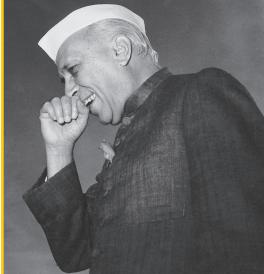




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The symbol is a graphic statement which stands for international academic exchange and onwards search of knowledge for the betterment of human being.

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.....

An Interview with Prof. I.S. Thakur, Associate Dean of Students



Mansi: When and how did your association with JNU begin?

Prof. Thakur: My association with JNU goes back to July 1977 when I joined School of Life Sciences as M.Sc. student. I completed my M. Phil (courses only) and Ph.D. in 1985. After that, I joined as a faculty member at

G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, UK. I came back to my alma mater in the first week of January, 2004. I became the Warden of Periyar Hostel. In my wardenship, many of the problems were effectively solved in the hostel. The Dean of Students had great hopes on me as I was a JNU student. I had the opportunity to serve as Provost of Dakshinapuram in the year 2011. I became Associate Dean of Students in the first week of January, 2012.

Mansi: What are the changes that you have witnessed in the campus over the years?

Prof. Thakur: There has been a significant change in the University over the years. JNU is a great University which has played a significant role not only in the field of academics but has transformed the career of the number of students from economically backward sections of the country, who actually benefit by studying in JNU. I was associated with Science Schools where a lot of facilities were required for research and teaching. During my student days, the infrastructure was not up to the mark if you compare with other countries. Now we have better research facilities in the form of equipments, laboratories and teaching facilities. We have more amenities, but somehow academic sincerity has dwindled. The social life of JNU has also deteriorated significantly. Although, we have a beautiful campus- earlier it was not so.

Mansi: How has the transition been from a faculty member to that of the administrative staff?

Prof. Thakur: Well, I was not much interested in administrative work initially as I am much involved in and enjoy teaching, scientific research and new discoveries. But we can never predict what is to come. As a senior warden I had to take very strong decisions in Periyar hostel. I was always very alert as a warden. My interaction with students, staff and warden colleagues of diverse backgrounds compelled me to think about several issues. I learnt administrative work as warden from where I got a lot of confidence. As the provost, I made sure I was always available in the concerned hostel where there were problems. It is a wonderful experience if you have the time and are ready to take on responsibilities. It is my advice to all members of the faculty that they should become part of the administration at least once in their career, it changes one's personality.

Mansi: Can you tell us briefly about the achievements of the IHA in hostel allotment, and the problems you have faced in the process?

Prof. Thakur: I joined IHA as ADOS in the first week of January, 2012. I had primarily three main agenda – allotments of seats in hostels, Yamuna hostel and repair work in hostels, mainly old hostels in Dakshinapuram and Uttarakhand. In addition, coordination among the different components of the hostel administration was important. I had several meetings with the Office-Incharge, caretakers and Wardens to tackle the issue of allotment of seats in the hostels. After joining I tried to study the allotment processes as I was not much aware of it before. It is a very complex process – diversified programme of study – may be more than seventy disciplines; BA, MA/M.Sc./M.Tech.; M.Phil/Ph.D.; direct Ph.D.; categories like Delhi (P3), Outside Delhi (P1) and repetition of same course and degree (P2), and above that fixing the priority based on socioeconomic status etc., students coming through merit list is in last priority. The allotment priorities are as follows – PH candidates, foreign nationals, girls, OBC candidates and then according to the merit list. I always explained it to the students. But even after that we allotted hostels as quickly as possible. In academic year 2012-13 the process of allotment started with in 24 hrs. We are thinking of ways to ensure more rapid allotment this year (2013-14).

During 2011-12, within one and half months we allotted more than 525 double seats (as also single seats) to students. As students joined their programmes the P1 and P2 categories were allotted hostels. But during 2012-13 the scenario was different. We do not have as many seats in the hostels as there has been a 10% increase in the total number of students. We have only 17 hostels but about 8000 students (including P3) at the moment. In the year 2012-13, there were 2479 new students, out of which 2259 applied for hostel. Among them 2072 are in the P1 category – out of which 1953 have been allotted hostels. The rest are staying as SR and TR, and some in dormitories. We allotted seats in CRS dormitories and somehow solved the accommodation problem. They would be allotted rooms the moment there are vacancies in the hostels next semester or earlier if possible. Research scholars may get accommodation in hostels during the summer break also as they have to work in the laboratories and library.

The first list for single-seaters came out on 4.1.2012 during academic year 2011-12; however, in 2012-13 we worked effectively and seniority list for single seater was displayed on 29.9.2012. The moment there is vacancy in hostels for single or double seater, the staff allots the hostel immediately. During academic year 2013-14 applications for single-seaters will be

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accepted again in the first week of August. Allotment will begin from the first week of September.

We have acute shortage of rooms in the hostels. Since the hostels have a fixed capacity, providing accommodation to everybody as soon as they arrive on campus is not always easy. We are trying hard to accommodate them. In the year 2012-13, the IHA has allotted rooms within 24 hours of registration. The allotment for double-seaters began on 19.7.2012 and allotment was over within 2 months. As of now, all students have been accommodated (through 86 office orders) and we have no vacancy in any of the hostels. In 2013-14 we will work more effectively as far as allotment is concerned.

Mansi: How you will solve hostel allotment during academic year 2013-14?

Prof. Thakur: We are expecting 2700 new students this time (2013-14). I hope boys and girls are here with a 1:1 ratio. It will be a very difficult time as significant numbers of students have applied for 9B this year. The vacancies of seats in hostels are less compared to last year. I understand the problems of students coming from socio-economically weaker sections. Most of them have no place to stay in Delhi. They come from small towns or villages. We understand their problems. I believe students, teachers and staff have to rethink seriously about this. We have no proper monitoring system. Students stay illegally while working and deprive economically backward students from getting rooms on time. We have to think seriously about making Ph.D. students complete their degree in time and there would be no 9B.

