



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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In Conversation with...

A Conversation with Professor Didier Girard, Professor at the University of Tours, France, and General Coordinator of several Erasmus Mundus multi-centre postgraduate programmes, including the Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate in “Cultural Studies in Literary Interzones”, of which JNU is a degree-awarding partner.



Q: You visited JNU just a few years back as the General Coordinator of the prestigious Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate programme, of which JNU is a degree-awarding partner. What is your impression of the place?

Prof. Girard: The campus is very impressive for anybody coming from Europe as one enters a whole universe, with beautiful grounds, luxuriant vegetation and buildings of many different shapes and sizes scattered all over the place, but with specially-dedicated areas for different departments. But what I was most impressed by was the wide range of social events (and not only academic) that take place on a daily basis. This makes it very easy to meet and socialize with all sorts of people even if you are not a member of this or that faculty or research centre, and that makes JNU quite unique in my experience.

Q: Your academic pursuits, and your spearheading numerous international academic collaborations have taken you to different universities in the world. What are some of the areas where JNU can improve and learn from top universities in the world, especially in the domain of international collaboration?

Prof. Girard: This is obviously a far-reaching question! I have been working with two dozen universities on 5 continents!!! There are so many different cultural traditions, economic and political parameters sometimes, and social textures that may differ drastically from one place to another. But I'll try to answer your question anyway, as best as I can, focusing on “best examples” (but I could equally list the hindrances and difficulties to be encountered in the different countries, but only if you insist!)

In Western Europe, universities are usually not far from city centres (and that helps international students and academics to interact more easily and more frequently with the local culture, not only the academic milieu). Obviously, studying and living in Bergamo, Paris, Rome, Naples, Tübingen, Barcelona,

Stockholm, Madrid, Lisbon, Santiago de Compostela, Berlin, St Andrews, Krakow, Oxford, or in Tours in the Loire Valley

offer cultural feasts as historical artefacts, libraries, and museums abound, sometimes literally next door. Some of these universities (not all of them, far from it!) also have a long institutional experience with international collaborations and large pools of high-skilled civil servants with a strong expertise in such matters (I am thinking for instance about Santiago de Compostela, Bergamo, or Tübingen). Working with such universities teaches you a lot in technical and administrative matters (degree-awarding and recognition policies, international accountancy, Quality Enhancement etc.). In Eastern Europe (Western Balkans, Russia, and Mitteleuropa countries), the range of courses is tantalizing with subjects that have disappeared from standardized/globalized syllabuses, and in itself, this can be very exciting for the curious international scholar. Pastoral care and Supervision are also unrivalled. In Australia (as in Great Britain), digital and library resources are a real goldmine and campus life is just great (the real inconvenience that goes with it is that international students often have difficulties in making ends meet as daily life is quite expensive when compared to other parts of the world. Southern American universities also have their own charm with fantastic staff (usually with multifarious ethnic origins) and an exciting choice of original academic topics. The Iberoamerican University in Mexico City is a case in point when it comes to international collaborations, because it is also equipped with a very successful fundraising foundation that helps when it comes to elite programmes that are not run with the same standard national procedures. They are in fact extremely flexible when it comes to experimental educational ventures. In Northern American universities of the highest quality, graduate centres provide post-graduate researchers of all levels state-of-the-art material and teaching staff and that is of course a unique opportunity for anybody to spend one or two semesters as standards are very high and stimulating.

Having said that, I should maybe add that Indian universities (and J.N.U. more than any other in the sub-continent) combine many of these advantages for international collaborations. The only drawback I can fathom is sometimes a too rigid administration and a difficulty to adapt to more challenging and demanding international situations that require experimental policies.

In Conversation with...

Q: As a global academic who has been at the spearhead of numerous pathbreaking international collaborations, what are your expectations from a partner university?

Prof. Girard: When one really goes for the genuinely global option (I mean not only collaborations based on bilateral time-limited exchanges, but programmes with one model imposed on partner institutions), when one works hand in hand with an international team of collaborators who collegially design a programme, a partner university must be ready to embrace the unknown and evolve creatively beyond one's rigidities to accommodate the collective requirements of the collaborative programme.

Q: What role do you think the University plays in today's changing world order? As a university professor of humanities, and a major administrator of international collaborations, what are the challenges that you face in the current academic and political scenario? How do you react to these challenges, and what do you do to negotiate or overcome them?

Prof. Girard: I think one should always remember Derrida's final words on what a university is:

"The university is not simply a place to play, not just a playground. But in at least some of the places, within the university – the university is not a homogeneous field –, you can study without expecting any efficient or immediate result. You may search, just for the sake of searching, and try for the sake of trying. So, there is a possibility of what I would call playing. It is perhaps the only place within society where play is possible to such an extent."

One must remain optimistic, whatever restrictions and budget cuts are imposed everywhere on scientists and researchers. So the enemy is usually within, the tendency among today's intellectuals working in universities to surrender to beancounters's demands, and not face these issues by enforcing a vision of what knowledge is at a given time, how it could expand, and evolve. So let's take the power and make administrators understand that ideas are the ingredients of the best recipes in further education, and that is what professors are best at, aren't they? Of course, this means that one has to forget one's books, one's own career and one's own publications for a while to give future generations the means to renew the possibilities to spread knowledge and a critical spirit on the world as we know it.

There is nothing new to it, but we must upgrade the Humanities, again and again.

Q: What vision do you have for the prospects of international collaboration in academics in a world that seems to be sinking daily, as it seems, into parochialisms and sectarianisms of various sorts?

Prof. Girard: Yes, "sinking" is the right and fatal word! Nobody could say it better than you do!

We have been speaking for too long about comparative literatures and post-colonial studies. Too much theory. Time has come for action! Such international collaborations are direct, existential, ontological (sometimes!) ventures into the unknown or what some still want to call "otherness". Reach out for your neighbours, reach out for strangers and through transdisciplinarity and multiversity, intolerance, parochialism and obscurantism will vanish into thin air, naturally! Confronting oneself or one's way of thinking with others' do have an immediate impact on what you produce, or you don't even want to join the game!

I do not have a particular vision for the future. I simply want to keep my eyes open! Education at a global level can also be an act of resistance, and that's where you get the kick out of such intellectual challenges.

Q: What is your advice to students of JNU in the current context? What academic dreams should they cherish? What goals should they aspire for?

Prof. Girard: My piece of advice to young people? I think you (and everybody, old and young) should google these words and add "W. Burroughs". His advice to young people is sheer wisdom, and fun!

I am not young anymore, so I would not risk any "piece of advice" to young people. But I certainly believe we should all take the time to think about our physical and aesthetic relations to our immediate environment (natural, political, social, younameit). Being global does not mean to be everywhere or anywhere, as in some sort of existential competition to "conquer" the whole world, but rather to try and test various environments for a while and then see what happens. This is obviously even truer when it comes to the professional and intellectual environment. If knowledge does not make you happier, if it does not have any impact on your life, it means that what you have learnt is not what you aspire to! Change, accept and embrace changes around and in you. Big Data in the post-digital world takes care of the rest.

Movements & Appointments

New Appointments

- Prof. Arun Sidram Kharat, School of Life Sciences as Acting Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell.
- Prof. Ajay Kumar Dubey, Centre for African Studies, School of International Studies as Director, Energy Studies Programme, School of International Studies for a period of two years.
- Prof. Sudheer Pratap Singh, Centre for Indian Language, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies as Advisor, Equal Opportunity Office, for a period of two years.
- Dr. Mahesh Ranjan Debata, Centre for Inner Asian Studies, School of International Studies as Proctor of the University has been extended for another two years.

