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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...

Dr. Charles Oluwaseum Adetunji, lecturer in the Department of Biological Sciences, Landmark University PMB1001, Omu-Aran, Kwara State Nigeria, who visited Jawaharlal Nehru University as TWAS-DBT Post doctoral fellow, in conversation with Ms. Paomipem Phazang, Ph.D student, School of Life Sciences.



Ms. Paomipem Phazang: What made you choose JNU to avail of this prestigious fellowship?

Dr. Charles Oluwaseum Adetunji: I chose Jawaharlal Nehru University because of the availability and access to

modernized equipment and professional mentorship as well as a healthy likelihood of yielding interesting and publishable results. The University had an enabling laboratory for me to carry out research and further increase my expertise in the area of Plant Biotechnology. It would also help me to acquire novel professional skills and research methods.

Ms. Paomipem Phazang: Why did you choose the lab of Prof. Neera Bhalla Sarin?

Dr. Charles Oluwaseum Adetunji: I checked up her profile and was inspired by her contributions in the area of Plant Sciences and Plant Biotechnology. As a lecturer, I wanted to pursue additional research and training under her supervision in order to have better skills to pursue a career in academia, research experience, teaching experience, leadership ability, fundraising, writing skills, and people management skills, and so on.

Ms. Paomipem Phazang: What is the research problem you chose to work on?

Dr. Charles Oluwaseum Adetunji: I basically focused on addressing the problems faced by farmers every day. Over the years, I have been looking into environment friendly ways of combating different pests infecting tomato plants, so as to build a model that would help us in solving the problems of food insecurity. The aim of the project was to improve tomato production by exploring endophytic bacteria and their purified biosurfactant as biocontrol agents against pathogens affecting tomato crop.

My goal was to discover the baseline information about the interactions between these pathogens and endophytic bacteria in tomato crop. This work would enable me to establish a better understanding of the endophytic bacterial diversity, distribution, host-range, interaction between

Pathogens - endophytic bacteria – host plant, and– host plant in vitro studies on disease management.

Ms. Paomipem Phazang: Did you get all the facilities for carrying out your research work?

Dr. Charles Oluwaseum Adetunji: Yes! in abundance!

Ms. Paomipem Phazang: How did the collaboration between School of Life Sciences, School of Physical Sciences and the Advanced Instrumentation Research Facility (AIRF) in JNU help your research?

Dr. Charles Oluwaseum Adetunji: The research expertise and the specialisation of the respective laboratories brought out the very best. Moreover, the world class state of the art facilities in the AIRF under one roof, have been the driving force for the excellent work done.

Ms. Paomipem Phazang: Were you able to achieve all your objectives? Could you briefly describe them?

Dr. Charles Oluwaseum Adetunji: Yes. We were able to isolate new strains of endophytic bacteria that could be used in the management of pathogen infection in tomato plants. Additionally, we were able to utilize the metabolites of the bacterial strains for synthesis of nano particles enabling the formation of bionanopesticides. We are working towards providing alternate to chemical pesticides.

Ms. Paomipem Phazang: What is the impact of your research on Indian agriculture?

Dr. Charles Oluwaseum Adetunji: What we have achieved so far, addresses one of the major objectives of sustainable development goals. We have been able to develop eco-friendly nanobiopesticides that will go a long way to support the rural dwellers, farmers and the agro allied industries.

Ms. Paomipem Phazang: Have you patented any of your findings?

Dr. Charles Oluwaseum Adetunji: Two patents have been filed along with Prof. Neera Bhalla Sarin's group at S.L.S. and Prof. Himadri B. Bohidar's group at S.P.S.

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Ms. Paomipem Phazang: Were you able to publish your data?

Dr. Charles Oluwaseum Adetunji: Yes, we have published some, communicated one to a very high impact journal, and have some in the pipeline.

Ms. Paomipem Phazang: How will this work prove significant for you and your country?

Dr. Charles Oluwaseum Adetunji: This fellowship will help me to translate most of my findings into policy so as to meet societal needs and implement new sustainable policy through communication with policy makers, so as to spur a new wave of research driven innovation in the prevention of pest and diseases. This will help towards solving societal needs so as to minimize post-harvest loss in Nigeria/India as a result of my interaction with the senior and experienced researchers in the host institution. I have acquired new skills, knowledge, and exposition to the state-of-the-art information and management skills in the area of biological control. The results obtained will help my University and to liaise with the government regulatory agencies in pesticide administration, Bureau of Quarantine and various concerned departments at different Universities and academic institutions on the best approach for managing pest and diseases. The new knowledge will be added to the curriculum to enhance the student exposure to importance

of biological control agents when compared to chemical treatments.

Ms. Paomipem Phazang: How will you sum up your research experience in J.N.U.?

Dr. Charles Oluwaseum Adetunji: It has been one of the most enriching experiences. Facilities, research expertise, collaborations and work environment have just been one of the best that I have experienced so far. Prof. Sarin's lab. was open to me 24x7 and that is how I obtained data for several papers in a short span of one year. I also got an opportunity to train students from India and Nepal in Prof. Sarin's laboratory. I got an opportunity to make oral and poster presentations in various national and international conferences organized in JNU and other institution in Delhi and Varanasi. I am happy to disclose that I got several poster awards in these conferences. Our work was highly appreciated by the scientific community. For all these laurels I want to thank TWAS-DBT and JNU for giving me this opportunity.

Ms. Paomipem Phazang: Any plans of coming back to J.N.U. for further collaborations?

Dr. Charles Oluwaseum Adetunji: Definitely! I wish to come back in any other relevant programme available

Movements & Appointments

New Appointments/ Deans/ Directors/ Chairpersons

- Prof. Satish Chand, School of Computer and Systems Sciences, as Director, Placement Cell, for a period of two years.
- Dr. Suneel Kateriya, School of Biotechnology, as Deputy Director, Research and Development, for a period of two years.
- Dr. Sunita Reddy, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences, as Deputy Director, Research and Development, for a period of two years.
- Prof. Pawan Kumar Joshi, School of Environmental Sciences, as Director for the office of "Swachha JNU".
- Dr. Gopal Lal Meena, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, as Deputy Director for the office of "Swachha JNU".
- Prof. Ajay Kumar Dubey, Centre for African Studies, School of International Studies, as Chairperson, Special Centre for National Security Studies, for a period of two years.
- Prof. Shandar Ahmad, School of Computational and Integrative Sciences, as Chief Coordinator, Communication and Information Services.
- Prof. Deo Prakash Vidyarthi, School of Computer and Systems Sciences, as Coordinator, Communication and Information Services.
- Sh. Chander Mohan as Chair Professor in Tribal Studies, Special Centre for the Study of North East India.

Movements & Appointments

Administration

- Dr. Manorama Tripathi as Librarian, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Central Library

Retirements/ Resignations/ Voluntary Retirements/ Removals

- Prof. Anita Khanna, Centre for Japanese, Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies.
- Prof. R. Ramaswamy, School of Physical Sciences.
- Prof. K.S. James, Centre for the Study of Regional

Development, School of Social Sciences.

- Sh. Clarius Minz, Senior Laboratory Assistant, Language Labs & Multimedia Complex, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies
- Smt. Attar Kala, Sanitary Guide, School of Physical Sciences
- Smt. Dharam Biri, Sanitary Guide, Sabarmati Hostel
- Sh. I. Thangavelu, Head Mess Helper, Tapti Hostel
- Sh. Raish Ahmad, Mess Helper, Brahmaputra Hostel

Achievements / Awards



Prof. C. Upender Rao, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, will be visiting the Latvian University in Riga on 9th of this month for giving lectures on various topics of Indic studies. The

Latvian parliamentary member Dr. Romualds Razuks invited Prof. Rao for giving a lecture in Parliament annexe of Latvia on world peace. The University of Latvia in Riga has invited Prof. C. Upender Rao to give lectures on following topics at the University of Latvia:

- "Introduction to Vedanta (with reference to Dvaita, Advaita and Vishishtadvaita)"
- "Buddhist philosophy (with special reference to the Twelve links' chain of the dependent origination/ Patichcha-Samuppada)"
- "Introduction to Sankhya philosophy"
- "Kalidasa and his Similes"
- "What are the figures of speeches used in Sanskrit poetry?"
- "The role Pali literature in understanding Indian culture".