IHA Administration together with VC and Rector worked effectively this year and now we have full CRS dormitory where double seaters and more rooms are available. Approximately 200 students will be accommodated. The mess facilities under contactor will be provided to students. There will be one warden who will look after day to day work. In addition, other dormitories will be functional for both boys and girls like last year.

Mansi: Tell us something about the challenges you have faced regarding the issue of the Yamuna Hostel.

Prof. Thakur: As far as the issue of the Yamuna Hostel is concerned, it has been a challenging issue in the past, especially in light of the agitation. The IHA tried its best to sort out the problems. We had a management committee meeting twice in the year (2012-13), and 7 sub-committee meetings. I believe in criticism if it is positive and is approached in a disciplined way. We invited student representatives to all these meetings. I am happy to say that we have been able to solve all the problems that the residents of that hostel faced in the past.

Mansi: What have been the achievements of the IHA in your term?

Prof. Thakur: Firstly, the creation of a fully functional Provost's office which serves as a crucial link between the IHA and the students.

We have prepared the CRS dormitory (Block A and Block B) with all the facilities like a hostel. We have provided state-of-the-art gym equipment to all the hostels and we are trying to introduce the use of internet in the administrative and financial work of the IHA. One hostel, Godavari, is using this facility. Other hostels should try and implement the same. Students, Wardens and Provosts can discuss this with the Branch Manager of SBI, JNU. IHA is also facilitating it soon.

As indicated earlier, we have old hostels located in Dakshinapuram and Uttarakhand where there are acute maintenance problems. In addition, there are always maintenance issues in new hotels as well. We are solving smaller problems with the help of IHA Junior Engineer and staff. However, there are bigger maintenance related problems where we are facing a lot of difficulties. JNU VC and Rector are trying their best to solve the problems. Rector's visits to the hostels have inspired the maintenance staffs. IHA administration is also trying its best to solve the problems.

Lastly, for whatever the IHA has accomplished, I shall have to thank all of the staff, the Vice Chancellor, and the Rector who have been very cooperative with me. We have managed to achieve complete transparency in our allotment process.

Mansi: What are your opinions about the installation of the CCTVs?

Prof. Thakur: I think that if they are not abused for nefarious purposes, the introduction of the CCTVs would prove to be beneficial for the university.

Mansi: Would you share with us some of your memories of your life here?

Prof. Thakur: I was very lucky to have been a student of the School of Life Sciences. I would like to mention my Professors who besides being exemplary teachers are great human beings – Prof. P.N. Srivastava, Prof. Sivtosh Mukherjee, Prof. Ashis Dutta, Prof. Kasturi Dutta, Prof. Sipra Guha Mukherjee and present VC Prof. S.K. Sopory – great teachers, researchers and best human beings. I stayed first at Ganga and then at Sutlej – I have always found the people of this campus very friendly and helpful.

Mansi: What message would you like to give the JNU student community?

Prof. Thakur: Work hard. Count your blessings and use them to help you grow into ideal human beings.

Movement & Appointments

New Appointments/ Directors/ Chairpersons

- ◆ Prof. Chitra Harshwardhan as Chairperson, Centre of German Studies, School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies
- ◆ Prof. Manu Mittal, Centre for Russian Studies, SLL&CS as Chief Advisor, Equal Opportunity Office
- ◆ Dr. Inugurthi Narasaiah as Deputy Director in Archives on Contemporary History
- ◆ Dr. Supriya Sabbani as Assistant Professor in School of Physical Sciences
- ◆ Dr. Dinabandhu Das as Assistant Professor in School of Physical Sciences
- ◆ Dr. Mohinder Singh as Assistant Professor in Centre for Comparative Politics & Political Theory, School of International Studies
- ◆ Dr. Shivaji Kumar as Assistant Professor in Centre for Comparative Politics & Political Theory, School of International Studies
- ◆ Dr. Mohita Bhatia as Assistant Professor (tenure post) in Centre for the Studies of Discrimination and Exclusion, School of Social Sciences
- ◆ Dr. Rohit as Assistant Professor in Centre for Economic Studies & Planning, School of Social Sciences
- ◆ Dr. Surajit Das as Assistant Professor in Centre for Economic Studies & Planning, School of Social Sciences
- ◆ Dr. Md. Mazharul Haque as Assistant Professor in Pashto in Centre for Persian and Central Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies
- ◆ Dr. Debashis Barik as Assistant Professor in School of Computational & Integrative Sciences

Administration

- ◆ Sh. Ajeet Kumar as Senior Technical Assistant in Communication and Information Services
- ◆ Ms. Pragati as Semi Professional Assistant in Central Library

- ◆ Sh. Anil Kumar as Semi Professional Assistant in Central Library
- ◆ Sh. Babar Raees as Semi Professional Assistant in Central Library
- ◆ Sh. Kishan Chand Juyal as Junior Operator in School of Computer & Systems Sciences
- ◆ Sh. Rajesh Kumar Tamta as Laboratory Assistant in Special Centre for Molecular Medicine
- ◆ Sh. Gajender Singh as Senior Laboratory Assistant in School of Environmental Sciences
- ◆ Sh. Balwan Singh as Khalasi in Engineering Branch
- ◆ Sh. Bablu as Mess Helper in Inter Hall Administration
- ◆ Smt. Meena as Mess Helper (GDMF) in Inter Hall Administration

Retirement & Resignation

- ◆ Prof. Ganga Nath Jha, Centre for South Central Southeast Asian & Southwest Pacific Studies
- ◆ Smt. Usha Kapoor, Private Secretary, Office, School of Social Sciences
- ◆ Smt. Neena Anand, Private Secretary, Office, School of Biotechnology
- ◆ Smt. Charanjeet Kaur Johar, Private Secretary, Central Library
- ◆ Sh. Som Dutt, Safaikaramchari, School of Environmental Sciences
- ◆ Sh. Om Prakash, Security Guard, Security Branch
- ◆ Sh. Nandan Singh Rawat, Head Mess Helper, Ganga Hostel
- ◆ Sh. Prahlad Singh, Laboratory Assistant, School of Biotechnology

Voluntary Retirement

- ◆ Sh. Kishori Lal, Office Attendant in Centre for International Trade and Development, School of International Studies

Elected Convenors for the clubs for the year 2013-14.