Retirements/Resignations/Voluntary Retirements

- Prof. Ravi S. Srivastava, Centre for the Study of Regional

Development, School of Social Sciences.

- Prof. Mohan Rao, Centre for Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences.
- Prof. Ranabir Chakravarti, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences.
- Prof. Anuradha M. Chenoy, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies.
- Shri Jagdish Chander, Assistant Registrar, School of Computer and Systems Sciences.
- Shri Jagdish Kumar, Private Secretary, School of Physical Sciences.
- Shri Tawar Singh, Professional Assistant, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Central Library.
- Shri Siddhu Prasad, Security Guard, Security Office.
- Shri Jagbir Singh, Security Guard Security Office.
- Smt. Maya Devi, Safaikarmchari, Jhelum Hostel.

The following faculty members have been appointed as Wardens in hostels for the period mentioned against each for a period of 2 years to be effective from the date of joining.

S.No	Name & Designation	School/Centre	Hostel	Period
1	Dr. Nagendra Shreeniwas Assistant Professor	CRS/SLL&CS	Narmada Hostel	For 2 years vice Dr. Bimol Akoijam
2	Dr. Suresh R. Assistant Professor	CSR/SSS	Jhelum Hostel	For 2 years vice Dr. Himanshu
3	Dr. Pravesh Kumar Assistant Professor	CCP&PT/SIS	Narmada Hostel	For 2 years vice Dr. G. Srinivasan
4	Dr. Amit Kumar Mishra Assistant Professor	SES	Jhelum Hostel	For 2 years vice Dr. N. Chandrasegaran
5	Dr. Gopal Ram Assistant Professor	CL/SLL&CS	Kaveri Hostel	For 2 years vice Prof. Sujoy Chakravarty
6	Dr. Ramavatar Meena Assistant Professor	SES	Sabarmati Hostel	For 2 years vice Prof. Arun Kumar Mohanty
7	Dr. Sanjeev Sharma Assistant Professor	CSR/SSS	Brahamaputra Hostel	For 2 years vice Dr. Kaustav Banerjee
8	Dr. Nemthianngai Guite Assistant Professor	CSM&CH/SSS	Ganga Hostel	For 2 years vice Dr. Mallarika Sinha Roy
9	Dr. Garima Dalal Assistant Professor	LEC	Ganga Hostel	For 2 years vice Dr. Rita Sharma
10	Dr. Manuradha Chaudhary Assistant Professor	CRS/SLL&CS	Tapti Hostel	For 2 years vice Dr. Rosina Nasir
11	Dr. Anuja Assistant Professor	CSDE/SSS	Yamuna Hostel	For 2 years vice Dr. Archana Upadhyay
12	Dr. Reeta Sony Assistant Professor	CSSP/SSS	Sabarmati Hostel	For 2 years vice Dr. Sangeeta Dasgupta

Achievements / Awards

The QS World University Rankings 2018

The QS World University Rankings 2018 has ranked our university at 228 in the world in Arts and Humanities (Highest Rank within India).



बीएचयू के कुलपति बने जेएनयू के प्रो. राकेश भटनागर

जेएनयू में बायोटेक्नोलॉजी के प्रोफेसर डॉ. राकेश भटनागर को बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय का कुलपति नियुक्ति किया गया है। एंथ्रेक्स बीमारी से निदान के लिए जिस टीके का विकास किया गया वह डॉ. भटनागर की ही देन है। इसके लिए उन्हें पूरी दुनियाँ में सराहना मिली है। साथ ही वे दुनिया के दस चुनिंदा शोधकर्ताओं में भी शामिल हैं। डॉ. भटनागर कई विश्वविद्यालयों के प्रशासन से जुड़े रहे हैं। जेएनयू के स्कूल ऑफ बायोटेक्नोलॉजी में डीन के अलावा, एकेडमिक स्टाफ कालेज के निदेशक के पद पर भी रह चुके प्रोफेसर भटनागर कुमाऊँ विश्वविद्यालय में भी कुलपति रह चुके हैं। दुनिया के कई जर्नलों में संक्रामक बीमारी व उनके निदान के विषय पर इनके शोध पत्र प्रकाशित हो चुके हैं। नेशनल एकेडमी ऑफ साइंस के फेलो भी रहे हैं। डॉ. राकेश भटनागर ने रसायन विज्ञान में एम एस सी, की डिग्री कानपुर विश्वविद्यालय से हासिल की। वहीं कानपुर स्थित राष्ट्रीय शर्करा संस्थान से इन्होंने पी एच डी की डिग्री प्राप्त की है।

Dr. Rakesh Arya, CSRD, SSS has been Awarded Best Coordinator, National Award for conducting E-learning courses of IIRS-ISRO for the year 2017 by Indian Institute of



Remote Sensing and Indian Space Research Organization, Govt. of India.

JNU Sports Office

Nidhi Mishra (PHD, CHS/SSS) participated in the 8th International open Para athletics meeting 18 – 20 March, 2018 held in UAE. She won 2 Bronze Medals in 100 m and Shot put events. Our office has provided her with all possible logistic and technical support. We are proud of you Nidhi.



Jeetu Kanwar (1st Year PHD, CSMCH/ SSS), JNU student has won 3 gold medals in 100 m, 200 m and long Jump events at 14th National Para Athletics Championship for Cerebral Palsy, being held at Patna, 22 – 23 March, 2018 organized by Indian Sports Federation of Cerebral Palsy. JNU Sports Office has been providing all possible logistic and technical support to her. We are proud of you Jeetu.



Campus Activities

CSSP, JNU ranks 11th amongst the Top S&T Think Tanks in the world

The Centre for Studies in Science Policy (CSSP) in Jawaharlal Nehru University 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 Program (TTCSP) of the University of Pennsylvania, USA. The TTCSP records the role and evolution of public policy think tanks in governments and civil society across the world

with the objective to better integrate and create a bridge between academic knowledge and think-tank institutions. CSSP undertakes interdisciplinary academic research in science, technology and



innovation studies (STIS) within the broad field of science policy studies.

The TTCSP Report 2017

Released on 31 January, 2018, the report assesses the performance of global think tanks based on a range of criteria, including outreach, academic rigour, management, and impact in public policymaking. The ranking are compiled using a participatory approach that calls upon over 6000 think tanks across the world to submit nominations for participating organizations and the expert panel of judges.

CSSP of JNU ranks 11th among 68 think tanks in the Top Science and Technology Think Tanks (Table 24). CSSP is top-ranked in South Asia in the specified category, and has the best ranking among all Indian Think Tanks across the categories. CSSP is also found a place amongst the Best University Affiliated Think Tanks (Table 39), and Best Use of Social Media and Networks (Table 40) in the TTCSP Report. The rankings, in categories spreading over 52 Tables, include about 30 other Indian organizations, including the Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA), Observer Research Foundation (ORF), Indian Council for Research on International Economic Research (ICRIER), and Centre for Internet and Society (CIS). The report, released annually for over a decade, is part of a campaign by the TTCSP to increase the public visibility and performance of public policy think tanks globally and strengthen cross-regional collaboration. The TTCSP Report is freely available online on <http://bit.ly/2s5nHyg>.