Prof. Shankar Prasad Das, School of Physical Sciences, has been elected as fellow in the year 2018 by the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI). The National Academy of Sciences, India in collaboration with Springer India Pvt.

Ltd., New Delhi has been bringing out quarterly Journals, viz. The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, India (PNASI) (Section A – Physical Sciences), PNASI (Section B – Biological Sciences); and a bi-monthly Journal viz. National Academy Science Letters (NASL).



Prof. N. Janaradhana Raju, School of Environmental Sciences, was appointed as Humboldt Ambassador Scientist" for a period of 3 years. (i.e. 1 November, 2018 to 31 October, 2021) by the Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation,

Germany, acting as an advisor to disseminate information on the AVH Foundations Sponsorship Programs for the benefit of young Scientist/researchers in India.

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Folklore Unit under School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies

A Folklore Unit has been setup within the School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies after approval by

the Academic Council in May 2018. The proposal for this had been initiated by Prof. Sadhana Naithani, CGS, SLL&CS, in 2017 and supported by several faculty members from the School. Subsequently the BOS of SLL&CS approved the

proposal. In May 2018 it received the approval of the Academic Council. Prof. Sadhana Naithani has been appointed the first Coordinator of the Unit for a period of two years.

It has started functioning and, as per the plan, it has offered M.A. and M.Phil. level courses in the discipline of Folkloristics in the Monsoon Semester 2018-19. The courses can be credited or audited by any registered student of JNU. The courses offered at the post-graduate level and M. Phil. level lead to conceptual and theoretical understanding of folklore, methodologies of studying folklore, region and genre specific analysis for within and outside India. The founding member faculties of the Folklore Unit are of diverse expertise: Literature, Language, History, Sociology and International Relations. Some of the faculty members associated with the Folklore Unit are: Professors Indrani Mukherjee, Nasar S. Roomi, Sangeeta Dasgupta, Minati Panda, Urmimala Sarkar and Dr. Preeti D. Das. The list of Courses is available on the JNU website. The Courses to be offered in the Winter Semester 2018-19 will be announced in December 2018.

As widely acknowledged, the study of folklore and orality is important to the study of societies and cultures. By establishing the Folklore Unit, the SLL&CS and JNU have made an important decision.

Sadhana Naithani
Co-ordinator, Folklore Unit, SLL&CS

49th National Service Scheme (NSS) Foundation Day 2018 on 24 September, 2018

The NSS Day Celebrations, 2018 organised by NSS JNU with the theme, 'Health and Hygiene' started with the enthusiastic participation and successful completion of the Morning Session. The session started with Yoga which took place at Yoga Kendra, JNU Stadium, followed by athletic events which comprised of 800m and 1500m race. A total of 52 participants/ volunteers from JNU, Delhi University and Indraprastha University took part in these events.

After the completion of the Morning Session, the afternoon session began at Convention Centre from 02:00 PM onwards starting with a Poster Making Competition. Students/ Participants from various institutions from JNU, University of Delhi, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Galgotia University etc. participated enthusiastically for the event. Even interested children from school level also participated to showcase their artistic talent.



After the Poster Making Competition was over by 03:30 PM, it was followed by the Formal Inauguration Ceremony. The Guests for the Occasion were

1. Mr. S.P. Bhatnagar, Regional Director, NSS
2. Dr. Kaushal Kant Mishra, Ex. Red. Doctor, AIIMS & Social Activist
3. Dr. Anil Kumar Singh, Ex. NSS Programme Coordinator, JNU



The session started with the singing of the NSS Song and National Anthem followed by welcome speech from Kishore Vadhtya, NSS Co-ordinator, JNU, where he cited out the achievements of the NSS JNU Team. It was followed by an energetic speech by Mr. S P Bhatnagar where he pointed out the service rendered by NSS for the development of the Nation and also applauded NSS JNU for taking a leading role in this work with the motto of 'Not Me But You'. This was followed by a very enlightening speech by Mr. Kaushal Kant Mishra.

The session then witnessed a dance performance by the students of School of Engineering, JNU which filled the surroundings with the wave of patriotism and love for the

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motherland. It was followed by a Krishna Vandana performed by Mrs. Gunjan Singh. A drama entitled 'Say No To Drugs' was performed by ***NSS JNU Volunteers*** which was to make the youth aware of the negative implications of drugs and various addictions and ways to get rid of such conditions resulting in individual as well as national development. A dance themed 'Save Animals And Save Dress' was also performed by Mrs. Gunjan and her group which tried to narrate the importance of the surrounding flora and fauna for a better environment and the importance of nature in day to day lives.



After the completion of the Formal Inaugural Session, High Tea was served to the Guests and all the participants/ audience present for the occasion.

The High Tea was followed by Cultural Performances. A Drama with the theme 'Ek Kadam Swachhta Ki Or' was performed by Thespian Team, Kalindi College, Delhi University, which narrated the importance of Cleanliness and Sanitation for a better living with good health and how it is also connected with the country's prosperity. The singing performance was showcased by Divyansh and Aniket followed by Thematic Dance and Folk Songs.

After the cultural performances, Certificates were awarded to the winners of various competitions. Certificates were also distributed to all the participants. More than 350 (295 online registrations and more than 55 offline registrations) volunteers took part in the NSS Foundation Day Celebration 2018 from almost all the Universities and many colleges of Delhi. JNU, Delhi University (ARSD college, Kalindi College, Kamla Nehru College, Sri Aurobindo College, Bharti College, Ram Lal Anand College and etc).

The foundation of NSS marks a very important arena in the sector of the county's integrity and development and following the tradition, NSS JNU is also committed to also keep the ethos of NSS and pride of Nation foremost.

Himanshu Talan
NSS JNU Co-Convenor

JNU Nature & Wildlife Club and Photography Club jointly organizes Nature walk to Qutub Minar

29 September, 2018: JNU Nature & Wildlife and Photography Club successfully carried out a rejuvenating morning nature



walk to the majestic Qutub Minar via the Sanjay Van Park, the thickest green lungs of Delhi. The walk witnessed a great



amount of participation by the students. The crowd followed a very adventurous route through Aravali hills and the thick jungle of the park. The walk gave a very nice opportunity to the Photography Club to click the rich fauna and flora of that park. Through out the walk members of the Photography Club

took a wide range of clicks. Having reached Qutub Minar the new students were acquainted with the historical importance of the site.

All the participants, after having explored the site thoroughly, left for the university. Both the Nature and Photography Clubs would like to extend its gratitude to the faculty in charge of JNU Nature Club, Dr. Sudesh Yadav, and the Dean of Students, Prof. Umesh Kadam for the constant support and encouragement with the club activities in all its hues.

**Meeta Narain, Chairperson
Co-ordinator, Cultural Activities**

Surgical Strike Day

Jawaharlal Nehru University organized "Surgical Strike Day", which was celebrated across the country as "Parakrama Diwas". The objective of this day-long event was to appreciate the unique contribution by our armed forces in preserving the integrity and security of our nation. JNU felt very happy to acknowledge the valour of our army, especially because six Defence Academies and Colleges are affiliated with the university and thousands of JNU Alumni have been giving their services to the nation. JNU feels humbled that many of our alumni have laid down their lives in serving our country. Surgical Strike Day, therefore, gave us an opportunity to pay our tribute to our retired and serving as well as martyred alumni in the armed forces.

The entire day was marked with various activities, such as essay writing, quiz and debate competition in honour and celebration of the Indian Army. The various cultural programmes made the day even more memorable. The penultimate programme of the day was a session of rich lectures delivered by distinguished personalities both from the armed forces and academic institutions. Maj. Gen. V.D. Dogra, A JNU Alumnus, gave an inspiring speech on his gritty and awe-inspiring experience as a successful participant in the international programme called "Iron Man Triathlon", and told the audience how he became the first Indian Army Officer to win the competition. He said dreaming and building on one's dream can convert it into reality. Maj. Gen. (Retd) G.D. Bakshi gave a riveting speech on Indian Armed Forces' capabilities to protect our country from the enemy. Prof. Rajiv Malhotra from USA said in his address that to defeat the designs of India's enemies we should also fight an intellectual battle in India's knowledge world. The evening

programmes began with a Salute and March Past by NCC Cadets and also included the beautiful performance by an army band.

