august body, all my colleagues and staff.

Distinguished members are aware that at the Annual Meeting of the University Court, a report of the proceedings of the Executive Council and a report of the working of the University during the previous year together with a statement of the receipts and expenditure, the balance sheet as audited, and the budget for the next financial are presented by the Executive Council every year. The relevant reports/statements were sent to the Members as part of agenda. We greatly value the contributions of Members and, as per your suggestions, take appropriate steps to improve the functioning in terms of teaching and research outcomes and by upgradation of existing facilities keeping in view the objectives of the University.

Before highlighting achievements of the reporting period, I would like to introduce my team of officers. Professor Chintamani Mahapatra, a Professor in the Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies, School of International Studies, is Rector-I; Prof. S.C. Garkoti, School of Environmental Sciences is Rector-II; Professor Rana Pratap Singh, a Professor in the School of Life Sciences, is Rector-III; Prof. Umesh Ashok Kadam, a Professor in the School of Social Sciences, is Dean of Students; Professor Kaushal Kumar Sharma, School of Social Sciences is Chief Proctor; Dr. Pramod Kumar is Registrar; Prof. Heeraman Tiwari is acting Finance Officer, Dr. H. Sharma is Controller of Examinations; Prof. Deepak Gaur, School of Biotechnology, is Director of Admission and Dr. Manorama Tripathi is University Librarian. Deans of Schools and Chairpersons of Special Centres / Centres are other functionaries.

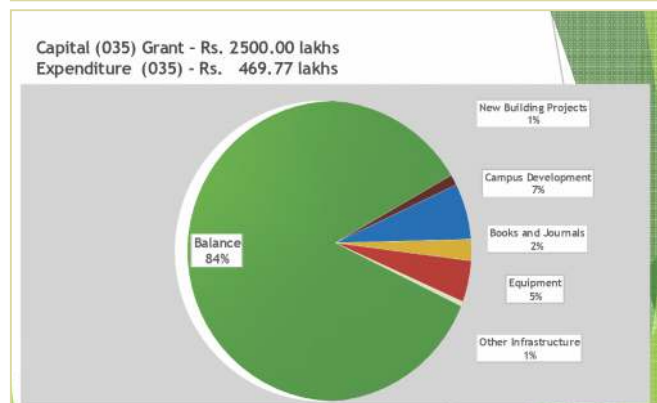
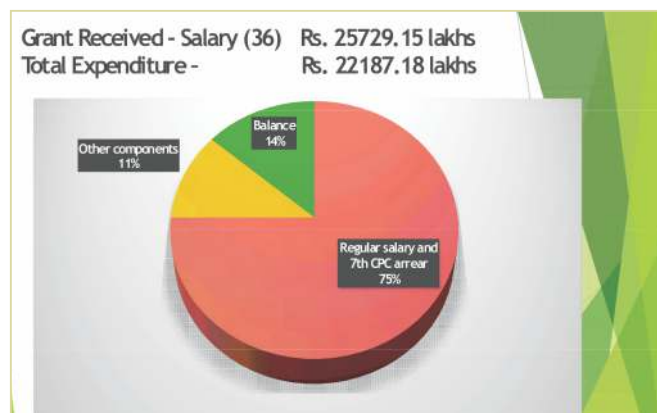
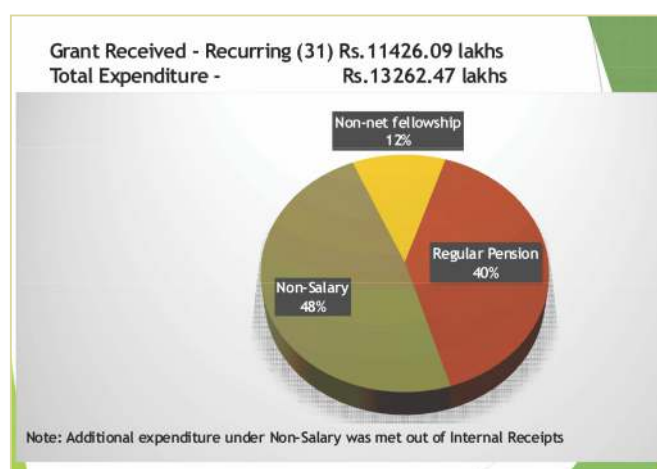
On behalf of the Executive Council of the University, I have great pleasure in placing before you the 48th Annual Report for the period, 1 April, 2017 to 31 March, 2018 in fulfillment of the requirements of Statute 12(1) of the University's Act and

Statutes. The Annual Accounts for the year 2017-18, Revised Estimates for 2018-19 and Budget Estimates for the year 2019-20 are placed on Table for perusal of the Members.

Financial Support:

The University is primarily funded by the UGC and receives both plan and non-plan grants. Details for the reporting period, 1 April, 2017 – 31 March, 2018 are given below:

Utilization of Grant 2017-18



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Now, I move to the regular proceedings:

The major achievements and activities of the University during 2017-18 have been elaborated in the Annual Report. Valuable suggestions of the Members are welcome.

In this connection, I would like to make a brief presentation on some of the achievements/activities and new initiatives. Most of these are available on the university website and are updated on day-to-day basis.

Faculty Output:

The combined output of the faculty during 2017-18 amounted to the following as illustrated in the School-wise histograms of the Annual Report.

• Books	133
• Chapters in books	324
• Papers/Articles in Journals	1040
• Participation in Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops	1959
• Lectures delivered (outside JNU)	1086
• No. of National / International Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops organized	454
• No. of International Seminars/ Conferences in which faculty participated	415
• No. of National Seminars/ Conferences in which faculty participated	1544
• No. of National/ International Awards/ Honours/ Fellowships	134

SPONSORED-PROJECTS: Information regarding projects during 01.04.2017 to 31.03.2018

1. No. of Projects Sanctioned/Sponsored	: 42
2. Total Amount Received	: Rs. 32,17,01,253.82
3. Projects Completed	: 34

Projects sanctioned: Scheme of UGC under 2nd phase of University with Potential of Excellence (UPoE-Phase. II):

No. of Projects under UPE-II Scheme	354
No. of faculty members involved	471
No. of projects completed	32
Total amount allocated	Rs. 32,00,00,000

DEGREES / CERTIFICATES AWARDED:

Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates awarded during the period 1 April, 2017 to 31 March, 2018:

Jawaharlal Nehru University

(1) Ph.D.	: 622
(2) M.Phil.	: 613
(3) M.Tech (Computer Science/SIT)	: 23
(4) M.A.	: 832
(5) M.Sc./MCA/MPH	: 124
(6) B.A. (Hons.)/(Pass)	: 264
(7) Advance Diploma/Diploma/ Certificates	: 84

Recognized Institutions

(1) B.A. (Hons.)/(Pass) (Recognised Defence Institutions)	: 190
(2) B.Sc. (Recognised Defence Institutions)	: 200
(3) B.Tech (Recognised Defence Institutions)	: 573
(4) M.Tech (Recognised Defence Institutions)	: 31
(5) B. Sc (Comp.Sciences)	: 287
(6) M.A. (Recognised Institutions)	: 193

STUDENTS:

Details of students' strength on the rolls of the University are given in the Annual Report. Total students' strength as on 31 August, 2017 was 8082.