Anup Kumar Das, Documentation Officer
Centre for Studies in Science Policy, SSS

Photo Exhibition

On 5 February, 2018, the JNU Nature & Wildlife Club in collaboration with JNU Photography Club successfully organised a photo exhibition, JNU Melange 2018, wherein Nature & Wildlife Club displayed photographs of different events that were held in the previous semester i.e Monsoon semester, 2017. Nature walk, Nature trek and Documentary screening were some of the major events with huge number of participants. The objective of organising such an event is to brief the student community about its activities and to promote the cultural clubs. The exhibition also had fascinating photographs of JNU's flora and fauna which were contributed by the emerging photographers of JNU Photography Club. The photo exhibition witnessed many students as well as outsiders who had come especially to explore Melange. The exhibition was officially inaugurated in

the presence of Rector-3, Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, accompanied by the Dean of Students, Cultural Activities Coordinator and other officials. The exhibition attracted many students to join various clubs as per their areas of interest.



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

A musical evening with Bombay Jayashree in JNU (Organized by JNU Cultural Committee & Spic Macay)

JNU had the pleasure of having Bombay Jayashree amongst us in association with the JNU Spic Macay chapter on 24 February, 2018. Her magical voice was really a boon to hear. We witnessed a huge crowd for this musical evening. The academy award nominated vocalist made us realize how soothing a voice can be.



"Bombay" Jayashree Ramnath is an Academy Award nominated, Indian Carnatic music vocalist and music composer. She is a disciple of violin maestro Lalgudi Jayaraman. She has performed at various festivals and venues all across India and in over twenty different countries. Jayashree worked with Ang Lee on his motion picture, Life of Pi. She performed the lyrics for "Pi's Lullaby",

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which was nominated for the 2012 Oscars in the Best Original Song category. She has also composed music for actor Revathi's films Verukku Neer and Kerala Cafe. In 2004, Jayashree composed music for Silappadhikaaram, a dance drama commissioned by the Cleveland Cultural Alliance.



Another dimension of music which Jayashree is focused on is in exploring the therapeutic and healing value that music can generate. She has been working closely with institutions like Kilikili, Sampoorna in Karnataka and Sankalp in Tamil Nadu which care for autistic children. This domain is a matter of serious engagement for Jayashree and her students. Some other institutions that Jayashree has worked with include The Banyan Chennai (rehabilitation of homeless/mentally challenged women), Vasantha Memorial Trust (cancer patients), Stepping Stones Orphanage Home, Malaysia, Multiple Sclerosis Society of India, Bangalore. and more.

We are very thankful to Spic Macay for providing us with the opportunity to have such an eminent artist amongst us. Many students and faculty, including the Vice-Chancellor, attended the programme. The artists were facilitated by the VC. After the programme, there was a small question-answer session for the music enthusiasts. A great interaction took place between the students and the artists which delighted the audience more. Bombay Jayashree spoke about her training and experiences.

The programme was a grand success with the entire cultural team of JNU working under the guidance of the Cultural Activities Coordinator, Prof. Meeta Narain and the faculty members Dr. Bhaswati Sarkar, Dr. Sudesh Yadav, Dr. Arihant Kumar, and the student coordinators, Anupriya, Apoorva, Prashant, Lakhyajit, Rohit and Vipin.

We all had a great time working as a team and hearing to Bombay Jayashree, and look forward to many more

programmes in future.

Anupriya
Convenor, Fine Arts Club

International Water Day Poster Making

On 22 March, 2018 JNU Nature & Wildlife Club in association with IHA successfully organised a poster making competition to observe the International Water Day. The main objective of the event was to raise awareness regarding environmental protection, especially water, among university students and to seek their view point. Students from different schools of the university participated and made beautiful posters. After the competition was over, Professor-in-charge of the Club, Dr. Sudesh Yadav with his speech threw light on World Water Day. It was then followed by prize distribution by Prof. Meeta Narain, Cultural Activities Coordinator and Dr. Sudesh Yadav. The JNU Nature & Wildlife Club would like to sincerely thank IHA and the Cultural Club coordinators for their cooperation and support which made the event a success.



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Summary Report of a Public Lecture organised by JNU Literary Club

The JNU Literary Club successfully completed its proposed 'Public Lecture' in 2 sessions titled 'Human Trafficking in India & State-Civil Society Interface' and 'Political Activities and Associated Violation of Human Rights' on 19 March, 2018 in association with the National Human Rights & Crime Control Bureau.

The panel in the first session had representation from State, Civil Society and Academia. Whereas Prof Mondira threw light upon the theoretical aspects of Human Trafficking, Dr Meeran Borwankar spoke of the real life hurdles that she had to face while being a law enforcer. Shri Rakesh Sinha, in the

2nd session, spoke of the necessity to decolonize Indian mind, micro narrative and inclusiveness.

**Meeta Narain, Chairperson
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Summary report of the event 'जीवन का गणित: परिचर्चा और विमोचन' organised by JNU Literary Club

The JNU Literary Club in association with Indic Academy organized a book launch event, titled 'जीवन का गणित: परिचर्चा और विमोचन', of 'JIWAN KA GANIT – A Poetry Collection by Anikul' on 25 March, 2018. Indic Academy seeks to build an intellectual, Cultural and Spiritual Renaissance based on Indic civilizational thought. Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Hon'ble MP from New Delhi, graced the event as Chief Guest. The guests of honour included novelist & Consulting Editor, Swarajya, Prof A Ranganathan, former editor National Affairs, Swarajya, Shri Surajit Dasgupta, author Lt. Col. (Rtd) Manish Jaitley and Prof Rajesh Paswan from CIL, JNU. Meenakshi Lekhi recited poem 'Naxalwaad' from the book and congratulated the author Anikul.

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

JNU celebrated 127th Birth Anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar

JNU celebrated the 127th Birth Anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar at the Convention Centre on 14 April, 2018 which was attended by a huge audience. The speakers on the occasion spoke of Dr Ambedkar's unparalleled service to modern India.

Prof. RP Singh, Rector-III JNU, initiated the discussion by saying the lasting memory of Baba Saheb Ambedkar will be to focus on educational reform and expansion in India. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof M Jagadesh Kumar, sat through the entire event and listened to the experts on Dr Ambedkar. Prof RK Kale, former VC of Central University of Gujarat, said in his Keynote address that to fully realise Dr Ambedkar's dream each university in India should have an Engineering School. And the JNU VC responded to this suggestion by informing the audience that JNU has started an Engineering School and the first batch of students will join soon. He further said that Dr Ambedkar stands tall in JNU, in both senses of the term, because the University Library, the tallest building on the campus, was last year named after him, and also because Dr Ambedkar put great importance on books and libraries.

Prof Vivek Kumar, Ambedkar Chair at JNU, said Dr Ambedkar needed to be decoded in 21st Century India, because he was

an inspiration for all sections of Indian society. The Chief Guest for the occasion, the famous Agriculture Scientist, Dr RS Kureel, emphasised on Indian modes of learning and thinking to usher in a real social change in our country.

The VC assured the audience that we would make this event a regular feature in JNU's calendar.



R.P. Singh, Rector III

Introduction of E-Rickshaw Service

JNU initiated a landmark green project on campus on 17 April, 2018 and introduced E-Rickshaw Service to facilitate eco-friendly mobility for commuters on the campus. The service was flagged off by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar. This will not only reduce the pollution and congestion in the campus but will also discourage people from using motorized vehicles in JNU.