**R.P. Singh
Rector-III**

JNU launches bicycle-sharing app

An App-based Bicycle Sharing Scheme has been inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor, JNU on 2 October, 2018 on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti for green and clean campus. It is



another step taken by the current administration to reduce the traffic congestion and to promote health and eco-friendly movement in the campus in a cost-effective and student-friendly manner.

Under this scheme, every day all registered members will be given first ride up to 30 minutes free of cost. For the subsequent ride of the day they have to pay Rs. 1.18 for every 15 minutes. In the first phase this service will be available from eight stands and later on 10 more virtual stands will be started to cover the whole campus. This service is available for JNU students, faculty, officers, staff and their family members. In order to access this service, a user requires to install the App on his/her mobile phone. This app could be downloaded from: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=cycle.greenolution>. The Greenolution company which was given the contract through open tendering process, will be operating this service in the campus without any financial liability on the part JNU.

On this occasion Swachhata Drive was also undertaken at various places in the campus and the JNU community took pledge to keep the campus clean.

**Pramod Kumar
Registrar**

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Report of JNU Basketball Tournament

JNU Basketball Club organized 2 days 2nd JNU Basketball Tournament in sports complex, JNU on 23-24 October, 2018. Around 100 JNU students participated in the tournament. 12 girls participated for the first time. Chicago Bulls led by Vikas



Bagaria won the 5 a side men's championship defeating Tileyans. Lakers (B & C) won the 3 a side championship



defeating Chicago Bulls. JNU Power Girls won the 3 a side championship defeating Tibetan Girls. The tournament was well organized in the evening on both days with qualified officials.

Chief Proctor, JNU Prof. Kaushal Kumar Sharma gave away the prizes and trophies to the winners. He emphasized the need to organize more such programmes in order to channelize the energy of JNU students.

**Vikas Bagaria
Convener**

MERAKI (JNU Annual Cultural Fest)

JNU Cultural Committee, Office of the Dean of Students, IHA organized "MERAKI" JNU Annual Cultural Fest on 25 October, 2018. MERAKI is a Greek word interpreted as doing something with soul, creativity or love. This fest had a bright, ebullient and gleeful spirit. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of JNU, was the Chief Guest of this fest. He arrived on time and was welcomed by the JNU Cultural Committee. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar encouraged the

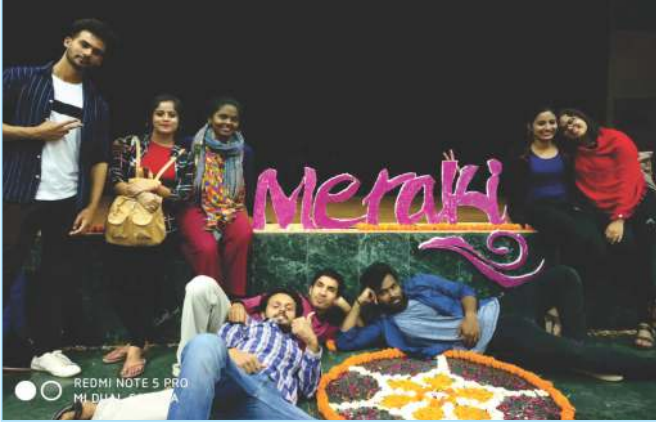
students with his catalyst words by sharing his enthusiasm. He also showed his inclination towards cultural events in the campus so that it can add exhilaration to student life.



Like every year, MERAKI also had a legion list of events for aspiring talents of students. The UNESCO, Fine Arts, Nature and Wildlife, Debating, Literary, Photography, Film, and Dance Clubs of JNU organised numerous events, which helped the students in showing their flair and prospect to win prizes and certificates. The event started at 10 am with exhibitions from Nature and Wildlife Club and Photography Club, which exhibited photos taken by the students of JNU on the topic "Biodiversity in JNU Campus". Fine Arts Club organised a signature campaign, and it also organised an exhibition where it exhibited paintings made by JNU Students and the Children of Unnoticed NGO in a painting competition organised by Fine Arts Club on 13 October, 2018. The themes of the painting were Mela, Nukkad, Safar and Panchtatva. The paintings which were made by the students were full of Meraki as their inventiveness was very analytical and of profound thought.



After this, a workshop was organised at 11 am by the Fine Arts Club, IHA. The theme of the workshop was "Landscape". Debate competition organised by the UNESCO and Debating Club started right after the workshop event. The topic of the debate was "World trends on freedom of expression and media development". It was a thought-provoking debate. Poetry competition, organised by the Literary Club, started



after the debate where students recited poems written by them and the same was very inspiring. Students participated with joy and enthusiasm in all these events and after the completion of these events certificates and prizes were distributed among the students by Prof. Meeta Narain, Coordinator, Cultural Committee.

After all these events cultural programmes started, and dance forms of different states were performed by the JNU Dance Club as well as by Vriksh - The Theatre and Chilanka – The Gurukul of Art and Culture respectively. A farewell was given to Prof. Meeta Narain after the dance performance as her tenure ended as Cultural Coordinator. Certificates and gifts were given away to all the volunteers and convenors for their love and support for making this fest successful.

The JNU Cultural Committee would like to thank Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of JNU for accepting the invitation and marking his presence in the fest. JNU Cultural Committee is also very thankful to the Office of the Dean of Students for its consistent support. It is also very grateful to all the teachers of the Cultural Committee as well as the members, volunteers and convenors of the UNESCO, Fine Arts, Nature and Wildlife, Debating, Literary, Photography, Film, and Dance Clubs.

Nagma Parween
Co-convenor, Fine Arts Club

हिंदी दिवस समारोह का आयोजन

जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय में कला एवं सौंदर्यशास्त्र संस्थान (SAA) के सभागार में दिनांक 20-09-2018 को दोपहर 02.30 बजे हिंदी दिवस समारोह का आयोजन बड़े ही हर्षोल्लास के साथ किया गया। इस अवसर पर प्रो. गंगा प्रसाद विमल बतौर मुख्य अतिथि तथा प्रो. सत्यकाम, इग्नू नई दिल्ली बतौर विशिष्ट अतिथि उपस्थित हुए। इसके साथ ही, जाने-माने कवि दिनेश



रघुवंशी एवं मंजू शर्मा ने भी कार्यक्रम में शिरकत की। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता विश्वविद्यालय के रेक्टर प्रो. चिंतामणि महापात्र ने की। कुलसचिव डॉ. प्रमोद कुमार तथा प्रो. सुधीर प्रताप सिंह, हिंदी सलाहकार भी मंचासीन विद्यमान रहे।

कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ दीप प्रज्वलन एवं सरस्वती वंदना के साथ हुआ। कार्यक्रम में मंच संचालन डॉ. मलखान सिंह, सहायक प्रोफेसर, भारतीय भाषा केंद्र, जेएनयू ने किया। हिंदी सलाहकार ने अपने स्वागत भाषण में सभी आमंत्रित अतिथिगण एवं कविगण का संक्षिप्त परिचय देते हुए विश्वविद्यालय में राजभाषा हिंदी संबंधी विभिन्न गतिविधियों पर प्रकाश डाला तथा हिंदी की गति एवं प्रगति पर अपने विचार रखे।

उनकी अपने उद्बोधन में मुख्य अतिथि प्रो. गंगा प्रसाद विमल ने भारतीय लोकतंत्र में भारतीय भाषाओं एवं राजभाषा हिंदी के महत्व पर प्रकाश डाला। उन्होंने कहा कि सभी प्रांतीय भाषाएं राजभाषा हिंदी की छोटी बहन हैं और हिंदी बड़ी बहन है। उन्होंने कहा कि गुरुदेव रवींद्रनाथ टैगोर ने ठीक ही कहा है 'आधुनिक भाषाओं के हार की मध्यमणि हिंदी भारत भारती होकर विराजती रहे।' उन्होंने हिंदी के बढ़ते हुए रूप-स्वरूप से सभी को अवगत कराया तथा कहा कि हिंदी जन-जन की भाषा है। उन्होंने अपने संबोधन में सभी संबंधित से आह्वान किया कि राजभाषा हिंदी का कार्यान्वयन मन से होना चाहिए। यदि किसी काम में मन नहीं लगे तो वह काम नीरस और बोझिल हो जाता है। अतः भाषा जैसे भावनात्मक कार्य को मन लगाकर ही किया जा सकता है।