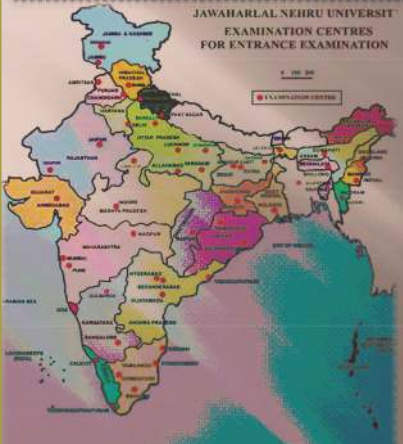
The students of the University are drawn from all parts of the country and are representative of the linguistic, religious, caste, and economic plurality of Indian society. The data in respect of the reporting period 2017-2018 is given below:-

Gender Profile	Social Profile	Programmes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Male 3927 Female 4155 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled Caste – 1171 Scheduled Tribe – 611 OBC – 2577 Physically Challenged – 203 Others – Foreign Nationals – 328 General – 3192 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research (M.Phil., Ph.D./ M.Tech./Ph.D./ Director Ph.D.) 459 Graduate (M.A./ M.Sc/MCA) 2291 Undergraduate (B.A. Hons.) 1053 Part Time (Undergraduate Level) 144

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ADMISSIONS:

JNU Entrance Examinations for the 2017-2018 admissions were conducted from May 16 to 19, 2017 at 80 Centers in 53 different cities



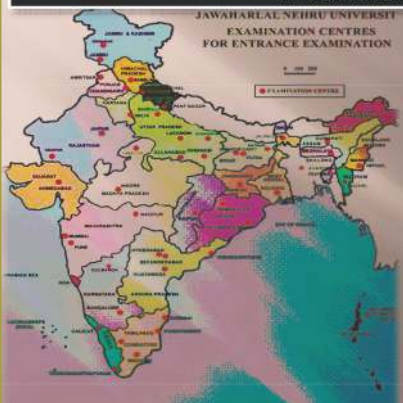
Admissions

Entrance Exam

- Ph.D.
- M.Phil/ Ph.D
- M.Tech
- MPH
- M.A/M.Sc / M.C.A
- B. A (Hons.)
- Biotechnology (M.Sc)

- NET Qualified (JRFs)
- PGDE
- Part-Time Programs
- Foreign Nationals
 - (Through Entrance)
 - (In Absentia)
- Casual Students
- Deferred Admissions from Last Year

JNU Entrance Examinations for the 2018-2019 admissions were conducted from December 27th to 30th December, 2017 at 77 Centers in 50 different cities



Admissions

Entrance Exam

- Ph.D.
- M.Phil/ Ph.D
- M.Tech
- MPH
- M.A/M.Sc / M.C.A
- B. A (Hons.)
- Biotechnology (M.Sc)

- PGDE
- Part-Time Programs
- Foreign Nationals
 - (Through Entrance)
 - (In Absentia)
- Casual Students
- Deferred Admissions from Last Year

The number of candidates who joined various programmes during the academic year, 2017 was 1822. This number went up to 2250 in 2018.

Creation of New Schools/ Centres:

- School of Engineering.
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management and Entrepreneurship.
- Upgradation of Special Centre of Sanskrit Studies to the level of a full-fledged School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies.
- Special Centre for the North East India Studies.
- Special Centre for Disaster Research.
- Special Centre for E-Learning.
- Special Centre for National Security Studies.

New Programmes Introduced in 2017-18:

- M.Phil./Ph.D in Kannada: School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies.

- PG Diploma in Big Data Analytics: School of Computational and Integrative Sciences.
- Certificate of Proficiency in Sanskrit Computational Linguistics: Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies (now School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies).
- M.Sc. in Chemistry: School of Physical Sciences.
- M.Tech in Statistical Computing (Data Science & Data Communication): School of Computer & Systems Sciences.
- M.Tech in Nanoscience & Nanoelectronics: Special Centre for Nano Sciences.

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- Certificate of Proficiency in Mongolian; and Certificate of Proficiency in Hebrew: School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies.
- Certificate of Proficiency in Sanskrit; Certificate of Proficiency in Yoga Philosophy; and Certificate of Proficiency in Vedic Culture: School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies
- 5-year Dual Degree programme (B.Tech+M.Tech/MS) in Computer Science and Engineering; and Electronic and Communication Engineering, School of Engineering.

UNIVERSITY RANKING:

- NAAC team visited JNU during 9-11 October, 2017 for 2nd cycle of JNU's accreditation. JNU has been awarded the highest grade of A++. This is the second consecutive highest grade since the University applied for NAAC accreditation in 2012.
- Ranked 2nd in University category of Government of India, MHRD-India ranking 2018 under (National Institutional Ranking Framework).
- Ranked 6th in Overall Category, India Ranking, 2018 (National Institutional Ranking Framework)
- The Centre for Studies in Science Policy (CSSP) in JNU ranks amongst the top Science and Technology Think Tanks for 2017 around the world, according to an annual report compiled by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Programme (TTCSP) of the University of Pennsylvania, USA.

Recognitions / Awards:

Several faculty and students have won prestigious awards and have got recognitions for their academic and research contributions. Besides, a number of JNU faculty have been appointed to top positions both in Government and academic

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institutions as Vice-Chancellors/ Directors of reputed Universities/ Institutes.

Communication and Information Services (CIS):

- CIS has activated Knowledge Management System (KMS) module of eOffice for JNU students. Now, the students with disabilities can access students' related circulars/ documents/ notifications, etc. through URLs.
- E-governance programme has been working satisfactorily with about 90% work being done through this system. The focus is to make its usage 100%.
- Many micro-websites for new initiatives of JNU have been developed and linked with JNU main website
- Strengthening of audio-video contents using web casting for special lectures delivered by distinguished personalities from time to time.
- Upgradation of internet bandwidth, e-mail system to 10 GBPs with high availability, ICT-infrastructure used for various academic and administrative activities.
- **CIS has implemented video-conferencing System at 8 locations in the campus which can connect globally with other institutions.**



Launch of online Bio-Organic Chemistry course under JNU eLMP



Launching of School of Engineering website.



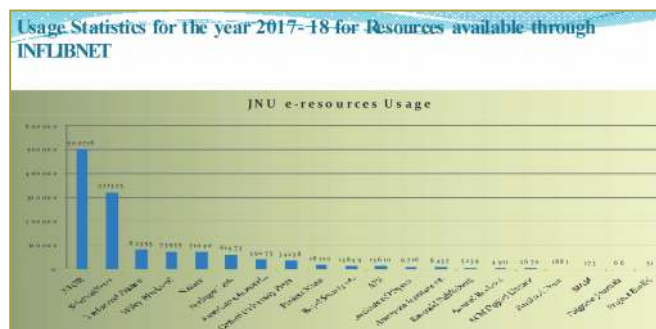
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Central Library:

Collection Development and the Helen Keller Unit:

- Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Central Library procured 1244 Print Books, 30 e-Books, 2 CD ROM- 32 online databases.
- 48 Newspapers and 51 Print Magazines
- Desktop Computers 30
- JAWS 30 on each computer
- Kurzweil 1000 30 on each computer
- Computer headphones 30 to each Computer
- HP flatbed scanners 20 to each computer
- LexCam Scanners 02
- Refreshable Braille Display 02
- Braille Embossors 02

New initiatives:

- Library Users Attendance System
- Digital Library for Visually Impaired Students is at final stage for launch.
- Gyan Ganga @ JNU (An Institutional Repository of Faculty Publications) is under development.
- Steps initiated for implementation of Biometric Attendance System of Students and staff at Library.
- Initiative has been taken for installation of CCTV Cameras in Reading Halls and at stack areas of Library.
- CD/DVD search interface (Intranet) is under development.



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Archives on Contemporary History: Creation of Digital Archive:

During 2017-18, Archives on Contemporary History created a digital archive with 7539 documents. Some of the rare and unpublished documents preserved in the Archives have been digitized and made available to the researchers and students within the JNU campus in 2017.

Massive Open Online Course (MOOCs):

- Some of our faculty have created e-Contents for their course work under the ePathshala scheme of UGC.
- JNU faculty is also willing to offer existing courses 'online' under MOOCs, which is a very important way of imparting quality 'online' education. The University has created a Special Centre for E-Learning (SCEL) in which faculty Members from various Schools offering online courses would be associated.

Global Studies Programme:

The Global Studies Programme (GSP) in JNU has entered the fifteenth year in 2017. The Centre for the Study of Social Systems has been a founding member of this intercultural MA programme that spans 5 continents. The programme has succeeded in blending the autonomy of participating institutions in various locations while retaining a broad curricular structure in the social sciences.

Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNIAS):

During 2017-18, JNIAS offered 20 Fellowships to academics from around 13 countries. The Fellows interacted with various Centres/Schools of the University and also took part in the Seminar Series at the institute organizing more than 22 events/ activities.

INTER-HALL ADMINISTRATION:

Major Achievements:

- All students (boys & girls), who had taken admission for the academic year 2017-18, have been accommodated in hostels (Rooms/Dormitories).
- All SC/ST/Foreign National and PWD students (boys & girls) have been allotted hostels on the very same day of admission.
- New dormitory for boys has been opened to accommodate the outstation students last year in Damodar Hostel.
- Three dormitories i.e. one each in Narmada Extension (for girls), Sabarmati Hostel (for girls) and in Lohit Hostel (for boys) are under construction.

- Block 'A' of Damodar Hostel is under construction exclusively for Engineering Students.
- The foundation stone for one of mega hostel named Saraswati exclusive for girls and one hostel named Barak for boys has been laid. These two hostels are expected to be constructed in the next 2-3 years.
- Sports in various disciplines are part of regular activities.
- JNU Health Centre is making valuable contribution in extending the health facilities to students and serving and retired employees.

Cultural Activities:

JNU has various clubs under its Cultural Committee performing various activities, namely:

- Photography workshop on the theme 'Rangrasiya' was conducted and the winners were awarded at the workshop.



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION & WORKSHOP

JNU Photography Club is organizing a Photography Competition on the theme of "RANG RASIYA". The competition will culminate in a one day workshop which will be conducted by:



MR. SONDEEP SHANKAR
(Photojournalist, Press Council of India)

We cordially invite you to take part in the Photography Contest and be a part of the Photography Workshop.

Date: 1st April 2017
Time: 11 AM- 2 PM
Venue: Room 133, New SL Building

GUIDELINES:

- ❑ Photographs taken from all sorts of cameras and phones are allowed. You can bring any device for the workshop also.
- ❑ Only one entry per person is allowed.
- ❑ Basic editing of photographs is allowed (no filters).
- ❑ Mention your name, department and ID number for both events.
- ❑ Entries must be submitted in either .jpg or .jpeg format.
- ❑ All entries will be judged by Mr. Sondeep Shankar and the results will be announced during the workshop.
- ❑ Send your entries to us ajnu photographyclub@gmail.com
- ❑ Last date of entries-29th March 2017 (till midnight).

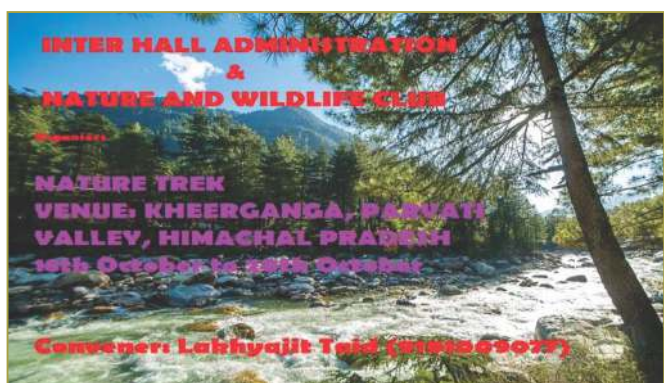
Register yourself for the workshop by sending us your details on our email ID.

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- A 'talk & discussion' on 'Indian Classical Aesthetics'.



- A visit to Combined Action for Progress to understand the ground reality regarding the degree of awareness for education among the children living in slum areas and to serve the society for an inclusive growth.
- Collaborated with SPIC MACAY and organized a SPIC MACAY orientation programme laying the foundation of SPIC MACAY JNU Chapter.
- Conducted a nature trek to Kheerganga, Parvati valley, in Himachal Pradesh.



- Literary Club completed its 'Public Lecture' titled 'Human Trafficking in India & State-Civil Society Interface' and 'Political Activities and Associated Violation of Human Rights' in association with National Human Rights & Crime Control Bureau.

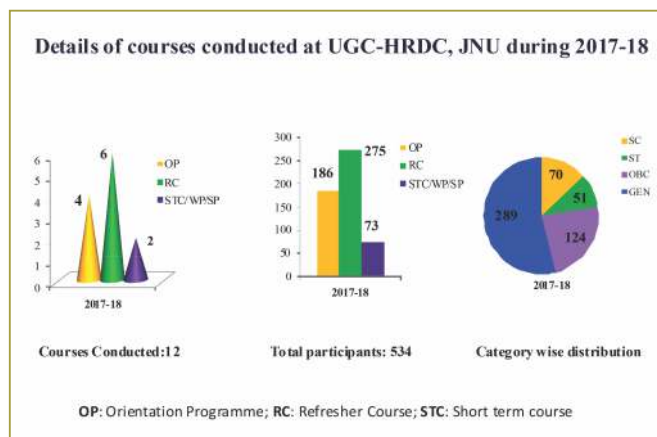


FELLOWSHIPS:

- 90-95 % of students receive one or the other Scholarship/ Fellowship. Besides, a number of fellowships/ scholarships/ awards have been sponsored by various agencies / distinguished personalities.

UGC- Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC):

During the year under report, HRDC conducted following courses:



Institutional Ethics Review Board (IERB):

IERB reviewed 40 research proposals received from various Schools/ Centres and approved 39 such proposals. Besides, IERB held a one-day conference on Ethics in Public Service on 13 September 2017.

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International Collaboration:

A large number of Universities from all over the world are seeking academic collaboration with JNU. This is essential for pooling and exchange of information, for sharing of experiences, resources and research findings. During the year under report, 17 Memorandum of Understanding and 15 Agreement of Cooperation (AoC) were signed with various foreign Universities/ Institutions.

Activities of various Cells:

Activities of IPM, AIRF, Linguistic Empowerment Cell (LEC), Mathematical Empowerment Cell, IQAC etc., are reported every year in this august body. These initiatives can in other words be termed as Skill Development Schemes or Kaushal Kendras because of their significance and the important role these Cells are playing in empowering the students. I would like to report their activities and achievements to update the Members.

IPM CELL:

Patents (04)

- **Pareek Ashwani**, Hybrid-type Histidine Kinase Gene Isolated from Indica Rice IR64, and Clones Produced Thereby. Patent granted in USA (USPTO number US 9,234,189 B2)
- **Pareek Ashwani**, Hybrid-type Histidine Kinase Gene Isolated from Indica Rice IR64, and Clones Produced Thereby. Patent granted in Europe (EP number EP 09806540.2)
- **Pareek Ashwani**, Hybrid-type Histidine Kinase Gene Isolated from Indica Rice IR64, and Clones Produced Thereby. Patent granted in Philippines (1-2011-500293)
- **Pareek Ashwani**, Hybrid-type Histidine Kinase Gene Isolated from Indica Rice IR64, and Clones Produced Thereby. Patent granted in China (ZL 2009 8 01312544)

Advanced Instrumentation Research Faculty (AIRF):

Ministry of Science, Department of Biotechnology have recently sanctioned a major project of Rs. 4.58 crore (approx.) "JNU-DBT National Training and Skill Development Facility for state of the art equipment used in industry and academics", to Advanced Instrumentation Research Faculty (AIRF).

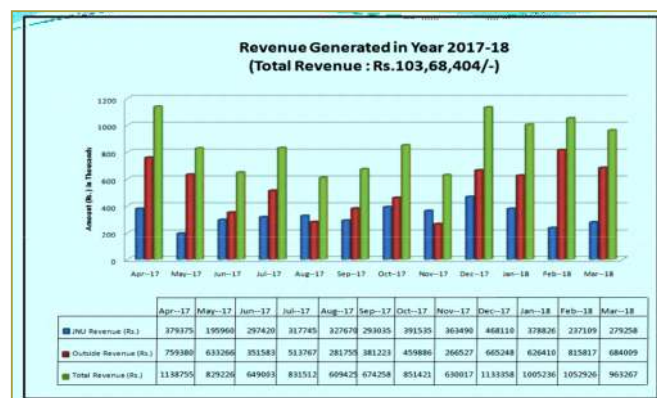
Objectives of this facility are:

- 1) to provide classroom theoretical and practical training

by conducting seminars/ workshops / advanced courses for researchers/ faculty members;

- 2) to Contribute to the intellectual input in research to aid innovation/ process development leading to patents/ publications/ international scientific recognitions; and
- 3) to expand, upgrade and maintain a state-of-the-art instrumentation facility catering to the scientific community of JNU and other universities/ research organizations, to ensure quality research at affordable costs.