E-Rickshaws will be plying on three routes on the campus, connecting all residential areas, hostels and shopping complexes, library, academic buildings and all the exit gates. For this facility the service provider will be charging a low fare of Rs. 10 per ride, per person. To promote women entrepreneurship and gender friendly ambience in the campus, Vice-Chancellor said that in the coming months all E-Rickshaws will be driven by female drivers.

R.P. Singh, Rector III

Third Annual Memorial Christopher Freeman Lecture on “Evolution from the Economics of Innovation to Economic Development”

The research students of Centre for Studies in Science Policy (CSSP) in association with the 4th India LICS Conference and Training Workshop 2017 organized the Third Annual Memorial Christopher Freeman Lecture at JNU Convention Centre on 5 November, 2017. A special lecture titled “Evolution from the Economics of Innovation to Economic Development” was delivered by Prof. Smita Srinivas, who is the Founder Director of the research platform Technological Change Lab (TCLab) and currently an Honorary Professor at Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER). Chair of the Session, Prof. Prajit K. Basu of the University of Hyderabad, introduced the speaker and briefly discussed the thematic area of the Lecture.



The 3rd Christopher Freeman Lecture was built on Prof. Christopher Freeman’s immense legacy and considered how best to take the insights of evolutionary perspectives into the domain of economic development, one of Freeman’s core concerns. The talk began with the idea of institutional variety in both evolutionary economics and a more traditional development political economy. The remainder of the talk delved deeper into what an evolutionary perspective leaves unfinished, which translates into difficult theoretical and empirical extensions to policy domains in late industrializers. Specifically, by looking at the “V” on variation and institutional variety in the VSR framework, the talk suggested ways to better frame industry analysis with examples from the health industry that enhance and advance beyond class-based perspectives. The talk concluded by discussing variety in the evolutionary

economics context and its planning process and policy design implications. The materials for the Lecture were drawn on and elaborated on the arguments in Srinivas’s book “Market Menagerie: Health and Development in Late Industrial States” (Stanford University Press, 2012).



In the talk, Srinivas further elaborated her research interests in the institutional explanations and plans for economic transformation and governance. Her recent work has analyzed gaps and tensions between the institutional and behavioural assumptions of evolutionary economics with those of ‘late’ industrial political economy and development economics. Her wider research interests include comparative development data, social policy, skills, moral philosophy and value preferences in economics and governance. She elaborated her experience in higher education reform initiatives in economics and policy-focused professional schools in the US, India, and East Africa. Srinivas has strong interests in problem-framing and solving and the use of heuristics in economic theory in realistic development plans and policy design. She further discussed how TCLab, which she founded, deploys three-way research focus on economic theory, policy design, and realistic development plans. Much of economic development has tended to exclude one or more of these elements.

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The Lecture attracted enthusiastic commentaries from the learned audience. Prof. Mammo Muchie of the Tshwane University of Technology in South Africa elaborated how personally and academically he benefitted from Christopher Freeman, as his doctoral supervisor and his academic mentor. Christopher Freeman was instrumental in the formation of the Globelics – a global research network for scholars of innovation studies. There were other discussants such as Prof. Sujit Bhattacharya of CSIR-NISTADS and Prof. Rajeswari S. Raina of Shiv Nadar University. The participants of India LICS Training Workshop also interacted with the speaker in this session to broaden their research perspectives and research agendas. The 3rd Christopher Freeman Lecture concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Saradindu Bhaduri, Chairperson, CSSP. He thanked the participants and resource persons for the successful conclusion of the IndiaLICS Training Workshop 2017, which was jointly organized by CSSP, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and CSIR-NISTADS.

**Anup Kumar Das, Documentation Officer
Centre for Studies in Science Policy, SSS**

GIAN programme on “Cloud Data Center Service Provisioning: Theoretical and Practical Approaches”

School of Computer and Systems Sciences organized a two weeks Global Initiative on Academic Network (GIAN) programme on “Cloud Data Center Service Provisioning: Theoretical and Practical Approaches” from 29 January to 9 February, 2018 in the seminar hall of the School.



The Resource Person for the course was Prof. Jemal H. Abawajy, Director and full Professor at the Distributed Systems and Security Cluster, Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment, Deakin University, Australia. He is a Senior Member of IEEE Society; IEEE Technical Committee on Scalable Computing; IEEE Technical Committee on Dependable Computing and Fault Tolerance and IEEE Communication Society. His leadership

is extensive, spanning industrial, academic and professional areas (e.g Academic Board, Faculty Board and Research Integrity Advisory Group). He has been actively involved in the organization of more than 300 national and international conferences in various capacities including chair, general co-chair, vice-chair, best paper award chair, publication chair, session chair and program committee. Professor Abawajy has served on the editorial-board of numerous international journals and currently serving as associate editor of the IEEE Transaction on Cloud Computing, International Journal of Big Data Intelligence and International Journal of Parallel, Emergent and Distributed Systems. He has also guest edited many special issue journals. He is the author/co-author of five books, more than 250 papers in conferences, book chapters and journals such as IEEE Transactions on Computers and IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems. Professor Abawajy has delivered numerous keynote addresses, invited seminars, and media briefings (e.g., Voice of America's English Radio).

The objective of the course was to enable the participants to have a thorough knowledge and practical experience in advanced resource management solutions and scheduling techniques for Cloud computing. The course examined, in depth, the critical resource management and scheduling features such as efficiency, scalability, reliability, energy conservation, and environmental impact as well as mechanisms for the implementation of resource management and scheduling policies for Cloud. Thus, this course enhanced the participants' knowledge of the key functions in Cloud computing resource management and scheduling as well as equipped the participants with the skills and knowledge required for a career in Cloud computing or Cloud computing research and development. The knowledge gained in this course will enable attendees to perform deep and wide analysis of issues related to virtualized resources optimization, implement appropriate resource provisioning techniques and perform high quality research in the area.

**D.P. Vidyarthi, Zahid Raza
Course Coordinators**

“Interdisciplinary exchange on Russian culture”: an SAA and CRS collaboration

An event on the rich cultural heritage of Russia and India titled “Interdisciplinary exchange on aspects of Russian

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Culture: an SAA and CRS Collaboration" was held on 10 February, 2017 in the SAA auditorium. The event was organized jointly by the Centre of Russian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies and The School of Arts and Aesthetics. There were presentations and papers on cinema, folklore and popular culture of Russia and India.

The event was attended by large group of students of the graduate courses. The presentations were sectioned into three categories – Cinema, Folklore and Popular Culture of India and Russia.

Scholars participated actively to explore the different aspects of Russian cinema –be it the representation of the communist/post Soviet society, depiction of women soldiers or traditional folk heroes. There were papers on the comparative study of beliefs and superstitions as well as folk tales and on Russian cuisine. An interesting presentation traced leftist ideologies within the popular visual culture of Bengal. The speakers were introduced by Dr. Suryanandini Narain, SAA. The presentations were as follow:

1. Dr. Sonu Saini: Comparing the Folktale 'The fox and the crane' through Russian and Indian Animation
2. Dr. Manuradha Chaudhary: Similarities and Differences in North Indian and Russian superstitions or beliefs
3. Konstantin: Cinema of Sergey Loban and Yuriy Bykov as the representation of ideological and imaginary "culdesac" of post-soviet/communist Russian society in the XXI century
4. Sunita Acharya: Russian Cinema and Women Soldiers: An analysis of the contemporary film "Battalion"
5. Krishanu Nath: From an Artist's Diary to the Red Dome of the Minar: Tracing Leftist Ideologies within the Popular Visual Culture of Bengal
6. Mona Agnihotri: Nasruddin in Cinema: Journey from a Folk Hero to a Film Hero!
7. Dr. Anju Mehta: A Russian Meal

The guests and audience members were welcomed by Dr. Richa Sawant, CRS. The event was inaugurated by the Dean SLL&CS, Prof. Rekha Rajan, present at the occasion were Dean SAA, Prof. Bishnupriya Dutt and Chairperson CRS, Prof. Meeta Narain. Addressing the gathering Prof. Rekha Rajan said that such an event was the first of its kind. She emphasized the commonalities between the two schools

and said that it should be explored further. She especially encouraged research scholars to continue their studies in interdisciplinary areas.