विशिष्ट अतिथि प्रो. सत्यकाम ने भी इसी प्रकार के विचार रखे। उन्होंने कहा कि सभी भारतीय भाषाएं एक परिवार की सदस्यों की तरह हैं। पारिवारिक सदस्यों की एकता से ही परिवार में एकात्मकता एवं भावनात्मक जुड़ाव देखा जा सकता है। अतः सभी भारतीय भाषाओं को साथ लेकर ही भाषायी जगत् में तादात्म्य स्थापित किया जा सकता है।

कविवर दिनेश रघुवंशी एवं कवयित्री मंजू शर्मा ने अपने ओजस्वी एवं चुटीले अंदाज में राष्ट्रीय एकता के महत्व की अभिव्यक्ति की। उन्होंने अपने काव्यपाठ के माध्यम से समां बांध दिया तथा सभी उपस्थित श्रोतागण को मंत्रमुग्ध कर दिया।

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अपने अध्यक्षीय भाषण में प्रो. चिंतामणि महापात्र ने कहा कि जेएनयू एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय संस्था है। इसमें न केवल हिंदी अपितु अधिकतर भारतीय एवं विदेशी भाषाओं का अध्ययन-अध्यापन किया जाता है। यहां प्रशासन में भी बहुत-से काम हिंदी में भी किए जाते हैं। उन्होंने आगे कहा कि भारतीय भाषाओं की एकता ही भारतीय विविधता की पहचान है। यहां विभिन्न धर्मों, समुदायों, संस्कृतियों, भाषाओं आदि को समान महत्व देते हुए आगे बढ़ने पर फोकस किया जाता है। उन्होंने भी सभी संबंधित से आग्रह किया कि हिंदी को तन-मन से अपनाकर आगे बढ़ाया जा सकता है।

विश्वविद्यालय के कुलसचिव ने राजभाषा हिंदी के महत्व पर

व्यापक प्रकाश डालते हुए कहा कि किसी भी भाषा का कार्यान्वयन नैतिक जिम्मेदारी लेते हुए ही साकार हो सकता है। उन्होंने कहा कि केंद्र सरकार के कर्मचारी होने के नाते हम सबका यह न केवल नैतिक दायित्व है, अपितु संवैधानिक दायित्व भी है कि अपना दैनंदिन काम राजभाषा हिंदी में करें ताकि यह सरकार के कामकाज का दर्पण बन सके।

समारोह के अगले कार्यक्रमों में जेएनयू की हिंदी पत्रिका 'जेएनयू परिसर' के अंक-9 तथा 10 (संयुक्तांक) का लोकार्पण किया गया। इस अवसर पर हिंदी पखवाड़े के दौरान जेएनयू छात्र-छात्राओं तथा स्टाफ सदस्यों के लिए आयोजित विभिन्न हिंदी प्रतियोगिताओं में विजेताओं को मुख्य अतिथि एवं विशिष्ट अतिथि के करकमलों से पुरस्कार वितरित किए गए। पुरस्कार वितरण कार्यक्रम का संचालन विश्वविद्यालय के सहायक निदेशक (रा.भा.) ने किया। उन्होंने इसके साथ-साथ राजभाषा हिंदी की प्रेरणा, प्रोत्साहन एवं पुरस्कारसंबंधी नीति के बारे में सभी उपस्थित श्रोतागण को अवगत कराया तथा सभी भावी प्रतिभागियों से अनुरोध किया कि राजभाषा प्रकोष्ठ द्वारा आयोजित की जाने वाली सभी हिन्दी प्रतियोगिताओं में बढ़-चढ़ कर भाग लें।

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Prof. P N Srivastava Endowment Lecture

The Vice Chancellor of JNU invited Dr Randeep Guleria, Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, to deliver this year's Prof P N Srivastava Endowment Lecture. Welcoming the eminent speaker the Vice Chancellor Prof M Jagadish Kumar, emphasised the importance of concerns for our environment. He said the burden of keeping our environment clean is entirely upon us, but we need to listen to experts like Dr Guleria to understand its impact on all of us. The Rector, Prof Chintamani Mahapatra, said in his introductory remarks that the green cover of Delhi or JNU brings us little relief because the air pollution in Delhi is depressingly high.

Dr Guleria informed the audience how the air pollution has caused and contributed to major and newer diseases. Also, the paradigm changes in various diseases owing both to air pollution and environmental degradation must prompt us to be mindful to our environmental behaviour patterns. Lack of clean water and air combined with poor sanitary conditions especially in countries like India are major contributors in

causing newer diseases. It should be a serious concern for India that it houses 13 out of the world's 50 most polluted cities.

**Pramod Kumar
Registrar**

Prof. C N Chakravarti Memorial Lecture

On 5 September, 2018, the teacher's day, the Centre of Russian Studies organized the first memorial lecture dedicated to Prof. C N Chakravarti, who was the Founder Director of the Institute of Russian Studies, whose contribution in the form of books, papers, research is a treasure for the Russian field.

Having started his career by teaching Russian at the Department of Modern European Languages at Delhi University, he rose to the position of heading the Department after which he became instrumental in setting up the Institute of Russian Studies (IRS) in 1965. As the Founder Director of the Institute of Russian Studies he played an

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important role in promoting Russian language. He held several prominent positions at the Jawaharlal Nehru University when the Institute of Russian Studies became a part of JNU in 1969 and was renamed as the Centre of Russian Studies as a part of School of Languages. He was the Chairperson, CRS; the 4th Dean of School of Languages from 1975 to 1978; the Dean of Students Welfare from 1983 to 1985 and a hostel warden too.



As a pioneer of Russian language, he contributed towards the writing and teaching methodologies of the language. Not only was he a conscientious, meticulous and an ardent promoter of the language, but was a simple, genuine and a loving person who guided several generations of students and teachers. He was the first recipient of the Pushkin Medal in 1979, given for promotion of Russian Language, which made his name equally renowned in the erstwhile USSR, where his books and his personality became an inspiration for both Indian and foreign students.



To honour this personality, the Centre of Russian Studies organized the memorial lecture as a tribute to the Father of Russian Language Teaching in India. The memorial lecture was conferred by Sh. Jayanta Roy Choudhury, Sr. Editor The Telegraph in the presence of Rector-II, Prof. S C Gargoti, Dean SLL&CS Prof. Dingle, Ms. Sushmita Chakravarti d/o Prof. C N Chakravarti, Dr. Ganguly and Dr. Bhargav, senior colleagues of

CRS, the august audience, colleagues, staff and students of CRS.

The programme started with a welcome speech by Dr. Meenu Bhatnagar, Assistant Professor, CRS who spoke of the values and place Prof. C. N. Chakravarti has in the Russian field and welcomed the dignitaries present for the lecture. This was followed by the introduction to the memorial lecture by Prof. Meeta Narain, Chairperson, CRS who apprised the audience of the need to organize the memorial lecture to commemorate the memory of a legend, a stalwart, a pioneer whose contribution has been unparalleled in his field and his life a milestone for others to follow. She also emphasised that the CRS pays rich tribute and homage in the form of today's memorial lecture which is the first in its series and will be from now on an annual feature of the CRS. The address by Prof. Satish Chandra Garkoti, Rector-II, JNU also emphasised the importance of the lecture and congratulated the Centre for its efforts in this matter. Prof. Rajendra Dingle, Dean, SLL&CS, JNU spoke of his association with Prof. C.N. Chakravarti and paid tribute to him. The Centre also released the special issue of their annual journal 'CRITIC' dedicated to Prof. C. N. Chakravarti.