S. No.	Name of the Club	Name of the Convenor	Programme of Study / Centre / School	Address
1	Debating Club	Mr. Satender Singh	MA/CPIS/SIS	39, Sabarmati Hostel
2	Drama Club	Ms. Shubhra Kukreti	MA/CFFS/SLL&CS	63, Koyna Hostel
3	Film Club	Ms. Anujema Saikia	MA/CIL/SLL&CS	30, Ganga Hostel
4	Fine Arts Club	Mr. Saurabh Kumar	BA/CSP/SLL&CS	40, Tapti Hostel
5	Literary Club	Mr. Aftab Ahmad	M.PHIL/CIL/SLL&CS	251, Jhelum Hostel
6	Music Club	Ms. D.V.L. Tejaswi	MA/CPS/SSS	127, Koyna Hostel
7	Nature & Wild Life Club	Mr. Ram Pravesh Yadav	M.TECH/SCIS/SIT	17, Sutlej Hostel
8	Photography Club	Mr. Abhishek Kushwaha	BA/CSP/SLL&CS	222, Kaveri Hostel
9	UNESCO Club	Mr. Siba Sankar Sahu	Ph.D/CSRD/SSS	244, Sutlej Hostel

Achievements/Awards



- ◆ **Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur**, University Librarian, has been nominated as a Member of Editorial Board of DESIDOC Journal of Library and Information Technology and also nominated to the ICSSR-NASSDOC Committee on Documentations Services, and Research Information (CDS&RI).



- ◆ **Dr. Divya Goel**, Research Scholar, School of Biotechnology who recently completed her Ph.D. under Prof. Rakesh Bhatnagar was awarded the “Edward Jenner Poster Prize” for presenting her research work as a poster in the international conference “6th Vaccine and ISV Congress” organized by Elsevier, in Shanghai. Eminent Scientists were invited to talk about the ongoing research and new strategies in the field of vaccines. A total of 125 posters were presented by research scholars from all over the world. Dr. Divya Goel was chosen for the best poster award by a three member committee. Dr. Divya Goel has worked on “Development of Omp25 based recombinant vaccine against brucellosis” during her Ph.D. and she presented the same as a poster in the conference.



- ◆ **Mr. Mohammad Ahmad**, Research Scholar, Centre of Arabic and African Studies, SLL&CS, JNU was honored with the “Best Research Paper Award” in the one day National Seminar on “Prison Literature in the Arab World” conducted by the Department of Arabic, Persian and Urdu, University of Madras, Chennai.



- ◆ **Microsoft releases English-Urdu Machine Translation System in partnership with Dr. Girish Nath Jha, Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies**

On International Mother Language Day 2013, Microsoft Corporation at Redmond, USA, in collaboration with JNU, released its English-Urdu Machine Translation System as part of its online translator portal, Bing. The system can be used at www.bing.com/translator with English as source language and Urdu as target language.

This is version 1 of the system, and it is hoped that it will improve significantly with usage. The contributions of Jawaharlal Nehru University and Dr. Girish Nath Jha have been acknowledged in the partners' page at www.microsoft.com/enus/translator/partners.aspx.

Campus Activities

REACHING OUT TO THE UNREACHED

“Central Library, JNU provided laptops to visually impaired research scholars at JNU”



The Central Library, JNU distributed laptops to visually impaired research scholars of JNU in a function organized at the JNU Convention Centre on 4 March 2013. In this function Laptops were distributed to visually impaired research scholars by Professor S.K. Sopory, Vice-Chancellor, JNU and Shri P.K. Pincha, Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India.

In his welcome address Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur, University Librarian, JNU said that the distribution of laptops to visually impaired researchers will help them access all r-resources available at the Central Library and thus enhance their research works. The key focus is to reach out to the unreached. In his address, he explained the present system, facilities and

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new additions to the system and services at the Helen Keller Unit of Central Library, JNU. At present the Helen Keller Unit has 20 computers, 20 scanners, 2 Braille Printers, and other equipment for people with visual disabilities. Software such as JAWS, Kurzweil and other assistive technologies (software) support the reading, writing and learning for visually challenged researchers/students by converting print or electronic text to speech. At present, these facilities are availed of by around 70 visually impaired researchers/students (B.A., M.A., M.Phil. & Ph.D.) of various disciplines enrolled in the University. The Helen Keller Unit of Central Library, JNU has also extended its services to all Schools and Centres of the University. The library also provides Digital Voice Recorders & CD-ROMs to visually challenged researchers/students for their research use. To provide information and give assistance to all visually impaired students, the Central Library is continuously organizing orientations and learning programmes. This helps researchers and students stay abreast with the latest developments in their field. The basic aim of the Central Library, JNU is to reach out to all the researchers/students with disabilities wherever they are and to provide them the best technological support in achieving their set goals. Creation of Portal for visually impaired, training in use of open source tools for them and training of the library staff to help them perform better are some of the plans for future implementation at the Central Library, JNU. Similar facilities will be provided to visually impaired Faculty of the University.