Speaking at the event Prof. Bishnupriya Dutt reminded the audience of how Russian theatre has, over the decades, brought together the cultures of Russia and India. This is also reflected in the ties between CRS and SAA, which go back a long time, she added. Chairperson CRS Prof. Meeta Narain said that such an event provides a platform for exchange of ideas, especially for research scholars. It encourages in-house potential and gives them an opportunity to express ideas, which at times, is not possible in large conferences.

After the presentations there was a cultural programme organized by members of the cultural committee. The students performed folk dances of Russia and sang popular songs from Russian films. Post graduate students from the Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State University, who were in JNU on an exchange programme also participated in the event and read poems and sang songs in Hindi.

**Richa Sawant, CRS & Suryanandini Narain,
SAA, Conveners**

National Science Day 2018

National Science Day was organized in JNU jointly with department of Science and Technology on 28 February, 2018 to commemorate the invention of the Raman Effect by the great Indian Physicist Sir C. V. Raman. The theme for National Science Day 2018 was "Science and Technology for Sustainable Future". The inauguration was done by Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, JNU with a scientific talk on "Technology for sustainable future". The occasion was graced by the presence of Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, DST as chief Guest and Sh. Anil Manekar, Director General, National Council of Science Museums as key note speaker. Prof. Ashutosh Sharma stressed upon the need and importance of science and technology for sustainable future. Shri Anil Manekar emphasized on the significance of effective science communication in India. Dr. Chander Mohan, Scientist G, DST also graced the occasion with his presence. The inaugural session was followed by one on scientific talks by speakers of 8 different science schools and centres.

Session I chaired by Prof. S.C. Garkoti, Rector II, JNU,

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included Dr. Ved Prakash Gupta from School of Physical Sciences on "Matrices: From finite to infinite"; Dr. Satyendra Sharma from Special Centre of Nanosciences on "Ferroelectric materials for future electrocaloric refrigeration applications"; Prof. AL Ramanathan from School of Environmental Sciences on "Glacier and water resource management in Himalayas, India"; and Prof. S. Balasundram from School of Computer and System Sciences on "On robust support vector regression with asymmetric Huber loss". Session II chaired by Prof. P.K. Dhar, School of Biotechnology, comprised scientific presentations by Dr. Shailja Singh, Special Centre of Molecular Medicine on "Cellular and molecular basis of host pathogen interactions: Unfolding new definitions towards therapeutic intervention strategies"; Dr. Ranjana Arya, School of Biotechnology on "Understanding pathomechanism of rare genetic disorder altering sialic acid levels"; Dr. Karunakar Kar, School of Life Sciences on "Targeting protein aggregation through Nanoparticle based inhibitor"; Dr. Arnab Bhattacharjee, School of Computer and Integrative Sciences on "Dancing on DNA: How proteins scan their target sites".

More than 200 poster presentations by student and faculty across science schools and centres were displayed in the poster session. The posters were judged by a panel of judges and best poster awards were presented. Almost 950 student participants was registered from JNU and other Universities across Delhi/NCR region. The Valedictory session was conducted by Prof. Rana P. Singh, Rector-III with poster award distribution.

The event was sponsored partially by Vigyan Parasar, DST in addition to DST-PURSE II and Office of Research & Development, JNU.

**Ranjana Arya, Co-ordinator
National Science Day 2018**

5वें गुणाकर मुले स्मृति व्याख्यान का आयोजन

विश्वविद्यालय में दिनांक 8 मार्च, 2018 को सम्मेलन केन्द्र के लेक्चर हॉल-3 में 5वें गुणाकर मुले स्मृति व्याख्यान (मेमोरियल लेक्चर) का आयोजन किया गया। इस अवसर पर बतौर मुख्य अतिथि प्रो. चन्दन चौबे, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय, दिल्ली तथा बतौर विशिष्ट अतिथि प्रो. नन्द किशोर पांडेय, निदेशक, केन्द्रीय हिंदी प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, आगरा ने शिरकत की। हर वर्ष की तरह स्वर्गीय गुणाकर मुले जी की धर्मपत्नी श्रीमती शांति मुले ने भी कार्यक्रम की शोभा बढ़ाई।

कार्यक्रम में मंच संचालन डॉ. पूनम कुमारी, एसोसिएट प्रोफेसर ने किया। स्वागत वक्तव्य जेएनयू के कुलसचिव डॉ. प्रमोद कुमार ने दिया। प्रो. चन्दन चौबे ने अपने उद्बोधन में हिंदी के बदलते स्वरूप एवं बदलते समय में हिंदी के महत्व पर जोर दिया। उन्होंने कई प्रसंगों के माध्यम से आधुनिक हिंदी के बढ़ते व्यापक रूप पर चर्चा की। प्रो. नन्द किशोर पांडेय जी ने अपने सारगर्भित उद्बोधन में न केवल हिंदी के राजभाषायी स्वरूप पर विस्तार से प्रकाश डाला, अपितु हिंदी के विभिन्न पक्षों तथा भाषिक साहित्यिक, सांस्कृतिक आदि के माध्यम से हिंदी के व्यापक स्वरूप का उल्लेख किया। उन्होंने कहा कि अंग्रेजी भाषा या अन्य कोई विदेशी भाषा सीखना अच्छी बात है, पर अपनी भाषा, स्वभाषा को त्यागकर दूसरी भाषा बाह्य भाषा का गुणगान करना अच्छी बात नहीं है। उन्होंने भारतीय भाषाओं में परीक्षा देने वाले छात्रों तथा अंग्रेजी भाषा के माध्यम से परीक्षा देने वाले छात्रों का तुलनात्मक विवरण प्रस्तुत कर भारतीय भाषाओं एवं हिंदी के महत्व पर प्रकाश डाला।



कार्यक्रम के अंत में धन्यवाद ज्ञापन प्रो. सुधीर प्रताप सिंह ने दिया। उन्होंने कार्यक्रम को सफल बनाने में सभी प्रत्यक्ष एवं परोक्ष रूप से सहयोग देने वाले व्यक्तियों का आभार व्यक्त किया। कार्यक्रम का समापन जलपान के साथ हुआ।

**सुमेर सिंह, सहायक निदेशक
(रा.भा.), जेएनयू**

ICSSR-Harvard University-Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.-NIDM Collaborative Two Week Workshop on 'Social Sciences Approach and Institutional Decision Making in Disaster Research'

The transdisciplinary, Special Centre for Disaster Research held its first specialized long duration capacity building workshop (5-18 February) for Assistant and Associate Professors drawn from across the country in collaboration and with the support provided by ICSSR. The workshop started by generating an understanding on the need for transdisciplinarity in Social Sciences so that research could be more holistic, broad based and reflective of the real need