The memorial lecture presented by Mr. Jayanta Roy Chowdhury, Senior Editor, The Telegraph, who was introduced by Dr. Arunim Bandyopadhyay, Associate Professor, was on the topic "Contours of Indo Russian Economic Relations" in the 21st Century, which is a very pertinent topic in today's scenario. Much of India's economic growth today is a reflection of the establishment of economic ties between India and Russia from way back to the 70s. And in this, undoubtedly Russian language has played an important role. It has been instrumental in the country's growth – in the field of defence, oil and natural gas, foreign affairs, tourism and academics. The Russian language has played a multi-dimensional role in strengthening ties between India and the

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erstwhile Soviet Union to the Russian Federation today. He discussed the India-Russia Economic Relations in the 21st Century and more specifically a dream project involving a Trade Corridor that the two nations along with other partner countries have envisaged for the future which could well revolutionise the state of play of political and economic relations in Asia. The lecture was very well received and was followed by a session on the remembrances by close associates of Prof. Chakravarti, Dr. Santosh Ganguly, former Consul General, St. Petersburg, Russia and Dr. Bhargav Mitra, Director, Cabinet Secretariat, who fondly recollected the contributions of this legend.

The programme was very well attended by senior dignitaries from the Embassy of the Russian Federation, faculty and students of JNU, the family members and associates of Prof. Chakravarti and by two former Vice-chancellors of JNU – Prof. Asis Dutta and Prof. Sopory, who paid their tribute to this eminent figure.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks given by Ms. Sushmita Chakravarti, daughter of Prof. C. N. Chakravarti, who expressed her gratitude to the Centre of Russian Studies for organizing the event and said that this was the best way to pay tribute to her father and was sure that we are all being blessed by the pioneer of Russian Language Studies in India – Prof. C. N. Chakravarti.

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

Two-day International Conference on Environmental and Biomedical Nanotechnology (ICEBN-2018)

School of Environmental Sciences (SES), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in association with Indian Nano Biologist Association (INBA) organized an International Conference on Environmental and Biomedical Nanotechnology (ICEBN-2018). It was a two-day conference held on 14-15 September, 2018. The basic objective of the conference was to bring together leading scientists and young scholars so as to allow the exchange and amalgamation of ideas and views on the recent trends in nanotechnology. The conference built an appropriate platform for budding research scholars to showcase their research work and enrich them with innovative ideas and suggestions. Further, the conference aimed to achieve an interdisciplinary forum where renowned scientists from across the country could exchange their

research ideas, innovations, concerns and come out with possible solutions in the domain of nanotechnology.

The conference was divided into the general thematic areas of nanotechnology and was categorized into four different sessions. An overwhelming response was received from across the country and overseas with more than 100 abstracts of which 37 were selected for contributory presentations and 52 for poster presentations by the review abstract committee. More than 80 participants from different universities and institutes attended the two day conference. The inaugural session started with the welcome address by Dr. Paulraj R., Convenor, ICEBN 2018, SES, JNU who welcomed the delegates and discussed about the conference themes. It was followed by the welcome address by Dr. U. Kulshrestha, acting Dean, SES, JNU. He welcomed the delegates and briefed them about the research activities conducted in SES and JNU. He urged scientists to collaborate in order to explore new approaches and come-up with innovative ideas. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, JNU delivered the inaugural address where he discussed about the possible implication of nanotechnology and its rising applicability in recent years. Dr. Anima Nanda, President, INBA delivered a talk wherein she introduced INBA as an association to the delegates. She stated that research should be devoted in a way that it can be taken up to the pharmaceutical level for product development. Thereafter, the keynote address was delivered by Prof. H.B. Bohidar, School of Physical Sciences (SPS), JNU on the topic "Salient



Features of Nanoscience: Challenge of the Small". His talk revolved around the basic theme of the conference and was listened to with great zeal and enthusiasm. A vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Ramovatar Meena, Organizing Secretary, ICEBN-2018.

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The programme was resumed after a high tea break with Session I: Nanomaterials and Nanocomposites. The session was chaired by Prof. H.B. Bohidar, SPS, JNU, and Prof. Binod K. Kannujia, SCIS, JNU. This session had two invited talks by Prof. Bijoy K. Kuanr, SCNS, JNU and Dr. Ramesh L. Gardas, IIT, Chennai. This was followed by contributory presentations by students and faculty members from various institutes who presented their research work and provided new ideas. Session I-A was chaired by Dr. Balajee R, Southern California University, USA and Dr. Thamaraiselvi C, MTWU, Tamil Nadu where faculties from different universities presented their work. The post lunch session started with poster sessions



presented by young research scholars and was evaluated by a panel of judges. The poster session highlighted the versatility in the use of nanoparticles in different domains of science. This was ensued by Session-II that focused on Nanomedicines and Cancer. The session was chaired by Prof. Vibha Tandon, SCMM, JNU. There were three invited talks in this session by Dr. Manoj Shrivastava, IARI, New Delhi, Prof. Anima Nanda and Dr. Shailja Singh, SCMM, JNU. The invited talk session was followed by contributory presentations by distinguished faculties.

The second day started with the contributory talks of Session-II B: Nanomedicines and Cancer, which was chaired by Dr. Bijay Kumar Nayak, KMCPGS, Pondicherry and Dr. T. Ramanathan from Annamalai University. Session III began after the tea break and was chaired by Prof. Shibnath Mazumder, Dept. of Zoology, Delhi University and Prof. Anima Nanda, SDU, Chennai. The session was dedicated to Green Nanotechnology and Environmental Toxicology had two invited guest speakers: Dr. Manjeet Kumar, Incheon National University, South Korea and Dr. Tanuja Mohanty, SPS, JNU.

This was followed by 7 contributory talks which basically focused on the eco-friendly approaches of nanoparticles synthesis and their applications.

Session IV began after the lunch-break and focused on the thematic area of Nanobiotechnology and other related fields. The session was chaired by Prof. Harpal Singh, IIT, Delhi and Dr. Ranjan Nanda, ICGEB, New Delhi. Dr. Mukesh Pasupuleti of CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow and Dr. M. Saravanan, Mekelle University, Ethiopia, delivered their invited talks. It was followed by contributory presentations focusing on different application of nanoparticles.

The guest of the valedictory function was Prof. R.P. Singh, Rector III, JNU, who delivered the valedictory address and presented certificates to winners of the Best Posters. Dr. M. Saravanan, INBA addressed valedictory special remarks and the session was concluded by Dr. Paulraj R, Convenor, ICEBN-2018. Feedback was given by few participants. The two day conference witnessed overwhelming response from delegates and young students who actively participated in discussion on the multi-faceted applications of nanoparticles and nanocomposites. The conference provided an excellent platform for budding scientists wherein they explored new research areas and thus could design future strategies for exploration of the versatility and feasibility of nanoparticles.

Paulraj R.
Convenor, ICEBN

School of Environmental Sciences

New Horizons in Literary and Cultural Studies: German and Indian Perspectives

As part of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) sponsored programme called German Studies Institutional Co-operation (GIP) between JNU, DU, Mumbai University and Freiburg University in Germany, the Centre of German Studies, School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies, JNU organized an international conference from 17 to 19 September, 2018 at the Convention Centre, JNU. The conference "New Horizons in Literary and Cultural Studies: German and Indian Perspectives" began with a welcome note by Prof. Babu Thaliath, Chairperson of CGS. The welcome note was followed by a brief sketch of the academic co-operation between the four universities by Prof. Werner Frick who is the driving force of this initiative. He highlighted that Freiburg is not just a beautiful city nestled in the Black Forest but it is home to an international university with high

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standards. Fifteen M.A. and M.Phil./Ph.D. students from Delhi and Mumbai University were invited this summer for a guest-semester in Freiburg where they attended lectures along with regular German students. The co-operation also enabled three faculty members to undertake research in Freiburg University for a month each. Frau Heike Mock, Director of the DAAD, Delhi graced the occasion and spoke of the need for more such initiatives. A distinctive feature of GIP is the inclusion of some emerging institutes of German Studies like Aligarh Muslim University which has recently started full time BA and MA courses in German. Four young scholars from "emerging institutes" were granted funds to enable them to participate in the conference. There were altogether 30 participants from ALU Freiburg, JNU, DU, MU, BHU, IIT Madras, AMU, EFLU and Central University Gujarat. This partnership will go a long way in promoting German Studies in India.