Prof. S.K. Sopory, Vice-chancellor in his inaugural speech mentioned that JNU is working to achieve its objective of

creating a barrier free campus for persons with various disabilities. A survey report has already been prepared in this regard and will soon be implemented. He also stressed upon the need for creating digital contents particularly for Indian publications for visually challenged researchers/students at JNU. In this regard, he announced setting up of a Digitization Centre at the Central Library, JNU to cater to the digitization needs of visually impaired researchers/students at JNU.

Shri P.K. Pincha, Chief Commissioner for persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India appreciated the efforts of the Central Library, JNU and said that the Central Library, JNU should play a larger role in creating awareness amongst all universities in India. He also suggested, setting up of a National Resource Centre for Persons with Disabilities at the Central Library, JNU. Shri Pincha assured all possible support from his Ministry for setting up such a centre at the JNU Library. Shri Pincha also suggested that the JNU should organise National level training and awareness programme on the use of Assistive Technologies.

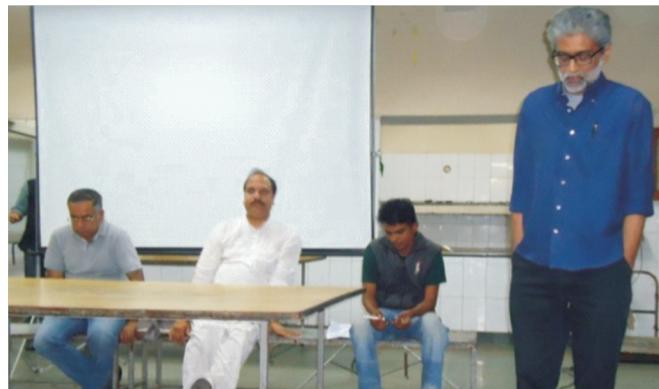
As per the above suggestion, the Central Library, JNU has already initiated action on setting up of a Digitization Centre. A proposal on setting up of a National Resource Centre for persons with disabilities will soon be submitted to the competent authority.

**Bibhuti Bhusan Pattanaik, Assistant Librarian &
Somesh Viswakarma, Professional Assistant
Central Library**

Sri Lanka: Buried Justice and Enduring Genocide; (a movie screening and public talk)

The Forum Against War Crimes and Genocide organised a documentary movie screening and a public talk in Tapti Hostel Mess, JNU on 12 March, 2013. It was on the short but brutal war in Sri Lanka between the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (the LTTE, also known as the Tamil Tigers), a separatist militant organisation and the Sri Lankan Army where the Army defeated the former in May 2009 and the long 26 year old war came to an end. The documentary No Fire Zone: In the Killing Fields of Sri Lanka made by channel 4 (a British public-service television broadcaster) focused on the atrocities committed on the common people especially by the Army.

Narrated through war survivors and their stories of survival, separation and the death of their own people. The movie definitely captured some crucial moments and pictures of the war. The moving and investigative movie has paid attention to



the violence against women, especially rape in and outside the Army camps. It has also forcefully highlighted the arbitrary atrocities committed by the Army on the common people and the LTTE cadres. It has raised important questions about the

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issue of human casualties in a war especially of those who have no role to play in it and how vulnerable they are. The movie was followed by short talks by three distinguished personalities. They commented on the film and discussed the state of affairs in Sri Lanka after the war. They raised thought-provoking questions during the sessions and Gautam Navlakha's (the consultant editor of EPW) complication of the idea of armed

rebellion vis-a-vis the state should be mentioned. His main question was if armed rebellion is completely undemocratic and unethical if it is for the good of the people?

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Annual Sports Presentation 2012 -13

The sports office celebrated its Annual Sports Presentation 2012-2013 on 4 April, 2013 in the sports stadium. Over 250 prizes were distributed to outstanding students who excelled in various sporting events during the year. Prof. S.K. Sopory, Vice Chancellor and Chief Guest gave away the prizes. Bipul Kumar, a student of CRS/SLL&CS bagged the 'BEST ATHLETE' award by scoring 26 points and getting five gold and one bronze medal.

The guests, prize winners and spectators were welcomed by Prof. Shankari Sundararaman Chairperson, University Sports Committee. Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay. Dy. Director, PE, who then read out the performance of JNU students in sports from 1972 till date. She highlighted the achievements of various students in different disciplines and the variety of clubs that functioned over the years and the interest they generated.

After the distribution of prizes, Prof. Sopory congratulated the



students and highlighted the importance of sports in the University and emphasized that the administration would do all that was possible to expand the sporting facilities on campus. Dr. Vikram Singh, AD, PE read out the list of activities conducted during the year and Prof. I S Thakur, Associate Dean of students offered all possible support from the office of the Dean of Students. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, Dy. Director, PE and this was followed by light refreshments. The program was very ably compered by Mr. Sarfaraz Hamid, Sports Councilor, JNUSU. The JNU Mountaineering club displayed its activities through a photo exhibition.

Damayanti V Tambay
Dy. Director, Physical Education
Sports Office



Seminar/Conference

International Conference on Intercultural Studies

The Centre for French & Francophone Studies organised an International Conference on Travailleur 1 interculturel, Développer le social; Recherches interculturelles et

développement social: Questions(s) et gestion(s) (Strengthening Intercultural Studies, Developing Society; Intercultural Research and Social Development: Questions(s) and

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Management(s)) jointly organised by the International Association for Intercultural Research (ARIC) & Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 10-12 December 2012.