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of people and institutions. The sessions focused on the various aspects embedded within the "Social Science Approach to Disaster Research" such as human geography, geo-information systems, institutional ability to absorb and create resonance with people's requirements, economics of disasters and institutional and leadership effectiveness. The role of youth during the stages of preparedness and rescue were much discussed and debated with greater demands of sensitizing educational curricula and teaching methods. The last three days uplifted the discussion from the threshold achieved through the social sciences approach to its translation into "Reinforcing Institutional Decision Making in Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation". The international segment was designed and structured in collaboration with experts from the Crisis Management Programme of the Kennedy School of Governance at Harvard University. Many other country experts also participated to share their work in the field such as Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Philippines and Japan. This workshop also generated arguments and concerns to be taken in the forthcoming experts' meeting of the International Network of Disaster Studies at Iwate University in Morioka, Japan in July. The discussion ignited innovating ideas which strengthened the base for its approaching MA and Ph.D programmes. The first segment of the workshop was coordinated by Prof. Milap Punia (Director) and Prof. B.S. Waghmare (Co-Director). The second international segment of the workshop was coordinated by Dr. Sunita Reddy (Director). The overall coordination and theme setting was done by Prof. Amita Singh (Chairperson, SCDR) with her extremely vibrant and passionate group of research students drawn from across the university.

The workshop had a threefold focus;

- (1) Decision Making, Law and Institutional Capacity
- (2) Vulnerable Communities, Livelihood and Role of Industry
- (3) GIS, ICT and Artificial Intelligence

Fourfold Objective of the Workshop:

Many issues emerged from the workshop and greater clarity ensued in the direction of disaster studies. Some of the major directions which made their visibility during the 18 days long discussion were;

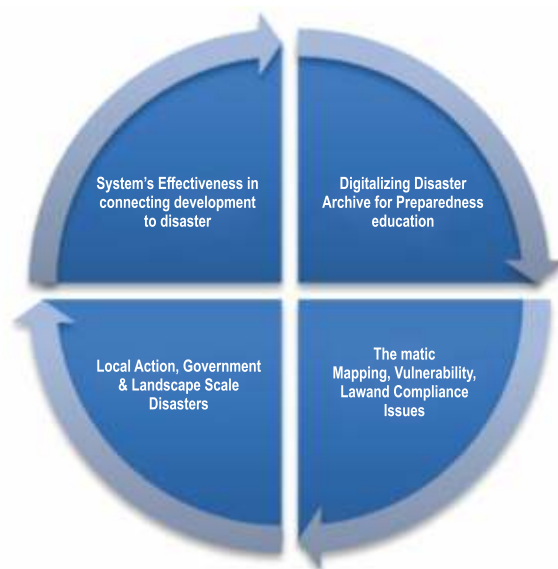
1. Improve and strengthen the Disaster Management Act 2005, legal framework of accountability and institutional

functioning. A detailed report is being published separately.

2. Longitudinal ethnographic studies, need assessment, monitories, evaluation of existing welfare programmes. A closer look at District and Panchayat level work should be undertaken on one hand and intensive collaboration with UN agencies on the other is required.

3. Making disaster economics the base, compensation on measurement of damages and losses be linked to human rights. A text book on 'Disaster Economics' is being published for students and researchers by Palgrave-Springer.

4. New and innovative appropriate methodological tools and techniques to be taught to stakeholders in administration and community institutions to reduce losses and damages. A theme focused three day workshop will be organized in the coming month in collaboration with the IIT Delhi and SDMA's of some states.



5. Ethics of decision making beyond sensitive and compassionate administration which justice administration and police ought to be trained in. It was decided to write to institutions and in doing so collaborate with ICMR on the ethical guidelines for social sciences based field surveys in disaster research.

6. Hands on skills of quantitative and qualitative analytical tools and packages like SPSS, N-Vivo. Tools like remote sensing, GIS mapping, disaster warning systems, disaster preventive engineering retrofitting methods are to be understood. A holistic collaboration with the Ministry of Earth Sciences and Remote Sensing institutions would be

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the answer to sustainable policies.

Workshop inauguration:

The workshop was inaugurated on 5 February, 10 am, with a lamp lighting ceremony. The inaugural speech was delivered by the Vice Chancellor of JNU Prof. M.Jagadesh Kumar highlighting the need for Institutional collaboration, mutual learning and hand holding of grassroots communities. He also emphasized that transdisciplinarity requires that new bridges of understanding should be built between science, social science and humanities. Notwithstanding the speed with which the world is changing he expressed hope that a proper stitch in time can save higher education from repetitive and overlapping research. ICSSR Member Secretary Prof. V.K. Malhotra wished to interact with the participants and generated a lively debate on many issues concerning disaster studies, new research areas and proposal evaluation at the ICSSR. It was a delightful news from him that the ICSSR list of areas for research funding has already included disaster studies in social sciences. After him, the Rector Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra presented and shared data on disasters and the concomitant complexity of disaster mitigation besides an overlapping commonality across the world. He compared human and governmental responses to some of the major disasters across the world and the yet to be explored connect between development and disasters. The Vice Chancellor also released a 12 min. documentary film on the Special Centre for Disaster Research highlighting the focus and content of the new centre..

Participants & Experts:

The workshop had a list of 20 committed scholars from the Asia Pacific Governance Network called NAPSIPAG located in SriLanka.



The workshop also brought together 36 participants from across the country. Around 20 participants represented

institutions in remote and fragile geographical regions in Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Bihar, Puducherry, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttarakhand.

Special sessions:

The workshop had two special and unique features. First was an open house discussion on the rights of nonhumans in the Disaster Management Act 2005. This was coordinated by former Member of NDMA Shri. K.M. Singh Rtd. IPS, and Mr. Gajendra Sharma (World Animal Protection). The award winning film by Louise Psihoyos 'Racing Extinction' was screened. The film educated the audience on the need for recognizing the rights of nonhuman species for two reasons: first they share this earth with the stronger species 'human' as their intrinsic right. Second, we protect ourselves from destruction if we protect them as the film documents how they conserve forests above the ground and at the ocean bed which together provide us more than 80% of Oxygen. The film also established how change of life styles may nail down the calamities of climate change. However, several hurdles have to be crossed in this debate, such as human intransigence, greed, ignorance and insensitivity. A profound neglect of nonhuman rights in DMA 2005 prevents a holistic policy for protecting life during disasters.

The second unique session was a visit to the urbanized villages in Hauz Khas and then for a daylong walk to Chandni Chowk. The group was divided into three sub groups of heritage, food market and craft market community explorations and then followed a charged discussion on how one can plan resilience during disasters in such a highly vulnerable, no-option displacement, heritage value crumbling buildings where density and diversity of habitation is the highest in the city. There was concern but also the strongly felt need for electricity wiring, drainage and ambulance pathways as preemptive preparedness measures for disasters.

A Quiz and Round Table Discussions were also held with Prof. Amita Singh (Chairperson SCDR) as Co-ordinator

Collaboration and Networking Meet on 16th evening:

Since no transdisciplinary research is possible without discovering willing and equivalent collaborations, the Indian Oil corporation Ltd. shared sponsorship with ICSSR enabled a widely attended session on 'Culture, Industry and

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Disasters' at Ashoka Hotel. The session started with a panorama of Indian cultural diversity followed with group meetings and dinner table discussions and information sharing.