The research papers presented a broad spectrum of research interests ranging from philosophy, literature and folklore to translation, linguistics and didactics. The German delegation participated in a big way in the conference with six Professors/Lecturers. Werner Frick spoke on the Lyrical- i.e. self-portraits in literature and poetry, Gesa von Essen and Christopher Meid presented on the conceptual shift in contemporary German travel literature since the fall of the Wall, Göz Kaufmann presented the findings of his linguistic study on Portuguese loan words used by German settlers in Brazil, Robert Krause discussed his research project on 100 years of Weimar Republic from a fresh perspective of arts and aesthetics, and Dieter Martin introduced his recent Freiburg University project that attempts to reconstruct historical digital libraries of the 18th century writer Christoph Martin Wieland and Baroque poets Andreas and Christian Gryphius. From the Centre of German Studies, JNU, Mercy V. Guite presented a paper on the role of aesthetics in the scientific works of the Geographer Alexander von Humboldt. Rosy Singh spoke on Franz Kafka's presence in India in visual and verbal arts. Sadhana Naithani discussed through her short film *The Afterlife of the Ratcatcher* (2016) the various interpretations of the pied piper folk tale related with the German town of Hamelin. Babu Thaliath highlighted the sensory cognition and its interplay with the logical-abstract cognition in Alexander G. Baumgarten's philosophy and Anna Kuhnt presented the DAAD Dhoch3 project for training teachers of German. Students participated in a large number in the conference.

Rosy Singh, (Coordinator)
Centre of German Studies, SLL&CS

Nehru Memorial Lecture on "Youth and Truth"

The 14th Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Lecture was delivered in a dialogical mode on 25 September, 2018 on the theme "Youth and Truth" by Padma Vibhushan and the founder of Isha Foundation, Shri Jaggi Vasudev ("Sadhguru"). The Vice Chancellor, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, welcomed the guest speaker, introduced the theme and oriented the students towards the benefits of an interactive and dialectical session, especially in a University, where they get to engage the speaker on various issues of personal, social, national and global importance.



The event was a great success with more than two thousand students, teachers, and the staff of the university participating in the programme. Three student representatives on the stage engaged "Sadhguru" for more than an hour, asking questions of immediate relevance to the student community. Thereafter, the audience, both inside the auditorium and outside in the lawn, asked a number of questions. The questions included research objectives and methods in social sciences and natural sciences, science and spirituality, living practices in India, hostel life and problems, environment, nationalism, comparative cultures, and folk life and traditions.

The programme had the audience enthusiastically seated for more than four hours from 5 pm to 9.30 pm. The preliminary events started with musical performances featuring the renowned singer Mohit Chauhan. The audience were shown visuals and short films on the various social, environmental and national causes taken up by the Isha Foundation, especially in the fields of forest and river conservation, and rural literary activities.

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The event ended with felicitation of the guest speaker by the Vice Chancellor.

**Pramod Kumar
Registrar**

Women's Status and Gender Roles in Quebec: From Tradition to Modernity

In association with the Quebec Bureau and University of Montreal, the Canadian Studies programme of the Centre for Canadian, US and Latin American Studies (CCUS&LAS), School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) organized a screening and discussion of three French films from Quebec (with English subtitles) on 31 October, 2018 at the Convention Centre Auditorium of JNU. The initiative was taken by Emeritus Professor Marie Mc Andrew (a Visiting Faculty at the Centre) and was coordinated by Dr. Priti Singh (Associate Professor, CCUS&LAS).

Prof. Mc Andrew welcomed the audience at 1.30 pm emphasizing the difficulties of introducing Women's Studies by overcoming oppressive traditions in Quebec. She gave a brief insight into the first film, *Seraphin: Un Homme et Son*



Peche (Seraphin: Heart of Stone) (2002). The movie revolves around a submissive young woman who had to marry a miserly and cold older man to pay off her father's debt while being in love with another man. Prof. Mc Andrew described the central character of the film, Donaldda, as a representative of the women's stereotype of 20th century who develops into a stronger personality with the progress of the film. Prof. Mc Andrew drew attention to some very important aspects of the film: the role of the Church as instrumental in promoting the conservative image of women and social upheavals of the 20th century.

The second film, *La Passion D'Augustine (Passion of Augustine)* (2015) was introduced by Prof. Mc Andrew at

3.50 pm. The film tells the story of the closing down of a Catholic school for music which homed students from various backgrounds. The film revisits the contribution of the nuns before secularization of education in the 1960s in Quebec and showcases the domination of the Quebec school system by the Church. Prof. Mc Andrew described the nuns as feminists because of their attempts at revision of traditional gender roles.

The two films were followed by a short function welcoming Director Consul Mr. Dominic Marcotte of the Quebec Bureau in Mumbai and Prof. Marie Mc Andrew from the University of Montreal. Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra, Rector-I, Jawaharlal Nehru University, in his welcome address highlighted the significance of having such screenings and discussions for the Canadian Studies programme. He also discussed the need to understand issues that are similar in Quebec and India such as religion and gender debates. Mr. Dominic Marcotte in his address extended his gratitude to the faculty and students of JNU for the initiative and discussed some of the important exchange initiatives between Quebec and India, namely trade, education and sharing of a unique cinematic experience. He gave a brief introduction to Quebec focusing on women's empowerment in Quebec from voting rights in 1740 to the enshrinement of women's rights in the Charter of Human Rights in 1960s. He also discussed the power Catholic Church enjoyed and the political shifts that influenced 20th century Quebec. He also talked about the future government plans to promote gender equality.

The Centre Chairperson Prof. K.P. Vijayalakshmi in her formal vote of thanks welcomed the initiative as necessary for the promotion of knowledge on Quebec. She thanked all the organizers and concluded by emphasizing the role of films and books as instrumental in sharing cultures and in understanding a country and its society.

This was followed by a high tea hosted by the Quebec Bureau in Mumbai. Prof. Mc Andrew introduced the last film, *Maman Last Call* (2005), a humorous story about a modern professional who resists starting a family but finds herself unexpectedly pregnant. The film highlights the difficulties faced by modern women in reconciling maternity and professionalism. The event concluded with a brief discussion on the films.

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प्रश्न: जेएनयू में आप कब आये?

श्री बहुगुणा: 17 जूलाई सन् 1984 को मुझे जेएनयू में कनिष्ठ सहायक के पद पर कार्यभार संभालने का सौभाग्य प्राप्त हुआ। यहाँ आने से पूर्व मैं एक प्राइवेट कम्पनी में कलर्क के रूप में कार्यरत था। मेरे साथ कार्यरत एक सज्जन श्री के.डी. पाठक जी के द्वारा पता चला कि जेएनयू में कनिष्ठ सहायक के पदों के लिए विज्ञापन निकला है; अतः यह जानकर मैंने भी अपना

प्रार्थना पत्र भेज दिया। साक्षात्कार के कुछ महीनों के उपरांत मुझे नौकरी ज्वाइन करने का पत्र मिल गया। तब भी मैं असमंजस की स्थिति में था कि जेएनयू में ज्वाइन करूँ या नहीं करूँ। मेरे उन्हीं सहकर्मी श्री के.डी. पाठक जी ने मुझे समझाया कि जेएनयू एक बहुत अच्छा विश्वविद्यालय है और यह मौका मत छोड़ो। अंततः मैंने 17 जुलाई 1984 को जेएनयू ज्वाइन कर लिया। ज्वाइन करने के पश्चात मुझे एसआईएस में भेज दिया गया।

प्रश्न: आपके समय में जेएनयू कैसा था?