Association internationale pour la recherche interculturelle or ARIC, founded in France in 1984, is a global body of Francophone academicians and intellectuals whose mandate is to promote intercultural studies & research in the academic world in particular and in society in general. With over 300 active members, it is probably the largest francophone intercultural association in the world. As per the convention of ARIC, every alternate year, the ARIC international conferences and congresses are held around the world with the objective of reaching out to a large number of intercultural lists. ARIC, with its global footprint, has held its events in different parts of the world: Europe (Fribourg, Switzerland, 2010, Messina, Italy 2008), Africa (Algiers, 2005) and South and North America (Florianópolis Brazil 2009, Sherbrooke, Canada 2011). In 2012 for the first time, the ARIC Conference was held in New Delhi, India.

The objective of the 2012 ARIC conference in JNU, New Delhi was to examine critically the issues revolving around the interface between inter cultural research and social development, a theme adapted as much to regional as to international needs and challenges . Though India is an epitome of cultural diversity and harmony, intercultural studies is relatively a new area of study. Indian universities are yet to take cognizance of this new area as a discipline of teaching and research and an effective tool of intercultural relations. This international conference through its deliberations endeavored to bring this new area to the forefront of the Indian academic world.

During the conference, the delegates, through their interdisciplinary papers, made a strong case for developing an intercultural approach to ensure sustainable peace and development in the world. Increasingly, all over the world, culture is perceived not merely for its entertainment values but also for its inherent strength as a social binder and developer.

Thus, this conference aimed to explore the components and management strategies for/of a socio-culturally durable society in the developing as well as in the industrialised countries.

Held simultaneously in the sprawling JNU Convention Centre Complex & the School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies building over 3 days, the event brought together more than 80 delegates and a sizable number of young students as well as research scholars from 15 countries i.e. France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Spain, Canada, Brazil, Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Vietnam, Cambodia, Japan, China & India. 6 plenary and 35 parallel sessions were held.

At the inaugural session, Prof. Sudhir Kumar Sopory, Vice Chancellor, JNU emphasized the importance of intercultural studies and research in today's globalized context. Dr. Abhijit Karkun, President, International Association for Intercultural Research, expressed his happiness for being able to bring this important global meet JNU and to India – a country where intercultural exchange is a way of life. Prof. Kiran Chaudhry, Chairperson, Centre for French & Francophone Studies, welcomed the delegates and explained how intercultural studies could be successfully developed as part of culture studies programme in JNU. Prof. Elaine Costa-Fernandez, General Secretary, ARIC spoke on the importance of an intercultural dialogue between the world communities and bridging the gap between North-South and South-South divide.

In the first plenary, Prof. Balveer Arora , Former Rector of JNU spoke on the interface between Indian Democracy and its Development Stakes.

A round table session was specially earmarked for young research scholars from abroad and India. Another highlight of the programme was the scintillating cultural programme organised by the students of the Centre on the evening of 11 December, 2012 showcasing various facets of Indian culture. Students from The Mother's International School also put up a skit.

The conference thus provided an interactive platform for a fruitful intercultural exchange between this vast pool of international experts and their Indian counterparts. The next congress of ARIC will be held in Morocco in December 2013.

The conference was supported by the Institut Français en Inde, French Embassy, Quebec Office in Mumbai, Canada & Discover India Tours and Travels.

Prof. Abhijit Karkun
Centre for French & Francophone Studies,
SLL&CS



Seminar/Conference

Indo-German Partnering Workshop on "3D GIS and Hydrogeological Flow Modeling"

The School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University organized a three day workshop from 10-12 February 2013 on '3D GIS and Hydrogeological Flow Modeling' in collaboration with the Martin Luther University, Halle, Germany. The workshop was conducted as part of activities to be organized jointly under an MOU signed by Jawaharlal Nehru University with the Martin Luther University to promote the study and exchange of students and faculty between the Universities. The workshop was conducted by PD Dr. Wolfgang Gossel, Martin Luther University, Halle, Germany. The following topics were covered during the workshop.



1. Introduction to GIS (GRASS) followed by Lab on Groundwater Vulnerability.
2. Hydrogeology: Mass Conservation Equation followed by Lab on Flow Net.
3. 3D Geographic Information System and Interpolation Techniques (Kriging) followed by Lab on Groundwater Surface Parameter Distribution.
4. A realistic model was set up with the modeling tools MODFLOW, and FLOW.

Earlier Dr. N. Janardhana Raju, convener of the workshop welcomed the PD Dr. Wolfgang Gossel and participants of the workshop. The workshop was attended by about 30 participants from research scholars to Professors - Tezpur University, Manipur University, SRTM University, Birla Institute of Technology, Jawaharlal Nehru University. At the end of the workshop, participation certificates were distributed by Dr. Wolfgang Gossel, Martin Luther University, Germany.

N. Janardhana Raju
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School of Environmental Sciences

Lecture on "India and ASEAN"

The School of International Studies recently invited His Excellency Mr. Le Luong Minh, the newly appointed Secretary General of ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations), who is also an ex-student of Jawaharlal Nehru University, to deliver an address at the Convention Centre. The address was titled "India and ASEAN". Among the delegates present were Prof. Sudhir K. Sopory, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Girijesh Pant, Dean of School of International Studies and Prof. G.J.V. Prasad, Chief Advisor, Alumni Affairs. Prof. Harish Narang, Professor Emeritus of the Centre for English Studies, one of Mr. Minh's teachers, was also present.

The Vice Chancellor first felicitated Mr. Minh with a bouquet, Professor Pant inaugurated the session and expressed the pride of the JNU family at the success of one of its members at the international level. Professor Prasad spoke next, emphasizing upon the way in which the JNU environs foster a perfect balance of the local and the global, and also about the symbiotic relationship shared by the university and its alumni. Professor Narang recalled the time when Mr. Minh was a student in JNU – about the sympathy that Prof. G. Parthasarathy, the first Vice Chancellor of JNU had for Vietnam and its people, and also

about the immense diligence and sincere hard work put in by Mr. Minh and others who were part of the group of sixteen Vietnamese students. Lastly, Professor Sopory reminisced about his visit to Hanoi and on that note, invited Mr. Minh to speak.