Outcomes of the Workshop:

1. An archive of information based in a kiosk/dashboard to be constantly fed through field research rather than replicating available information on other sites of the government.
2. Course curriculum design which can now set priorities and linkages of teaching various aspects of disasters.
3. A strategy for transdisciplinary collaborations and working together.
4. A scheme of amendment to the Disaster Management Act of 2005.
5. Trained leaders for starting courses/centres and new papers on the 'social science perspective of disaster management' at their respective institutions.



**Amita Singh, Chairperson
Special Centre for Disaster Research**

Conference organized by the School of Physical Sciences: SPS March Meeting on “Responsive Molecules and Materials”

The School of Physical Sciences, JNU has a long standing tradition in organizing a conference every year, known as March Meeting. This year, the meeting was held on the theme of “Responsive Molecules and Materials”, 16 – 17 March, 2018. These responsive molecules and materials offer innumerable potential applications in various fields such as

energy, catalysis, medicine etc. We widened the scope of the conference by including responsive materials to cover various fields in chemistry such as physical and biophysical chemistry, crystal engineering, newer synthetic methodology, material and polymer chemistry, computational chemistry, inorganic and bio-inorganic chemistry, supramolecular chemistry, biomaterials and medicinal chemistry etc. Experts from prestigious institutes across the country were invited to deliver talks in this meeting. The aim of the conference was to motivate M.Sc. and Ph.D. students of SPS and enable them to learn about new science from the experts in their field. This conference provided a great opportunity for SPS students and faculty to interact with eminent scientists in these areas and understand the recent developments about various responsive molecules and materials. A popular level talk was also delivered on the use of responsive molecules in medicinal chemistry and biomaterials in drug delivery. Invited Speakers to this year's March Meeting were: T. P. Radhakrishnan (University of Hyderabad), C. Malla Reddy (IISER Kolkata), Debabrata Maiti (IIT Bombay), Tushar Jana (University of Hyderabad), Sasanka Deka (University of Delhi), Biswarup Pathak (IIT Indore), G. Mugesh (IISc Bangalore), Joyanta Choudhury (IISER Bhopal), Gouriprasanna Roy (Shiv Nadar University), V. G. Anand (IISER Pune) and Amit Dinda (AIIMS New Delhi). In addition, Kedar Singh, Supriya Sabbani and Manoj Munde from the School also presented talks. In this conference, the students of SPS presented their research work in a poster. A poster competition was also organized for the students of SPS and four prizes were awarded for the best poster presentation.



**Dinabandhu Das, Pijus Kumar Sasmal,
School of Physical Sciences, Coordinators**



वर्षा शर्मा, टेक्नीकल ऑफिसर, जीवन विज्ञान संस्थान से बातचीत पर आधारित

प्रश्न – जेएनयू में आप कब आई ?

श्रीमती शर्मा – मैं जेएनयू में 1981 में आई थी, पोस्ट डॉक्टरल (सीएसआईआर) पोजिशन पर, फिर मैंने रिसर्च एसोसिएट, वूमन साइंटिस्ट की पोजिशन पर काम किया, रिसर्च में न्यूरोसाइंटिस्ट की तरह काम किया। 2006 में वार्डन का काम किया। 2008 में टेक्नीकल ऑफिसर के पद पर कार्य किया। 2017 में सेवानिवृत्त हुई।

प्रश्न – आपके समय का जेएनयू कैसा था ?

श्रीमती शर्मा – बहुत अच्छा था। सारे लोग बहुत मदद करने वाले थे। कोई भी परेशानी नहीं होने देते थे। सब परिवार की भांति रहते थे। जेएनयू के सारे कुलपतियों ने मेरी बहुत मदद की। प्रो. रामेश्वर सिंह का सुपरवाजर की तरह पूरा सहयोग व स्वतंत्रता मिली। प्रो. काले व प्रो. राजेन्द्र प्रसाद ने बड़े भाई की तरह मदद की।

प्रश्न - जेएनयू में आज आप किस तरह का बदलाव देखते हैं ?

श्रीमती शर्मा – अब समय के साथ बहुत बदलाव आ गया है। पढ़ाई के संदर्भ में कुछ छात्र छात्राएं राजनीति का शिकार हो रहे हैं। कुछ अभी भी जेएनयू का मान बढ़ाने में लगे हैं। कुछ अभी भी तन, मन, धन से छात्रों का जीवन संवारने में लगे हैं।

प्रश्न - जेएनयू ने आपके जीवन पर क्या असर डाला ?

श्रीमती शर्मा – जेएनयू ने मेरे जीवन का अर्थ ही बदल दिया है। अच्छे संदर्भ से मानवता व करुणा का पाठ पढ़ाया, छात्र छात्राओं शिक्षकों का प्रेम व प्रोटेक्शन मिला। हमेशा कुछ भी निर्णय करने से पहले दूसरे पक्ष की तरफ से सोचना सिखाया। व्यवहार कुशलता व सामाजिक रिश्तों का अर्थ, विवेक व मानसिक तौर पर तर्क वितर्क करना सिखाया।

प्रश्न - जेएनयू से जुड़ा कोई अनुभव जो आप हमें बताना चाहेंगे ?

श्रीमती शर्मा – अनुभव तो बहुत है खट्टे-मीठे पर यही प्रार्थना है कि अपने स्वधर्म का पालन करें, गलत राजनीति न करें, किसी को झूठे इल्जामों में न फंसाएं, व्यर्थ व गलत आरोप लगाकर मानसिक प्रताड़ना न करें। स्टाफ की पॉलिसी जो कहती है उनको लागू करके उनके परिवार को सुखी, समृद्ध बनाएँ और उन्हें आगे बढ़ने की प्रेरणा दें।

प्रश्न - जेएनयू न्यूज के पाठकों के लिए कोई संदेश ?

श्रीमती शर्मा – पाठकों से यह निवेदन है कि किसी की बातों में न आकर अपने स्वयं के विवेक से सही व गलत का निर्णय करें। अपने आस-पास हो रही घटनाओं दुर्घटनाओं को ध्यान से देखें व जेएनयू को आगे बढ़ाने में सहायता करें। अपने परिवेश को देखते हुए अपनी सामर्थ्य के अनुसार जो आप कर सकते हैं करें, डरे नहीं यही स्वधर्म है। जय हिंद!