Achievements of AIRF during the year under report are illustrated below:-



Linguistic Empowerment Cell:

Linguistic Empowerment Cell (LEC) is a unique capacity building system evolved by JNU to empower the students, a very heterogeneous population, coming from different sections of the society and remote regions of the country who get admission with deprivation points system of JNU. LEC runs courses in English, Hindi and Sanskrit Languages to Indian and foreign students. Indian Sign Language is a new and notable programme offered by LEC. And now, LEC is all set to offer 'English Language Training for Foreign diplomats and professionals under ITEC-MEA programme' from the next

academic session, sponsored by Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Mathematical & Computational Empowerment Cell:

A fair degree of competence and skill in the application of mathematical, statistical and computational frameworks have become indispensable for pursuing advanced academic research in any discipline. Recognizing this fact, JNU established a Mathematical and Computational Empowerment Cell (a university- level programme) in 2012. The Cell works directly under the university's administrative control as a university facility.

In fulfillment of this objective, the M&CEC offers courses (Basic & Advance levels) on:

- (1) Mathematics
- (2) Probability & Statistics
- (3) Computational Techniques and Data Analysis

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC):

IQAC was established in January, 2012 to promote measures for institutional functioning towards quality enhancement through internalization of quality culture and institutionalization of best practices in the university. The Committee meets periodically to assess the system of promotion and suggest ways to resolve anomalies in the API system and improve functioning of IQAC. However, IQAC with its limited resources has been able to focus on the following issues of urgent and immediate nature:

- Faculty Recruitment – Direct & Promotion under CAS
- Preparation of AQAR and NAAC related activities

JNU Alumni Affairs Cell & Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ):

The Alumni office and AAJ organized a number of activities during the year, to develop Alumni Network of JNU. The objective is to foster close bonds among JNU alumni across the globe as also between the JNU alumni and the University. At present, 7 Members of Parliament are JNU alumni; two are holding ministerial positions. JNU takes pride in the achievements of its alumni.

Equal Opportunity Office:

Equal Opportunity Office (EEO) is the first of its kind in the country to aid and advise students belonging to marginalized sections including the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, other backward classes, minority communities, persons with disabilities, etc. pursuing various programmes of study.

Additional facilities made available to visually/ physically impaired students during the year include the following:

- Angle Daisy Players: 90 to all Visually Impaired Students
- Laptops: 90 to all Visually Impaired Students
- Wheelchairs: 15 (for Physically challenged students)
- Locker facility to all visually / physically challenged students on demand
- Blind sticks for visually impaired students.

The Equal Opportunity Office has been committed to fulfilling its mandate of maintaining social harmony among various sections of the University community. Whenever any case of social discrimination is brought before the Equal Opportunity Office, it is thoroughly investigated and examined and suitable action is recommended. In order to further strengthen the mechanism of ensuring equal opportunity and to check cases of discrimination, Rector-I has been nominated as Anti-Discriminatory Officer.

Remedial Classes

The Centres/Schools conduct Remedial Classes for SC/ST/OBC (NC) minority community students as per UGC Scheme. The main objective of these classes is to make up the deficiency in the core subjects and optional subjects; improve academic skills; raise level of comprehension of basic subjects as well as to provide stronger foundation for further academic work and to strengthen their knowledge' skills in such subjects where quantitative and qualitative and laboratory activities are involved.

Internal Complaints Committee (ICC):

Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) was constituted by the Executive Council on 18 September, 2017 for the purpose of dealing with sexual harassment cases. in line with the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (prevention, prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and the University Grants Commission (prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2015, as notified by MHRD on 2 May, 2016. A link of ICC has been created on the JNU website which has all the ICC rules, formats, names of ICC members and relevant information.

ICC has designed special posters, banners about Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition: and Redressal) Act, 2013 [SHWW(PPR)] adopted by JNU and fixed it in all over the academic area, shopping centres, near dhabas, near faculty housing, hostels, banks. The ICC has conducted the following 4 events since 18 September, 2017

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- Self Defense Training Programme (23-31 October, 2017)
- Poster Making, Essay Writing & Poetry Competition (8 March, 2018)
- International Women's Day (8 March, 2018)

Infrastructure:

The Engineering Department in JNU looks after the works of Civil, Electrical, Horticulture & Telephone Cell and is assigned the job of operation and maintenance of support systems i.e. Construction of new buildings, renovation/repair of existing buildings, electricity supply & maintenance, water supply, horticulture maintenance including new plantation, maintenance of internal roads, street lights day-to-day development works, etc for smooth running of academic activities.

A. Projects completed during 2017-18

1. Horizontal extension of Hostel block at Old CRS Building, JNU.
2. Vertical expansion of Study Block at Old CRS in JNU.
3. Vertical expansion of SPS Building.
4. Construction of footpath on right hand side from East Gate to Admin. Block at JNU.
5. 100 KWP Solar Photo Voltaic Power plant for Admn. Block & SSS-III.
6. Construction of Temporary dormitory (Pre-Engineered Structure) near Tefla, Narmada and Lohit Hostel.
7. Repair and resurfacing of internal roads of Campus.
8. Renovation of Auditorium of School of Life Sciences.
9. Providing & Fixing 350 Nos. LED compound lighting in the Uttrakhand & Dakshinapuram area.
10. Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) of 500 KLD near Saraswatipuram.
11. Development of Children park at Saraswatipuram, JNU.
12. Installation of 9-10 watt LED Bollards on the footpath from East Gate to Admin Block, JNU.
13. Installation of 20000 LPD capacity Solar Water Heating System for Koyana, Shipra, Godavari Hostels

B. Projects started during 2017-18 and in Progress:

1. Installation of barrier free lifts in Academic & Hostel Buildings.
2. Fire Alarm & Protection System for Central Library, School of Environmental Sciences & School of Life Sciences.

3. Construction of new underground sump in replacement of Old underground sump in front of Aravali International Guest House.
4. Installation of 500 KWP Solar Power Plant at various Academic buildings under PPA Mode.

C. New projects at the planning stage:

1. Construction of School of Engineering & School of Management and Entrepreneurships at JNU.
2. Vertical expansion of School of Law & Governance building, IHA building and AIRF building, JNU.
3. C/o 300 KLD Sewage Treatment Plant at Uttrakhand residential area.

D. New Project submitted to Local Authorities but awaiting approvals:

Drawings/documents of the following new projects have submitted to local authorities but their approval is awaited from different departments like, DDA, Forest Department etc:

1. C/o New Hostel (Saraswati Hostel)
2. Construction of Trans-disciplinary Academic Building.
3. Expansion of Advanced Instrumentation Research Facility (AIRF) Building.
4. C/o North East Hostel (Barak Hostel) to accommodate Students funded by the Department of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Govt. of India.

New Initiatives:-

- Decided to conduct computer based entrance examination, for admission to various programmes of the University for the academic year 2019-20.
- Conducted its 2nd Convocation on 8 August, 2018 to confer Ph.D degrees to the students of the University who completed their Ph.D programme successfully between 1 January, 2017 to 30 June, 2018
- The four MOOC delivery courses have been added under MOOC project on Swayam Portal, governed by Human Resource Development Ministry and UGC.
 1. Hindi Sahitya Ka Itihas
 2. Aadhunik Kavya, Khand-2
 3. Hindi Bhasha Ka Udbhav Aur Vikas
- Decided to explore the possibility of starting a satellite campus outside Capital.
- Established a Chair in Odia Language in the School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies funded by

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Government of Odisha. Now, there are 17 Chairs; 9 functional and for remaining 8, search process for appointment is underway.