In his address, Mr. Minh detailed the timeline of India's relationship with ASEAN and then charted out the association's long-term aims – building South East Asia as a peaceful geopolitical unit, economic and cultural enrichment of the included areas, promotion of dialogue on regional and international issues, efficient dispute settling and security management among them. He pointed out that the region boasted a free-market of 1.8 billion people which accounted for a third of the world's total GDP. As a result, he said, economic betterment of the region would benefit an enormous section of the world's population, directly and indirectly. Apart from that, Mr. Minh also talked about the cultural imperatives ASEAN has before it, mainly the construction of an ASEAN identity; and other crucial issues such as climate change, disaster management and food security. In that and in other fields, Mr. Minh said, the Indian model was of vital importance.

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The audience asked a number of questions including the fraught position that the association held vis-à-vis China. Mr. Minh pointed out the ASEAN plus programmes – especially the ASEAN plus Three, of which China is a part. He said that ASEAN was ready to fully cooperate with that nation and that the success of that cooperation would depend on an effective communication between them. When asked about the infrastructural model that ASEAN would adopt in the coming years, Mr. Minh said that without adopting the model of a single country, it would try to combine the best from all its neighbours.

When asked about the role of JNU in his life and career as a

diplomat, he said that throughout his life, wherever he had been he had met people from his alma mater. JNU as an international community, had been central to the formation of his abilities as a diplomat and his identity as a citizen of the world. Lastly, on being asked to give a message to the current students of JNU, he remembered a phrase that he had seen written on the blackboard of his class as a child – “Learn, Learn and Learn More!”

Saronik Bosu
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Centre for English Studies, SLL&CS

XXVI Antonio Binimelis Memorial Lecture

The Centre of Spanish, Portuguese, Italian & Latin American Studies, SLL&CS, organized the XXVI Antonio Binimelis Memorial Lecture on 22 February 2013. The lecture is part of an annual event to remember the pioneering contribution made by late Dr. Antonio Binimelis Sagrera in establishing and disseminating Spanish Studies in India. The occasion is also used to celebrate the achievements of the students of the Centre who excel in their studies. This year's memorial lecture was delivered by Dr. Catalina Juaneda Sampol Vice Rector of International Affairs of the University of Islas Baleares, Spain, who spoke about the Spanish University System – Thirty Years of Change. The Guest of Honor was His Excellency Mr. Jaime Nualart, Ambassador of Mexico in New Delhi and the Special Invitee was Mr. Ramon Blecua, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Spain, New Delhi.

The event was also used to give away the Rafael Irizubeta Award consisting of Rs. 35,000/- each and a citation to the two students of M.A. in Spanish who secured the highest CGPA, i.e., Ms. Java Singh and Ms. Shrenya Mallik. The Irene Pelaez de Irizubeta Award consisting of Rs. 30,000/- and a citation was won by Mr. Iqbal Abhimanyu for securing the second highest CGPA in M.A. Spanish. A video message from Padma Sri Dr.

Rafael Irizubeta from Spain, who has created the endowment for the awards, was projected on the screen for the benefit of the august audience which included students, faculty members from JNU, faculty members from other Spanish teaching departments, Cervantes Institute, New Delhi and members of the diplomatic community in Delhi.

The Juhi Prasad Award consisting of Rs. 2,000/- and a citation was given to Ms. Shailja for securing the highest CGPA in B.A. in Spanish.

Dr. Gonçal Lopez Nadal, Professor from the University of Islas Baleares, former pupil and friend of late Dr. Antonio Binimelis also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the process of intellectual evolution of Dr. Binimelis and his achievements. The Guest of Honor, His Excellency Mr. Jaime Nualart, Ambassador of Mexico and the Special Invitee Mr. Ramon Blecua, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Spain spoke about the academic and cultural collaboration between the CSPILAS and the universities in their countries and highlighted the need to strengthen the same. Earlier, Prof. Anil K. Dhingra, Convenor of the event and Prof. Mohd. Aslam Islahi, Dean, SLL&CS welcomed the guests. The Dean highlighted the achievements of the Centre and the role it is playing in promoting and disseminating Spanish Studies in India by providing trained teachers and translators/interpreters. Prof. Aparajit Chattopadhyay, in his vote of thanks, expressed his appreciation for the presence of distinguished gathering on the occasion.

Shashi Suman
M. A. First Year, Centre of Spanish, Portuguese,
Italian & Latin American Studies, SLL&CS



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Student-faculty Seminar on Afghanistan

A one-day student-faculty seminar on the theme “Partnering Afghanistan in the Emerging Asian Order” was organised by the Central Asian Area Studies Programme, CSCSEASWPS, SIS, JNU on 26 February 2013. The seminar was propitiously poised as the next year (2014) would witness a landmark transition in Afghanistan. And, this demands a review of all the regional and neighbourhood relations that would have implications from this imminent withdrawal of the Coalition forces. The students welcomed the guests by greeting them with flower bouquets. The Seminar was chaired by Prof. S.K. Sopory, Vice Chancellor, JNU. The Chairperson, Prof. GVC Naidu welcomed the participants, students and faculty members. Dr. Mondira Dutta, Director, CASP gave a brief introduction about the programme and its achievements. Dr. Ambrish Dhaka, Co-ordinator of the seminar elucidated upon the theme. The inaugural Address by Prof. Riyaz Punjabi, former Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Srinagar was a lucid account of about the Afghanistan of yesteryears. Terming Afghanistan as a laboratory for various experiments, both by the external and internal powers, Prof. Punjabi highlighted the experiments of constitutionalism, modernization and Islamism in Afghanistan. Dr. Sharad K. Soni thanked all the guests for sparing valuable time and providing encouragement to the students.