श्री बहुगुणा: जिस समय मैंने जेएनयू ज्वाइन किया था, उस समय जेएनयू का माहौल मेरे लिए बिल्कुल अलग था। पूरा कामकाज पुराने परिसर जिसे एनएए परिसर के नाम से भी जाना जाता था, से संचालित होता था। मुख्य विभाग जैसे प्रशासन, वित्त, संपदा, इंजीनियरी, डीन-छात्र, प्रवेश तथा मूल्यांकन आदि विभाग के अलावा कुछ शैक्षिक संस्थान जैसे एसआइएस, भाषा विज्ञान आदि संस्थान भी पुराने परिसर में केन्द्रित थे। नये परिसर में कंप्यूटर साइंस, जीव विज्ञान और सामाजिक विज्ञान संस्थान के अलावा केन्द्रीय पुस्तकालय और स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र स्थित थे। जेएनयू के नये परिसर में एक बड़ा क्षेत्र कीकर के वृक्ष ओर बेरी की झाड़ियों से ढका हुआ था। उस समय जेएनयू में काम करने का अपना ही आनन्द था। यहाँ देश के कोने-कोने से छात्र पढ़ने आते थे। जेएनयू में विभिन्न सामाजिक-आर्थिक और सांस्कृतिक पृष्ठभूमि से आने वाले छात्रों का संगम होता था। मुझे देश के कई प्रान्तों कई भाषाओं कई धार्मिक और सांस्कृतिक पृष्ठभूमि से आने वाले छात्रों और अध्यापकों से परिचित होने का सौभाग्य प्राप्त हुआ। जिनसे मैं बहुत प्रभावित हुआ और इसने मेरे मस्तिष्क पर एक गहरी छाप छोड़ी।

प्रश्न: अब आपको जेएनयू में कैसा लगता है?

श्री बहुगुणा: जेएनयू मुझे पहले भी अच्छा लगता था और आज भी अच्छा लगता है आगे भी अच्छा लगेगा। मैं जेएनयू को अपनी कर्मभूमि मानता हूँ। जब से मैंने जेएनयू ज्वाइन किया तब से आज तक यानी 1984 से लेकर 2018 तक के 34 वर्षों के सफर में मैंने पाया कि जेएनयू ने दिन दूनी रात चौगुनी की प्रगति की है। जहाँ पहले मात्र 6 शैक्षिक संस्थान हुआ करते थे और 22 शिक्षण केंद्र थे वहीं आज 13 शैक्षिक संस्थान, 7 विशेष शिक्षण केंद्र और 40 शिक्षण केंद्र हैं। छात्रों की संख्या में भी बहुत वृद्धि हुई है। अध्यापकों की संख्या में भी काफी इजाफा हुआ है। यह जानकर बहुत अच्छा लगता है और गर्व होता है कि आज यहां से शिक्षा प्राप्त कर निकले छात्र कई उच्च सरकारी पदों पर आसीन हैं। यह जानकर भी बहुत प्रसन्नता होती है कि जेएनयू का रैंक पूरे देश में प्रथम श्रेणी में है। आज जेएनयू किसी भी आईआईटी से आगे है। इसकी प्रगति का श्रेय यहाँ आने वाले छात्रों, शिक्षकों, कर्मचारियों, अधिकारियों और उन सभी से आगे जेएनयू प्रशासन और इसके कुलपति महोदय, कुलदेशिक, कुलसचिव आदि को जाता है। मैं आशा करता हूँ कि जेएनयू बहुत जल्द विश्व की प्रथम 100 विश्वविद्यालयों में अपनी जगह बनाएगा इसलिए चाहे जो परिश्रम करना पड़े।

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

श्री बहुगुणा: बदलाव समय की मांग है। कोई भी संस्थान सदैव एक जैसा नहीं रहता उसमें अनवरत विकास होता रहता है। विकास होता है तो बदलाव का आना भी लाजमी है। पहले 1984 में जिस समय मैंने जेएनयू ज्वाइन किया था और आज 2018 में जब मैं सेवानिवृत्त हो गया हूँ, इस बीच के 34 वर्षों में मैंने जेएनयू में बहुत से बदलाव देखे हैं। जहाँ पहले कुछ ही छात्रावास थे वहीं आज जेएनयू में 18 छात्रावास हैं। एक बदलाव में यह भी देखता हूँ कि जेएनयू में पहले के मुकाबले प्रदूषण स्तर बढ़ रहा है। यहां पर आने वाले गाड़ियों की संख्या बढ़ती जा रही है। इससे जेएनयू की प्राकृतिक सुंदरता और पर्यावरण पर असर पड़ रहा है। जो कहीं ना कहीं स्वास्थ्य के लिए हानिकारक है। एक प्रमुख बदलाव सूचना क्रांति के द्वारा आया है। जहाँ पहले टाईपराइटर पर एक पत्र या आर्टिकल को कई बार टाईप करना पड़ता था वहीं आज कंप्यूटर के माध्यम से कार्य काफी आसान हो गया है। जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय में दो व्यवसायिक शिक्षा संस्थानों – स्कूल ऑफ इंजीनियरिंग और अटल बिहारी वाजपयी स्कूल ऑफ मैनेजमेंट और एंटेप्रेन्यूरिप का जुड़ना एक बड़ी उपलब्धि है जिसका श्रेय विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपति महोदय को जाता है।

प्रश्न: जेएनयू में आने से आपके जीवन पर क्या असर डाला ?

श्री बहुगुणा: जेएनयू में आने से पहले मैंने जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय का नाम सामान्य ज्ञान की पुस्तक में पढ़ा था। जेएनयू में कनिष्ठ सहायक के पद पर कार्य करते हुए मैं जेएनयू को करीब से जान सका। यहाँ पर जब देश के कोने-कोने से आने वाले छात्रों और अध्यापकों से परिचय होता था, तो उनके विचारों और उनकी सोच से मैं काफी प्रभावित होता था। यहां आकर अंग्रेजी बोलना वह लिखने का अच्छा अभ्यास हुआ। वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों से काफी कुछ सीखने को मिला। जेएनयू के शिक्षकों की शालीनता, सहनशक्ति और उनकी विद्वत्ता से मैं काफी प्रभावित हुआ। इन सब बातों से मेरे जीवन पर और मेरी सोच पर अच्छा असर पड़ा। मैंने सोचा कि मैं भी भविष्य में इनके नक्शे कदम पर चल कर देश की सेवा करूंगा।

प्रश्न: जेएनयू से जुड़ा कोई अनुभव आप हमें बताना चाहेंगे?

श्री बहुगुणा: अनुभव तो बहुत है मगर एक अनुभव जो याद आ रहा है उसे शेयर करूंगा। प्रोफेसर सुधीर कुमार सौपौरी के कुलपति के कार्यकाल के अंतिम वर्ष में जेएनयू में संयुक्त संसदीय समिति का आगमन हुआ था जिसका उद्देश्य विश्वविद्यालय में अनुसूचित जाति वर्ग के कर्मचारियों, छात्रों और शिक्षकों की स्थिति और कानून के अनुसार उनको दी जाने वाली सुविधाओं का मूल्यांकन कर अपना प्रतिवेदन संसद को सौंपना था। उस समय मैं शैक्षिक विभाग में अनुभाग अधिकारी के पद पर कार्यरत था और डॉक्टर संजय कुमार जी सहायक कुलसचिव थे, उस समय विश्वविद्यालय की ओर से जानकारी एकत्र कर समिति के समक्ष प्रस्तुत करने के कार्य में शैक्षिक अनुभाग ने भी अहम भूमिका निभाई थी। इस कार्य को सटीक जानकारी के साथ समय पर पूर्ण करने के लिए तत्कालीन कुलसचिव श्री संदीप चटर्जी ने कार्य को समय पर पूर्ण करने पर प्रशंसा व्यक्त की थी जिसे सुनकर बहुत अच्छा लगा और मनोबल में वृद्धि हुई। अंत में मेरा मानना है कि अच्छे कार्य की प्रशंसा की जाए तो कर्मचारियों का मनोबल बढ़ता है।

प्रश्न: जेएनयू न्यूज़ के पाठकों के लिए कोई संदेश?

श्री बहुगुणा: जेएनयू न्यूज़ के पाठकों के लिए मेरा यही संदेश होगा कि जेएनयू के निरंतर विकास और देश और समाज के हित में अपने नए-नए लेख, अनुभव और सुविचार लिखते रहें ताकि हम सभी पाठकों को जो देश और समाज के प्रति समर्पित है नए-नए विचारों की जानकारी का आदान-प्रदान होता रहे और अमूल्य विचारों से सबका ज्ञान वर्धन सहायक हो सके।

Dr. Sarada Prasanna Das, Research Fellow, Institute for Governance, Policies and Politics, Vivek Manthana Foundation



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

Dr. Das: JNU is a turning point in the life of person like me. The dynamic social, political and academic environment of JNU with its ideological debates, intellectual strivings and an overwhelming social concern, totally changed my world view and life world. JNU was completely a different experience for a person like me who had never ventured outside my home state, Odisha. The ideological orientation, intellectual discussions, in and outside the classroom, as well as the student politics and unique way of looking at issues of state, society and policy, inspired me a lot. I had never even dreamt that one could study in a premier university with very limited financial resources at that point of time.