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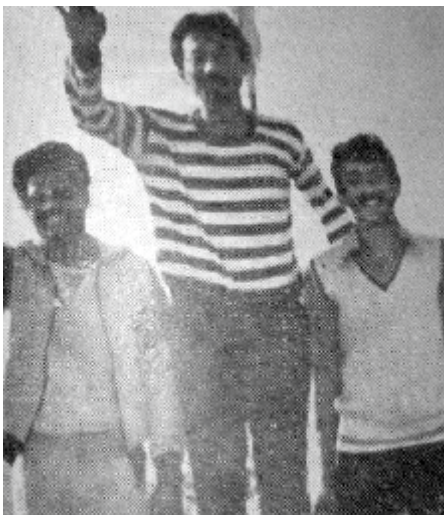
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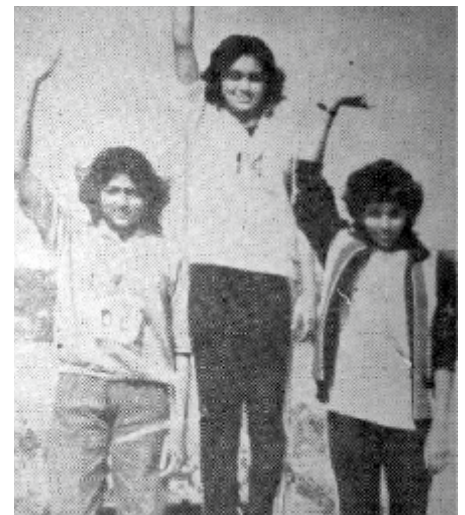
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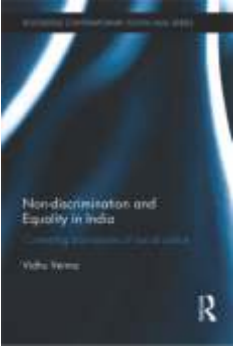


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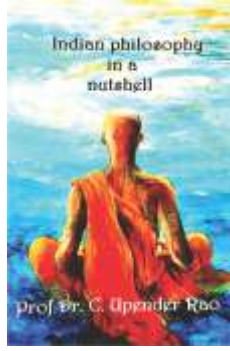


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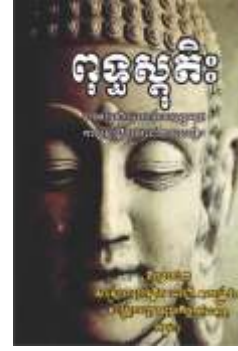
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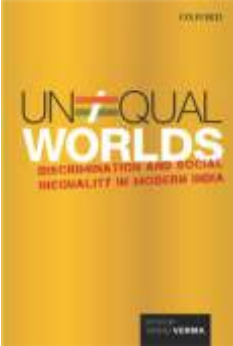
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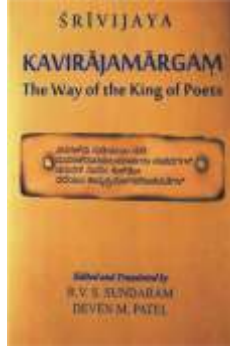
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Obituary



जेएनयू में प्रोफेसर एमेरिटस और हिंदी के वरिष्ठ कवि केदारनाथ सिंह का निधन

समकालीन कविता के प्रमुख हस्ताक्षर और अज्ञेय द्वारा संपादित 'तीसरा सप्तक' के प्रमुख कवि केदारनाथ सिंह का अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान में 19 मार्च, 2018 को निधन हो गया। वे 84 साल के थे। वे लम्बे समय से बीमार चल रहे थे।

उत्तर प्रदेश के बलिया जिले के चकिया गाँव में 1 जुलाई 1934 को जन्मे केदारनाथ सिंह ने काशी हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय से 1956 में हिन्दी से एमए किया और 1964 में उन्होंने पीएचडी की उपाधि हासिल की। वे जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय के भारतीय भाषा केंद्र में बतौर आचार्य, अध्यक्ष और प्रोफेसर एमेरिटस रहे।

भारतीय ज्ञानपीठ की ओर से उन्हें साल 2013 में 49वाँ ज्ञानपीठ पुरस्कार दिया गया। वे यह पुरस्कार पाने वाले हिन्दी के दसवें लेखक थे। इसके अलावा उन्हें मैथिलीशरण गुप्त सम्मान, कुमारन आशान पुरस्कार, जीवन भारती सम्मान, दिनकर पुरस्कार, साहित्य अकादमी पुरस्कार, व्यास सम्मान आदि से भी सम्मानित किया गया था।



Prof. Arun Kumar Mohanty, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies, passed away on Saturday, 3 February, 2018.



Dr. Navneet Sethi, Associate Professor, Centre for English Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, passed away on 31 March 2018. A Memorial Meeting was held at the Centre on 6 April 2018, where her current and former

students, her family members, her colleagues at the Centre and from other schools of the University, as well as members of the differently-abled community of the University paid emotional tribute to her departed soul.



Shri Pawan Kumar Shrivastava, DG, Bhopal

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

Shri Pawan Shrivastava: I arrived at JNU in the summer of 1990. Having spent close to 6 years in Allahabad from a middle class background, I was familiar with the caste system and social and cultural hierarchy prevalent in UP. Hierarchy (even a one year senior student was a senior and a sir). Mostly male students were friends with males and similarly female students were friends with females (especially as the girl students were housed in two distant and well guarded hostels). Coming to JNU was a shock. I had to share my room with a rank youngster (student of BA 1st year). Neighbours were not friends and girls and boys lived in different hostels but within the same campus and were free to roam at will. The mess bearers who served food to us would share the same table with us at the end of dining time. Community living in a hostel had generated a very strong bond among the student fraternity of the same hostel. However, the student life was quite egalitarian yet aloof. I met old student friends from Allahabad and made many new friends. The campus was huge, the buildings were all alike, there was a strong student union and the bougainvillea was in full bloom. I started liking JNU.

Aparaajita: Why did you choose JNU for higher studies?

Shri Pawan Shrivastava: I was at Allahabad and wanted to pursue research in Sedimentology, a subject that was not available at Allahabad. I already had a UGC-CSIR scholarship and learned that Prof Asthana teaches sedimentology in SES, JNU. I applied and secured admission in M.Phil. in Environmental Sciences.

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

Shri Pawan Shrivastava: Even though I was offered a Ph.D. in a US university post my M.Phil. by one of my local Professors, and the fact that I was already selected in the Geological Services of India and was a CSIR scholar, I plunged into the fascination of Civil Services and was appointed in the Indian Police Services in the year 1992. Ever since I am in the same profession and am on the path of progression.

Aparaajita: How has JNU impacted your career?

Shri Pawan Shrivastava: The biggest impact that JNU made was exposure to the big wide world. From a small town very old university to a new but major university in the capital was a huge change. JNU taught me extreme independence. JNU provided me with friends who are similarly placed. It has a strong ever-helping alumni. It certainly makes the job easier.

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

Shri Pawan Shrivastava: In a career spanning 25 years now there have been extreme challenges that one has faced. During the initial years I was posted in a naxalite area. Keeping the morale of the police force high and combating the naxals was the greatest challenge then. Police work throws up challenges on a regular basis whether they are simple or grievous crime or a sudden law and order problem or traffic or daily dealing with public. You realize that there is so much of inequality in society and so many grievances and I take immense satisfaction in attempting to resolve them. I also had the opportunity to contemplate, create and complete two major projects. The biggest compliment I received was from a senior IAS officer who observed that I could execute what he could only think.

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

Shri Pawan Shrivastava: We had our share of sorrows and laughter while we were at JNU. I vividly recall a friend Devesh who was a short framed body builder who came running to me and Ashutosh at Kaveri hostel one day saying there is an ongoing shooting at Godavari Dhaba and urging us to witness that. Ashutosh had a different idea and said "शूटिंग चल रही है तो हम ऊ एक्टिंग करब". He was wearing jeans and kurta with black shades. Impromptu we created an act where he became a don and we his sidekicks and at Godavari dhaba we cornered the director to give a role to him. The act worked and the director did shoot a scene for him. Whether it was aired or not we do not know nor did we bother to know.

Aparaajita: What would your message be to the readers of JNU NEWS and the students of JNU?

Shri Pawan Shrivastava: JNU is a great leveller amongst the student fraternity. It gives tremendous exposure to them at all levels, especially in academics. If students seriously resolve to achieve anything in their life, JNU is the most apt springboard for them.



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