- To institute annual Alumni Award to honour distinguished alumni of JNU
- Start-Up India Programme: Some faculty have taken interest in start-up India programs and have submitted proposals in this regard.
- Creation of Professional Development Fund (PDF) in Project Cell to put PI's share of university over head charges in this fund which can be used by the faculty member concerned till his/ her retirement from the university.
- Online applications for setting up of Incubation Centre under Atal Innovation Mission: "Atal Incubation Centres" and Scale-up support to establish Incubation Centre.
- Roads in the names of following personalities.
 1. Birsa Munda Marg
 2. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Marg
 3. C.V. Raman Marg
 4. Rani Gaidinliu
 5. Vivekanand Marg
 6. Abhinava Gupta Marg
 7. Savitri Bai Phule Marg
 8. Aryabhata Marg
 9. Dhyan Chand Marg
 10. Sushruta Marg
 11. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Marg
 12. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Marg
- Initiated a landmark green project on campus and introduced E-Rickshaw Service to facilitate eco-friendly mobility for commuters on the campus to reduced pollution and congestion in the campus, and to discourage people from using motorized vehicles within the campus. To promote women entrepreneurship and gender friendly ambience in the campus in the coming months, all E-Rickshaws will be driven by female drivers.
- Inaugurated app-based Campus Bicycle Sharing Scheme in JNU on 2 October, 2018. This is a most lucrative, cost effective and student friendly scheme to promote health and eco-friendly movement in the campus.

- Decided to install statue of Swami Vivekananda at an appropriate location in the campus.
- Installed 100 KWp rooftop solar photovoltaic power plant at the roof top of the administration building (50 KWp) and at the School of Social Sciences-III (50 Kwp). The 100 KWp solar power plant shall generate 400-450 units of green power daily for about 300 days in a year. Total annual green power generation is projected to be around 1.2 to 1.5 lakhs units. Work in other academic buildings is to be initiated shortly.
- Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) is a joint venture company of Canara Bank and Ministry of Human Resource Development Govt. HEFA provides financial assistance for creation of educational infrastructure and R&D in India's premier educational Institutions. JNU has applied for funds under this Scheme to build infrastructure and other major facilities. The Scheme has been endorsed by the Finance Committee and the Executive Council.

JNU aims to equip students with multi-disciplinary knowledge and inter-disciplinary skills to be able to not only study these problems, but also look for solutions to meet near challenges.

Online learning is pervading higher education, compelling educators to review existing assumptions of teaching and learning in higher education. It is in this context and to meet growing expectations and demands for higher quality learning experiences and outcomes, that JNU has established a Special Centre for E-Learning which, in the years to come, is expected to play an important role in imparting quality education to those who are not in a position to get admission to pursue studies through regular mode.

An interface with the industry can benefit a university in terms of involvement of industry in projects, sponsorship of chair positions and setting up of incubation centres and laboratories. The R&D Cell created last year is exploring all these possibilities.

Finally, I would like to thank the Chancellor once again for continuous guidance, support and motivation and to all my faculty colleagues, officers, students and support staff for their cooperation during the year under report.

Thank you all once again.

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New Appointments/ Deans/ Directors/ Chairpersons

- Prof. Shandar Ahmad as Dean, School of Computational and Integrative Sciences, for a period of two years.
- Prof. Ajay Kumar Dubey, Centre for African Studies, School of International Studies, re-appointed as Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study (JNIAS), for a period of two years w.e.f 29/12/2018 to 28/12/2020.
- Prof. Ranjana Banerjee as Chairperson, Centre for Russian Studies, School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies, for a period of two years.
- Prof. Mazhar Asif as Chairperson, Centre of Persian and Central Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies, for a period of two years.
- Prof. Phool Badan as Chairperson, Centre for Russian &

Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies, for a period of two years.

- Dr. Priti Singh as Chairperson, Centre for Canadian, US and Latin American Studies, School of International Studies, for a period of two years.

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Retirements/ Resignations/ Voluntary Retirements

- Prof. Binod Kumar Khadria, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences.
- Prof. K. S. James, Centre for Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences.
- Sh. Umrao Singh, Cook, Periyar Hostel.
- Smt. Ishwari Devi, MTS (Office Attendant) Central Library.
- Smt. Sumirta, Mess Helper, Ganga Hostel.
- Smt. Maina Wati, Sanitary Guide, Sabarmati Hostel.

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► **Prof. Sharad K Soni**, Chairperson, Centre for Inner Asian Studies, School of International Studies & Director, International Collaboration, Jawaharlal Nehru University has



been conferred with Bharat Ratna Atal Behari Vajpayee Excellence Award for his outstanding individual achievements and distinguished services to the nation in the field of education at an event organized by India International Friendship Society at IIC, New Delhi on 24 December, 2018.



► The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics is pleased to award the Dr. S. R. Sen Biennial Prize Award a Prize of Rs. 15,000 to **Prof. Seema Bathla**, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, SSS for her book "Trade Liberalisation and Indian Agriculture" which is adjudged by a

Jury of eminent economists as the best book on Agricultural Economics and Rural Development published during 2011 and 2012. The Award is funded by an endowment of Rs. One Lakh, given by late Dr. Samarajan Sen. Dr. Sen is distinguished for his academic writings on Indian Agriculture and for his contributions as administrator, policy maker and diplomat.

This biennial prize is awarded to Dr. Seema Bathla at the Awards Ceremony held at the 78th Annual Conference of the Society under the auspices of Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi at NASC Complex, IFPRI, New Delhi on 1 November, 2018.

► SBT Research Scholar Priyanka Singh Receives European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) Award

Ms. Priyanka Singh, Ph.D. Student working in the laboratory of Prof. Rajiv Bhat at the School of Biotechnology has received a competitive and prestigious European Molecular Biology (EMBO) short-term Fellowship award of Euro 8000 to carry out advanced research in the Michael Barber Centre for Collaborative Mass Spectrometry, Manchester Institute of Biotechnology, UK, one of the best Mass Spectrometry facilities in the world. Ms. Priyanka would carry out work on the effect of some neurotransmitters on the Parkinson's disease protein alpha-synuclein using ion-mobility Mass spectrometry technique to unravel different conformational variants in the alpha

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synuclein aggregation process related to Parkinson's disease in association with renowned mass spectroscopist and Director of the Centre Prof. Perdita Barran.

► **Mr. Balasubramani G L**, Ph.D Student working under the supervision of Dr. Abhinav Grover, SBT, JNU, recently presented a poster in conference entitled "National

Conference on Alternatives to Animals Experiments-NCAAE-2018", which got the best poster award for my research work. The title of the title of the poster was "Drug repurposing approach to identify novel inhibitors for targeting DNA gyrase in Mycobacterium tuberculosis: Insights from Biophysical and Biochemical Studies".

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Collaboration with South Korean and National Academy of Sciences

On 22 November, 2018 a high powered South Korean delegation comprising Prof. Kim Dong Ki, President, The National Academy of Sciences, Prof. Park Sang-Dai, Vice-President, The National Academy of Sciences, Prof. Lee Hyun Jae, Former Prime Minister of Korea and Professor Emeritus, Seoul National University, Prof. Kim Sang Joo, Professor Emeritus, Seoul National University, Prof. Kwun Sook-II, Professor Emeritus, Seoul National University, Prof. Oh Byung Nam, Director, Division of Humanities & Social Sciences, National Academy of Sciences, Korea visited Jawaharlal Nehru University and discussed various collaborative avenues. In the meeting, it was deliberated upon holding Joint Seminars, Workshops, Symposiums, Joint Degree Program and Research in the areas of Natural Sciences. To initiate the activities, a joint symposium was planned in the area of Life Sciences/Genomics in JNU under the co-ordinatorship of Prof. Rana P Singh, Rector-III, JNU.