The first technical session chaired by Prof. Gulshan Sachdeva focussed on geopolitics and security issues in Afghanistan. There were nine papers in this session, which included presentations by faculties and students. The first presentation by Zeeshan Munir gave the Asian perspective of issues related to Afghanistan. Dr. Krishnendra Meena emphasized on the significance and relevance of borders despite the fact that only 3% people of the world live across their national boundaries. Dr. Mahesh R. Debata elaborated upon the Xinjiang factor in Sino-Afghanistan relations. Anu Krishna discussed Afghan strategic scenario in 2014. L. Letkhomang Haokip spoke about the dynamics of Iran-Pakistan relation. Jaya Dixit focussed on China, whereas Sanjukta focussed on the Russian perspective of Afghanistan. The second session was chaired by Prof. Ajay



Patnaik. The session concentrated on the socio-economic challenges that posit before Afghanistan post-2014. Dr. Mondira Dutta spoke in detail about the role of women and their participation in rebuilding Afghanistan. Kamlesh Atwal explored the political reconciliation process in Afghanistan, whereas Alka highlighted electoral reforms. Kouser Fatima described how important the role of Islam was in realising the national unity of Afghanistan. Madan Yadav's overview of European Union's contribution towards Afghanistan's reconstruction was noteworthy. Srinivas Misra, Siddharth Tripathi, Pravin and Rajan Jha contributed well with their papers on various themes. The final valedictory session was chaired by Dr. Mondira Dutta. Dr. Mahesh Ranjan Debata presented the detailed report of the entire day's proceedings. Our most respected and affectionate senior member Prof. Devendra Kaushik blessed us with his gracious presence. Prof. Kaushik is always a pleasure to listen to especially when he reminisces about his visits to Afghanistan. The seminar ended with the presentation of certificates to all the participants. Dr. Tsetan Namgyal thanked all those who extended support to this seminar.

**Dr. Mahesh Ranjan Debata,
Mukesh Kumar Vishwakarma,
Gunjan Priya, Coordinator,
Centre for South Central Southeast Asian &
Southwest Studies Pacific, SIS**

Krishna Bharadwaj Memorial Lecture

On Sunday 3 March 2013, the eminent jurist and Additional Solicitor General of India Ms. Indira Jaising presented the Twenty first Krishna Bharadwaj Memorial Lecture organized by

CESP, on the subject of “Women, Violence and the law”. The lecture Chaired by the Prof. S.K. Sopory, the Vice Chancellor was delivered to a packed audience at the Auditorium of the

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Convention Centre. Ms. Jaising gave a brilliant, profound and moving talk, ranging from the historical traditions of jurispru-

dence relating to women in different parts of the world to the evolution of laws in India. She highlighted contemporary concerns about the structure of laws that affect women and particularly those dealing with violence against women, as well as the broader social and political context of their implementation. The lecture was an apt tribute to Professor Krishna Bharadwaj, one of the foremost social scientists that India has produced, who was also deeply concerned with the condition of women.

Jayati Ghosh
Chairperson
Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, SSS

International Conference on “Gender Studies and Expanding Horizons of Inter/Trans-Culturality”

The Centre of English Studies and the Centre of Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and Latin American Studies, SLL&CS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Sciences and Research, organized an International Conference on Gender Studies and Expanding Horizons of Inter/Transculturality. The conference was held at the Convention Centre, JNU from 7 – 8 March, 2013, coinciding with the International Women's Day. Topics for discussions included Space and Gender, Violence and Gender, Gendered Narratives, Alternate Modernities and “Constructing” Traditions, etc.

Several dignitaries attended the conference alongwith scholars from various universities in India, United States, Croatia, Serbia, Spain, Brazil and Ireland. His Excellency, Senor Juan A. Pinto Saavedra, the Ambassador of Colombia, delivered the inaugural address.

In light of the recent debates and protests taking place in the country after the gruesome rape in December, this conference once again brought to the fore the gender inequalities and anti-



women ideologies that grip the world even today. The conference served as a mental battleground for debates and discussions raised awareness and sensibility towards equity and dignity responsibility and the rights and roles of men and women in society.

Indrani Mukherjee
**Chairperson, Centre of Spanish, Portuguese
Italian & Latin American Studies, SLL&CS**

Seminar on “Tibet: The Way Ahead”

The student-faculty seminar on “Tibet: The Way Ahead” held on 13 March, 2013 witnessed a fruitful intellectual discussion on various issues confronting Tibet and Tibetans from old times to now.

Inviting both students and faculties to share their thoughts and issues confronting Tibet, the seminar aimed to establish that India's security and stability is certainly affected by the developments taking place in Tibet. Chairing the seminar Prof.

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Girijesh Pant, Dean of the School appreciated the centre's effort at organizing this seminar. Dr. Ambrish Dhaka gave a brief introduction to Central Asian Studies programme. Dr. Tsetan Namgyal threw light on Tibet from the futuristic point of view linking it with historical, cultural and religious glories and contemporary problems faced by the region under new political scenario. Prof. Sudhir K. Sopory, Vice Chancellor expressed the need for looking upon Tibet from the Indian perspective as Tibet has more affinity with India than with China.

The distinguished guest Prof. Suniti Kumar Pathak, Visva Bharati, Shantiniketan stressed that Tibet is as much relevant to us as our own country given India's relation with Tibet. Though, in fact he started saying that Tibet and China is one country with two national identities or Tibet and China is one state with bifocal regional autonomy.