JNU comes equipped with its own kind of ecosystem. The ecosystem of give you a space to learn without stereotype. On my first visit to the campus I was struck by the posters and political vibrancy of campus by attending public meeting in the hostel dining halls, experience the night life and exploring the new possibility of life. These seemed to suggest that the place is inhabited by people who are passionate about their social and political world and have a courage to re-imagined and transformed.

Aparajita Pandey: Why did you choose JNU for higher studies?

Dr. Das: While pursuing under graduate degree I was not aware about JNU at all. In my last year of under graduation of one my friend told me about the university and asked me apply for the for MA Sociology programme with him. We applied together and appeared for the entrance. While applying for the MA programme I had very little idea about the university. However, after my selection, when I was considering whether I should join the university or pursue my studies in Odisha, I met several people who told about the uniqueness of the university and its culture.

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

Dr. Das: After completion my Ph. D from the Centre for the Study of Social System, I joined a research organization and worked with a group of scholars form an interdisciplinary background around a year. Then shifted to an organization to

work in a more focused area of my research interests. Presently we are working on policy and governance issues of energy, environment and resources.

Aparajita Pandey: How has JNU impacted your multifaceted career?

Dr. Das: As I stated above my academic as well non-academic experiences in JNU has a huge impact on my career as well as personality. The experience of team work which leant during our university days help me every day in the job. The skills I acquired as research student during my JNU days are very helpful in working in the field as well as my organization. JNU developed us to observe and understand our society in very different and unique way, that helps every researcher like me.

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

Dr. Das: I think JNU should more focus on the knowledge production side rather than consumption. As a fellow JNUite my message to the students and readers of the JNU news is to keep produce good quality of research works and part of the world knowledge system. Apart from that we need to maintain the uniqueness of university by upholding the ideals that is significant to the human world.

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

Dr. Das: I cannot forget my memories about very creative way of doing assignments and the open book examinations in the first semester of MA programme. In addition, I have very special memories of organizing conference specifically in 2007 where His Holiness Dalai Lama inaugurated the Satyagraha Centenary Conference and All Indian Sociological Society Dimond jubilee conference in 2011. These are some of the great memories working with our teachers and fellow students in team.

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

Dr. Das: We face new challenges daily basis and develop our skills to overcome those challenges. I think for me most challenging part of my job would be learning how to manage time and expectations of both colleagues and clients.



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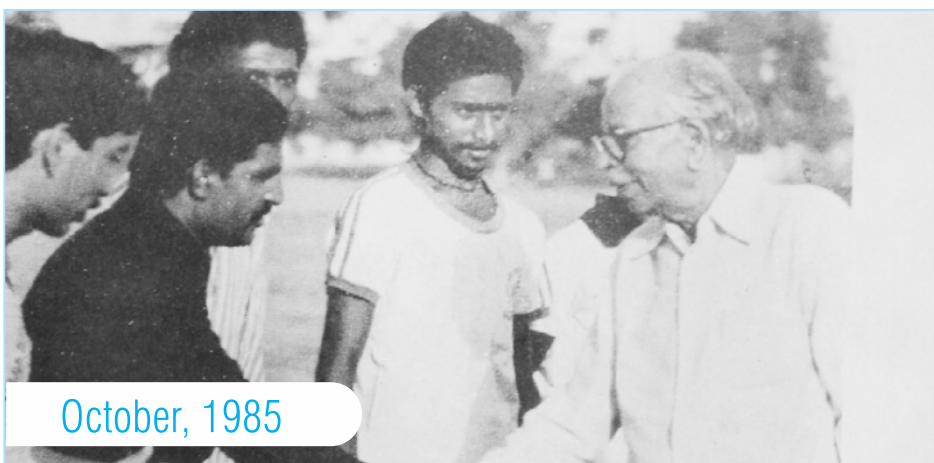
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Bishan Singh Bedi
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August, 1985

JNU students with Delhi
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Championship trophy,
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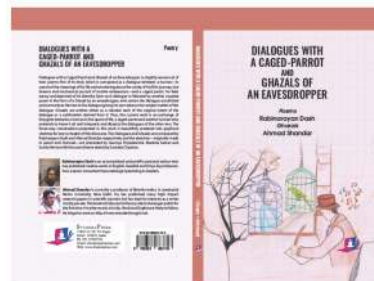
The Chancellor,
Prof. D.S. Kothari with some
players on the occasion of the
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8th Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial
Football Tournament,
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Our Publications

JNU VC releases a book on "Curriculum Development on Disability Studies"

A book entitled "Curriculum Development on Disability Studies", authored by Dr G. N. Karna, Research Associate, Disability Studies Programme, SIS, JNU, was released on 25 October, 2018 evening by Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, VC, JNU at a programme organized at Appadorai Committee Room, School of International Studies under the auspices of Human Rights and Disability Studies Programmes of JNU. Releasing the book, Professor Kumar underlined the imperative of promoting teaching and research in Disability Studies at different levels in JNU, through interdisciplinary perspectives apart from making academic campuses barrier-free. Prof. Ajay Kumar Patnaik, Dean, SIS, in his chair observations called upon the need for developing JNU's Disability Studies Programme; while Professor Rajesh Rajagopalan, Director, Human Rights & Disability Studies Programmes, in his welcome address espoused operationalising the Disability Studies Programme fully.

The programme began with encapsulated opening remarks by JNU's expert on Disability Studies, Dr. G. N. Karna, who lauded the efforts made by the University to integrate Disability Studies with the Human Rights Studies Programme, presumably the first such venture of its kind, in keeping with the basic ethos of disability rights movement and also the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. According to Dr. Karna, the publication of this book could serve as guidelines for developing a model curriculum on Disability Studies for various programmes of studies (MA/M. Sc, M. Phil, Ph.D. and PG Diploma) being offered by Indian Universities and Academic Institutions and would be highly useful for faculty, researchers, students and rehabilitation professionals from across disciplines (including Rehabilitation Science, Community and Social Medicine, Special/ Inclusive Education, Political Science, Sociology, Area Studies and Human Rights) interested in taking up career in Disability Studies at undergraduate, post-graduate and doctoral levels in universities and higher education institutions, apart from administrators, policy makers and disability rights activists. Among others who articulated their observations on the occasion were Dr. K. Sukumar, Organizing Secretary, Saksham, Dr. Ashok K. Tyagi, Prof. S. N. Malakar and Dr. Satya Narayan Prasad.



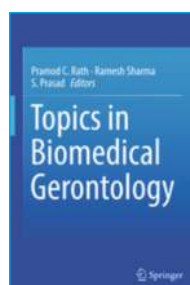
Book Release of a poetry book "Dialogues with a Caged Parrot and Ghazals of an Eavesdropper"

A book of unique collaborative English poetry in the form of a

fusion of free verse and English Ghazals was released at Jawaharlal Nehru University on 29 October, 2018, by the Vice Chancellor of JNU, Prof. Jagadesh Kumar. The book is co-authored by Dr. Rabinarayan Dash, a Medical surgeon from Sweden, and Prof. Ahmad Shandar, Professor, School of Computational and Integrative Sciences, JNU. The book consists of a collection of poetic dialogue with a bird by a man disillusioned by his hectic and chained life and trying to find the meaning of his existence. The Ghazals are a third person's poetic and rhyming view of this dialogue. The book presents a unique combination and integration of thought and style and is also nicely decorated with beautiful sketches dedicated to each dialogue.



Mikhail Zoshchenko, Paschimi phand o onyanyo golpo, Twenty short stories of the famous Russian writer Mikhail Zoshchenko, translated from Russian into Bengali by Dr. Arunim Bandyopadhyay, Associate Professor, Centre of Russian Studies, SLL&CS, Published by Rupali Publication, Kolkata.



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Obituary



Prof. Savita Pandey, Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, passed away on Monday, 8 October, 2018



Shri Prem Chand, Generator Operator, Engineering Branch, passed away on Tuesday, 23 October, 2018

We extend our condolences to the bereaved families.



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