The National Academy of Sciences, Republic of Korea, is one of the reputed national organizations of distinguished Korean scientists and scholars. Its primary objective is to promote learning and research in all areas of sciences by conferring membership and recognition to those who have made outstanding contributions for the advancement of sciences and technology. The aim of the Academy is to promote Korean research and development through active academic exchanges with other international academies.

The meeting was also attended by Mr. S. B. Yang, Chief Executive Coordinator, Hyundai Motor India Limited and Mr. Young Jin Ahn, Executive Director, Hyundai Motor India Limited.

The meeting was presided by Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, JNU. The Vice Chancellor welcomed the delegation and stressed upon a wider collaboration on

research and academics including dual degree program and joint fellowship programs.

**Rupesh Chaturvedi, Director
Research & Development**

3rd Annual Open Day Celebrated



Jawaharlal Nehru University, 30 November, 2018 celebrated its 3rd Annual Open Day popularly known as Jan Jan JNU, as part of its outreach program committed to integrate and motivate school students into higher education. The event held in the convention centre of the University was well attended by students and teachers from prominent schools in Delhi & NCR, including Kendriya Vidyalaya. Dr. Jitendra



Singh, MoS for Development of NE Region and MoS for PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy & Space graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Prof. Shandar

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Ahmad, the convener of the programme introduced the programme. Prof. SC Garkoti, Rector II and Chairman of the Open Day welcomed the Chief Guest, young students from various schools and other guests. Prof. M Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, encouraged students to ignite their zest for higher studies for the betterment of the society. He fuelled



inspiration in young minds by asking them to think critically for problem solving on SHAPE (Security, Health, Agriculture, pedagogy and Environment) towards strengthening the nation. In his inaugural address of the program Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasised on inculcating a progressive and learning mindset with zero compromise on the idea of Nationalism. The event showcased the research programs in JNU by way of posters, exhibits, live demonstrations and visits to academic buildings. The ambience of the sunlit warm lawns was dotted with vibrant multiple interactions between the hundreds of inquisitive school students and the university research students. The well-appreciated event ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Meenakshi Dua.

S.C. Garkoti, Rector II

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Visit of Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Republic of Iraq H.E. Mr. Abdel Razzak Jalil Al Issa

The Centre of Arabic and African Studies organised a special lecture on 5 October, 2018. The speaker of the lecture was the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research H.E. Mr. Abdel Razzak Jalil Al Issa of the Republic of Iraq who was



visiting India. In the programme Prof A Basheer Ahmad, Chairperson of the Centre of Arabic and African Studies introduced the visiting minister of Iraq and recalled the Indo Iraq relations through the ages. The Minister spoke on "Higher Education after Daesh (IS)".

Dr. Issa started his speech by thanking the CAAS Faculty members and students for inviting him to visit JNU and deliver a lecture. He gave a thorough Power Point presentation on the topic and took the entire audience into a tour of Iraq after Daesh occupation of parts of Iraq. He elucidated the restructuring of the institutional facilities



and rebuilding the annihilated infrastructure of educational institutions of Iraq. At the end of the lecture the minister took questions from the faculty and students and answered them well.

On this occasion, the Cultural Attaché of the Embassy of the Republic Iraq in New Delhi, Dr. Mushatak Shakir also spoke and acknowledged India's relations with Iraq and ascertained the cultural ties between the countries. After the lecture, CAAS Chairperson Prof Basheer Ahmad presented a memorandum to the education minister of Iraq for strengthening educational collaboration between Iraq and India.

The visiting Minister also released the CAAS's Annual Journal "Dirasaat Arabia" at the end of his lecture.

The lecture ended with the vote of thanks by Prof. Mujeebur Rahman, former chairperson of the centre.

**Mohamamd Ajmal, Assistant Professor
Centre of Arabic and African Studies/SLL&CS**

Report of the discussion between members of the Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ) and members of the SIS MA Batch of 1991-93, 27 October, 2018

The Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ) organized the Silver Reunion of the SIS MA Batch of 1991-93 on 27 October, 2018 in the old building of the School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi. After a gap of 25 years, 17 students returned to their alma mater to remember their two years spent as students of the MA course of the SIS. Over two days they met, chatted, walked down memory lane, and enjoyed each other's company.

On the 27th evening under the guidance of Dr. Aprajita Kashyap of the Centre for Latin American Studies of the SIS, the members of the group first met in the M.S. Venkataramani Hall of the school where over a cup of tea old friends exchanged what they have been doing since they completed the master's programme. Next they proceeded to take a round of the university campus, past the university library, Gopalan's canteen, the newly established cycle shed to the Parthasarathy Rocks, a favourite place for all past and present students of the university.

After this the group proceeded to the Convention Centre of the university where they met Prof. K. P. Vijayalakshmi of the SIS, presently the President of the Alumni Association, who apprised them of the excellent work that AAJ is doing. She also talked about the need to draw in as much funding as possible for the management of the work of the Association. The necessity to financially contribute to the maintenance of the students' hostels was also discussed. After being presented very nice mementos, the group proceeded to Dr. Kashyap's home – she is presently a Warden of Godavari Hostel – for another round of nostalgia peddling over drinks and snacks after which the members of the group proceeded to the university's cafeteria for an excellent dinner.

For lunch on the 28th afternoon the group was taken to the Civil Services Officer's Institute where over an excellent Chinese meal and mocktails, the group members indulged in the exchange of more old stories. After some more photographs were taken, the group dispersed promising to hold similar reunions more frequently.

Returning to the discussion at the Convention Centre, the members under the guidance of the chair, Prof. Vijayalakshmi, mostly talked about the absolute necessity to contribute significantly to the upkeep of the hostels where nearly all the members of this group have lived from anywhere between 2 to 8 years. In the early 1990s there were only four clusters of hostels inside what was then called the new campus: the

first cluster had Ganga, Sutlej and Jhelum, the second cluster had Godavari, Kaveri and Periyar, the third cluster had Narmada and Sabarmati, and the fourth cluster had Brahmapurtra and Mahanadi. Several more hostels have been built since then. Of course, the maintenance of these hostels is the JNU Development Office's responsibility, but the Association does have a responsibility to contribute to the maintenance of all these hostels.

In the course of the discussion, which was short but fruitful, a number of suggestions were offered by the members of the group with regard to how a large corpus fund can be built to maintain excellent hostels for the students. Firstly, it was suggested that similar reunions should be held more regularly, drawing in the participation of many more members of the batch.

Secondly, it was suggested that a corpus should be built with the aid of the contributions to be made for this purpose. This money can be deposited in a bank account of the Association. Periodically, AAJ Legacy Giving Weekends, later to be named after an eminent academician of the university, may be run by the Association for raising donations. The sums to be sent to the account of the Association need not always be too large. Any amount from Rs. 1,000/- upwards is most welcome. The advantage of keeping the cut-off for contribution low is to attract as much funding as possible. Of course, the Association will be happy if a contributor chooses to give a handsome sum of Rs. 10,000/- upwards. The members of the Association may also want to seek financial help from corporate houses that may be interested in the development of the university campus.

Thirdly, the money that may accrue from this effort should be used for the maintenance of the hostels only. The hostel rooms, identified for upgrade, will be the common room, mess and kitchen, and washrooms. The common rooms do need to be upgraded with better facilities, including a new TV set, more comfortable seating arrangements, such as a new sofa set and a carpet, a small library, consisting of books to be suggested by the students and teachers. Earlier due to the absence of sporting facilities inside the campus, at least a table tennis board used to be kept in one corner of the common room. Now, with the building of the playing field, a sports complex and tennis courts in the campus, students may not need to have such sporting facilities inside their respective hostels. This would immediately increase space inside the hostels to be used for other activities, such as accommodating administrative offices.

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Fourthly, it was felt in the meeting that the mess and the kitchen definitely need to be upgraded. Providing better seating arrangements and more water coolers with new water purification facilities in the mess and maintaining a clean kitchen with all modern cooking appliances was felt to be the objective of the members of the discussant group. In the context of the maintenance of the overall cleanliness of the hostels, it was correctly suggested that washrooms in the hostels need to be cleaned up and facilities for providing hot and cold water should be made more frequently available than before.

Fifthly, and finally the members discussed the need to address the question of extreme heat in the hostels during the summer months. In this context it was suggested that all the hostel rooms may be provided with at least a plug point so that individual students may have the freedom to install their own air-coolers and room heaters according to the season. This means that recurring charges, especially electricity bills of the hostels, would double, if not treble, every month due to excess power consumption, but the aim of the fund managers should be to realize that sum from the growing interest accruing from the corpus.

In conclusion, these measures were suggestions only, meant to be debated thoroughly before being considered for implementation. The success of their implementation necessarily depends upon the willingness of the former students to not only contribute handsomely to the fund, but also to show the eagerness to coordinate on behalf of the Association from their respective towns and cities. For this purpose the office-bearers of the Association could consider appointing honorary coordinators, who would act as points of contacts (POC) for members of the Association. Such an arrangement should facilitate speedy and efficient administration of the work of the association.

Aprajita Kashyap, Assistant Professor

Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies, SIS

A Report – Young Researchers' Conference, Centre for Inner Asian Studies, School of International Studies



The Centre for Inner Asian Studies (CIAS), School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University takes immense pleasure to share that the UGC Area Studies Programme recently concluded a Young Researchers' Conference themed on 'Central Asia Today' on 15 November, 2018. Divided into five sessions on a variety of issues, a total of 34 research scholars presented their papers encompassing diverse topics, issues, ideas and analyses. The conference was inaugurated by Chief Guest of the event Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, with welcome address by Prof. Sharad K. Soni, Chairperson, CIAS. With keynote address by Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra, Rector-I, Jawaharlal Nehru University where he gave a macro view of Central Asia and its location in the world politics. Dr. Ambrish Dhaka, CIAS, SIS gave the formal vote of thanks. With this enlightening session, the conference began with full fervor.

The first academic session was themed on "Society, Politics and Economy in Central Asia" which was chaired by Prof. Sharad K. Soni. A diverse range of papers were presented which dealt with globalization and regional security in Central Asia, prospects and challenges of regional cooperation in Central Asia, new regionalism in Central Asia and major powers, success of globalization experiment in Kazakhstan and labour migration in Central Asia. The parallel session was themed on "religious revivalism, extremism and terrorism in Central Asia" and chaired by Dr. Preeti Das, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, SIS, JNU. Regional and national issues regarding the theme was presented in the session which included the relevance of revivalism to radicalization with comparative study of Central and West Asia, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan as a security threat to Central Asia, Taliban-IMU-ISIS nexus, Central Asia's influence in religious extremism in Xinjiang and narcotics as non-traditional security issue in Central Asia. The second session was themed on "Central Asia and its neighbourhood", chaired by Dr. Sheetal Sharma, Centre for European Studies, SIS, JNU. Various neighbours and global power presence in Central Asia were dealt in the paper presentations covering topics such as Russian foreign policy



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towards Central Asia, China's role as pivot of "New Great Game", Afghanistan and Central Asian ethnicities, Central Asia's relations with Iran, and Xinjiang.

The third academic session, themed on "water, environment and climate in Central Asia", was chaired by Prof. Sangeeta Thapliyal, CIAS, SIS, JNU. Water being a vital and crucial resource in Central Asian region was largely discussed through issues such as water as non-traditional security threat, water conflicts and diplomacy, water war leading to crisis, Aral Sea crisis, environment degradation and health hazards. The session was thoroughly interactive as water as a source of conflict in the region has been highly debatable. The parallel session was themed on "Central Asia and India", being chaired by Dr. Tsetan Namgyal, CIAS, SIS, JNU. Papers covering multiple dimensions of Central Asia and India Relations were presented which include Central Asia-India historical links, regional geopolitics, challenges and opportunities, India's attempts to expand Influence in Central Asia, strategies and prospects of India's economic engagement in Central Asia, India's connect Central Asia policy, India-Tajikistan relation and its defence, security and strategic dimensions. Regional cooperation as well bilateral relations were dealt through these papers as well.

The final session of the conference was graced by Ambassador Ashok Mukherji as the valedictory speaker and chaired by Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra, Rector-I, JNU. Ambassador Ashok Mukherji shared his vast experience as a diplomat and explained the importance of linkages in diplomacy. He also emphasized on the role of education and field visit in acquiring the basic knowledge of a country. He emphasized on the new regime in Uzbekistan which could be a watershed moment for the region. He also explained the role of Turkey and Saudi Arabia in Central Asia. About India and Central Asia, he suggested that India should focus on manufacturing in the region as well and Buddhism and Sufism can be used for the revival of India-Central Asia relations. Dr. Mahesh Ranjan Debata, Director, UGC Area Studies Programme, CIAS and coordinator of this conference, gave the vote of thanks. With this, the conference was concluded with sharing of knowledge, research and ideas by young doctoral scholars, faculty and guests. Dr. Mukesh K. Mishra, Research Associate, UGC ASP, CIAS and seven doctoral research scholars of CIAS (Mr. Rohit Kumar, Ms. Amina Bibi, Mr. Abhijeet, Mr. Narendra Sharma, Ms.

Pooja Singh, Mr. Anand Gupta and Ms. Shubhra Kumar) assisted in preparing the rapporteurs' report.

Mahesh Ranjan Debata,
Director, UGC Area Studies Programme
Centre for Inner Asian Studies, SIS

"India Reads Chingiz Aitmatov"

The Centre of Russian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University organized a special event dedicated to the 90th Anniversary of Chingiz Aitmatov's birth on 16 November, 2018 to pay rich tribute to this renowned Kyrgyz writer.

Chingiz Torekulovich Aitmatov (1928-2008) was a renowned Soviet and Kyrgyz novelist and story writer. His notable works include Farewell, Gulsary! The White Ship, Jamilia, the First Teacher etc. He wrote both in Russian as well as Kyrgyz languages. He even translated some of his own works into Russian. His works have been translated into 170 languages of the world. He is not only the most famous Kyrgyz writer but also the most prominent personality in the world from Kyrgyzstan. He has been conferred upon numerous awards for his works.



The 90th Anniversary of Chingiz Aitmatov's birth this year is being celebrated the world over. Conferences, Seminars, Exhibitions, cultural programmes dedicated to his life and works are being organised not only in Kyrgyzstan, Russia, CIS countries but also in various other countries. Streets in many countries have been named in his honor.



Chingiz Aitmatov's name is well known in India too. His literary works are widely read. Several of his works form an

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integral part of the Literature and Practical Russian courses in the Centre of Russian Studies, JNU and in other institutes also. Hence, the Centre organized a special event to remember this great writer and pay tribute to him on his 90th year of anniversary celebration.

"India Reads Chingiz Aitmatov" – an event organised by the Centre of Russian Studies, SLL&CS was a showcase of the richness of Chingiz Aitmatov's literary legacy. The programme started with a welcome address by Dr. Meenu Bhatnagar, who welcomed the dignitaries from the Embassy of the Russian Federation, from Russian Centre of Science and Culture, the Dean, SLL&CS, the former teachers of CRS and the staff and students. This was followed by the address of the Chairperson, Prof. Meeta Narain, who apprised the audience of the works of Chingiz Aitmatov and how the centre students projected his works through their mouth. Prof. Rajendra Dengle, the Dean, SLL&CS spoke of his works translated in German and congratulated the Centre for taking this initiative to showcase the writer and poet. Mr. Aleksei Illiuviev, 2nd Secretary Russian Embassy and Ms. Tatyana Perova, Director, Institute of Russian Language, Russian Centre for Science & Culture also appreciated the efforts of the Centre in organizing this event. Messages were read from the sister of Chingiz Aitmatov – Ms. Roza T. Aitmatova and Prof. Kanybek Imanaliev, Member of Parliament sent from Kyrgyzstan. The programme also had a book release of Translation of Chingiz Aitmatov's stories into Hindi done by Dr. Kiran Singh Verma, Associate Professor of CRS. Prof. Nasar Shakeel Roomi made a presentation on the depiction of the cultural content in the works of Chingiz Aitmatov.

The programme focused on presentations by students of CRS on the different works of Chingiz Aitmatov. They read extracts from his stories – the white ship farewell Gulsari, Jamilia amongst others. The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Manuradha Chaudhary, who made a special mention of the Organizing Committee of the event – Prof. Meeta Narain, Prof. Ranjana Banerjee, Dr. Kiran Singh Verma, Dr. Meenu Bhatnagar, Ms. Manuradha Chaudhary.

A programme of this nature was well received by all and was an interesting exposure to highlight the importance of the writers being studied by the students of the Centre. Screening of films based on his works also form an integral part of such events.

**Meeta Narain, Chairperson
Centre of Russian Studies, SLL&CS**

Report of Lecture by Shri Shubhashish Panda

On 29 November, 2018, a special lecture was organised by the Jawaharlal Nehru University Alumni Association which has flourished under the careful supervision of Prof. KP Vijayalaxmi. The lecture was presented by JNU Alumnus, Shri Shubhashish Panda who is the Deputy Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). Shri Shubhashish Panda was a part of the School of Environmental Sciences, till the year 1989, when he joined the Civil Services of India.

The lecture began with the opening remarks by the Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, Dr. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar. He welcome Shri Panda back to the university for the lecture and during his remarks said, that JNU must strive for excellence in every sphere.



Shri Shubhashish Panda has been a part of the Indian Civil Services since 1989, during this time he has donned many a hat and has done his very best in every role. Shri Panda started with reminiscing about his time at JNU and thanking the University for instilling a sense of idealism in him which inspired him to change the status quo as a civil servant. Shri Panda then went on to describe the Sanitation Programme in Mandi District of Himachal Pradesh that was implemented under his supervision. This sanitation project aimed at making Mandi District free of open defecation.

Shri Panda described his meticulous multi pronged approach that included the people, the gram panchayats, and the innovative methods of creating awareness. Shri Panda began this herculean task in 2005 with a substantial grant from the government and for the first time a freedom to operate without exacting guidelines. Shri Panda set forth to not just fulfill the mission of an open defecation free district but also with an ambition of changing the larger perception and daily habits of a million people that had been passed down from generations. He employed help of 'kala jatthas', or street play performers, to engage greater crowd and efficiently convey the dangers of open defecation, made pamphlets, cards, and calendars that were sent to all

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schools, offices, and gram panchayats, he also made a museum displaying toilets that required investment ranging from four hundred to one lac so as to demonstrate the cost efficiency of indoor toilets.

With consistent and relentless efforts of Shri Panda in Mandi District soon people's perception on open defecation changed and toilets and their appropriate usage became commonplace in the district. This behavioral change was proven when numerous gram panchayats of the district received the 'Nirmal Gram Puraskar' for achieving the open defecation free status.

The lecture then moved on to a round of question and answers where the audience got an opportunity to further delve into the innovations in the Mandi District, the sociology of such change, and its possible juxtaposition in other districts of India.

The lecture was enjoyed and appreciated by the audience and Shri Panda, and the Alumni Association was congratulated on such a successful endeavour.

**K.P. Vijayalaxmi, Chairperson
Alumni Affairs Office**

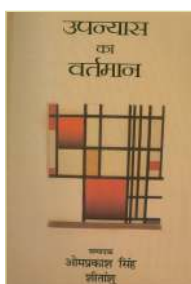
बाबा साहब के महत्व को बहुत बाद में समझा गया: प्रो. एम. जगदीश कुमार

जेएनयू, नई दिल्ली; 06 दिसम्बर 'महान वैज्ञानिक जगदीश चंद बोस ने जिस तरह से रेडियो फ्रीक्वेंसी का आविष्कार किया था और उसी को आधार बनाकर आज 4 जी और 5 जी के स्पेक्ट्रम की दुनिया में हम आगे बढ़ रहे हैं लेकिन उस समय उनके आविष्कार को उतना महत्व नहीं दिया गया ठीक उसी तरह बाबा साहब डॉ आंबेडकर के विजन एवं उनकी विश्वदृष्टि के दूरगामी महत्व को उनके तत्कालीन समय में उतना महत्व नहीं मिला जितना आज मिल रहा है। यह बातें एम

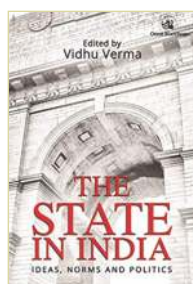
जगदीश कुमार, कुलपति, जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय ने बाबा साहब डॉ अम्बेडकर की 63 परिनिर्वाण दिवस पर आयोजित कार्यक्रम में कही। विश्वविद्यालय प्रशासन द्वारा दूसरी बार आयोजित इस कार्यक्रम में प्रमुख वक्ता के रूप में भारत सरकार के पूर्व सचिव एवं वरिष्ठ आई. ए. एस. श्री पी एस कृष्णन, प्रो. शीला रेड्डी, निदेशक डॉ अम्बेडकर चेंबर, आई आई पी ए, नई दिल्ली, प्रो. राणा प्रताप सिंह, रेक्टर 3, प्रो. विवेक कुमार इत्यादि ने महत्वपूर्ण वक्तव्य दिया। स्वागत वक्तव्य देते हुए प्रो राणा प्रताप सिंह ने कहा कि किसी भी देश के सर्वांगीन विकास में उस देश की अर्थव्यवस्था का महत्वपूर्ण रोल रहता है। बाबा साहब मूलतः अर्थशास्त्री थे और उन्होंने अपनी विश्वव्यापी आर्थिक बौद्धिकता के बल पर भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था को मजबूत बनाने का महत्वपूर्ण काम किया। कृषि के औद्योगिकीकरण के प्रबल समर्थक डॉ अम्बेडकर की यह मान्यता थी कि हम कृषि को उद्योग का दर्जा देकर अपनी ग्रामीण अर्थव्यवस्था को और सुदृढ़ कर सकते हैं। विषय प्रवर्तन करते हुए प्रो. विवेक कुमार ने कहा कि बाबा साहब ने शुरू में ही आगाह कर दिया था कि भारत अभी राष्ट्र निर्माण की प्रक्रिया में है। पूरी तरह राष्ट्र नहीं बन पाया है उसे समता स्वतंत्रता बंधुत्व एवं न्याय के सार्वभौम आदर्शों की प्राप्ति के बाद ही हासिल किया जा सकता है। श्री पी एस कृष्णन ने बताया कि जब वे सचिव कल्याण मंत्रालय भारत सरकार थे तभी तत्कालीन केन्द्रीय सरकार के सहयोग से संसद भवन में बाबा साहब का तैल चित्र लगवाया गया। बाबा साहब की जयन्तियां आधिकारिक तौर पर मनाये जाने की शुरुआत हुई एवं संसद भवन में 14 अप्रैल एवं 6 दिसम्बर को माल्यार्पण एवं पुष्पांजली की शुरुआत हुई। उन्होंने कुलपति महोदय द्वारा विगत दो वर्षों से आधिकारिक रूप से विश्वविद्यालय प्रशासन द्वारा बाबा साहब की जयंती एवं परिनिर्वाण दिवस मनाये जाने की भूरी भूरी प्रशंसा की। प्रो शीला रेड्डी ने अपने वक्तव्य में बाबा साहब द्वारा महिलाओं के लिए किये जाने वाले महत्वपूर्ण कार्यों को बताते हुए बुद्धिजीवियों के दो प्रकारों को भी बेहतर तरीके से व्याख्यायित किया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन प्रो सुधीर कुमार एवं धन्यवाद ज्ञापन सुरेन्द्र कुमार ने किया। कार्यक्रम के आयोजन में प्रो. विनोद कनौजिया, प्रो. अरुण खरात, डॉ मनुराधा चौधरी, डॉ अनुजा, कुमारिल अहमद इत्यादि का महत्वपूर्ण योगदान रहा।

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