This seminar was broadly divided into two sub-themes. Prof. Suniti K. Pathak chaired the first session which focused on Tibetan culture, religion, society and identity. This covered the issue of the Spread of Buddhism in Tibet, Buddhism as a link between Afghanistan and Tibet, Bhoti Language and Script, Tibetan Muslims of Kashmir, Education system in Tibet,

Contribution of Atisa to the Tibetan Buddhism, Tibetan refugees in India and many more papers. Chunku Bhutia beautifully analyzed the influence of Tibetan culture in Sikkim and how the Tibetan culture has migrated from Tibet to Sikkim along with the Tibetan people. He also spoke about the influence of Tibetan tradition and culture in the Bhutia community. Gunjan Priya, Goutam Das, Fatima Kouser, Sravaneesha Benerjee, Muzaffar, Chkey Namgyal in particular made this academic discourse even more interesting with their presentations.

The second session was chaired by Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli which dealt with Tibetan Politics and International Relations. Major papers covered in this session were China's Policy in Tibet during Mao's Period, Tibetan Democracy in Exile, Problems and Prospects of Tibetan refugees in India, China's Western Development Campaign in Tibet, Birth control policies in Tibet, European Union's Policy toward Tibet, China's diversion policy on Brahmaputra River, Self-Immigrations and Tibet factor in Sino-Russia Relations. Rajesh Kharat discussed the future possibilities of Tibetan refugees in three South Asian countries especially the severe policies of Government of Nepal towards the Tibetan refugees and citizenship right of the Tibetans in India. Vijaya Chamundeswari, Chok Tsering Ambuj Thakur, Alka, Rakesh Kumar Yadav presented their papers on different issues of the Tibet politics and International Relations. The seminar ended with the distribution of certificates to the participants by the chief guest Prof. Suniti K. Pathak, Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli and Prof. Ajay Patnaik.

**Tsetan Namgyal
Assistant Professor
Centre for South Central Southeast Asian &
Southwest Studies Pacific, SIS**

International conference on “Emerging Identities in India and Europe: Exploring Critical Issues”

The Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, JNU organized a two-day International Conference on “Emerging Identities in India and Europe: Exploring Critical Issues” on March 15-16, 2013 at SIS. The conference deliberated upon the current socio-economic and political crisis in a changing landscape and how these crises are posing a challenge to society in India and Europe. Scholars and researchers from the field of Sociology, International Relations, Political Science, Economics, History, and other social sciences explored the issues that are significant in

understanding the changing character of both India and Europe, and how they will emerge in future. The inaugural session was marked by the presence of a number of scholars, distinguished guests, and dignitaries. Prof. R. K. Jain, Chairperson, Centre for European Studies welcomed the guests and dignitaries and Dr. Sheetal Sharma, Conference Coordinator introduced the theme of the conference. Sh. Uday Bhaskar, Distinguished Fellow, Society for Policy Studies chaired the inaugural session. He explained how identity is making way into politics in modern India and contemporary

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Europe. Prof. T. K. Oommen, Professor Emeritus, CSSS/SSS, JNU, delivered the keynote address. He discussed the difference between 'nation' and 'state'. He explained the significance of emergence of identities in multicultural societies such as India and Europe. The Hon' Ambassador of Turkey, Dr. Burak Akcapar gave a special address and related the issue of identity to politics. Particularly the relevance of identity to Turkey's membership in the European Union. He discussed how identity issues are determining the debate regarding the delay in Turkey's accession to the EU. The Hon' Ambassador also explicitly stated that EU certainly stands to benefit from Turkey's membership. Alphonsus Stoelinga the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands discussed the social, economic and political scenario in the Netherlands and the way in which the Netherlands is managing the issue of cultural diversity. Finally Prof. Ummu Salma Bava, Director, UGC Area Studies Programme gave a vote of thanks in the inaugural session.

The first session titled 'Institutions and Practices: Convergence and Divergence' was chaired by Dr. Amit Dasgupta. Mr. Raimund Magis, Charged affairs, Embassy of Austria opened the session. Mr. Magis delivered a speech on what kind of changes have come about in Austria after joining the European Union in 1995. He also reflected upon the perspective of the European Union on the membership of Turkey. Prof. Shahid Ahmed (Jamia Millia Islamia), Dr. Moushumi Basu (CIPOD, SIS) and Dr. Manasi Singh (Central University of Gujarat) also presented their papers in this session. The main issues discussed in this session were Europeanization and Multiculturalism in the backdrop of the Eurozone crisis.

The Second session titled 'Identity, Politics and Conflict' was chaired by Professor Dhruv Raina. Professor Rajendra K. Jain (CES/SIS), Dr. Bhaswati Sarkar (CES/SIS), Dr. Saima Saeed (Jamia Millia Islamia), Athar Khan (Anchor, Rajya Sabha TV) and Ms. Vijayta Mahendru (Research Scholar, CES/SIS) presented their papers in the session. The session focused on media and public perceptions in India and Europe. The speakers highlighted the role of media in bringing about social change, creating identities and how media is also responding to change in general in society. The session covered different dimensions of identity generated conflicts, emergence of extreme right and political responses.

The last session of day one was on 'Migration, Culture and Society'. Dr. Moushumi Basu chaired the session. Dr. Sheetal Sharma (CES/SIS), Dr. Shebnem Ackapar (Centre for West Asian Studies), Professor Gernot Saalman, Ms. Divya Balan (Research Scholar, CES/SIS) presented their papers. The session covered the contemporary debate on integration and



assimilation of immigrants in Europe and about the issues of citizenship and nationality. Another important issue discussed in the session was the role of religion and secularization in India and Europe. The papers also analysed the nature of socio-cultural issues emerging during the interaction of the natives with the immigrants.

On the second day, 16 March, 2013, the first two sessions were about the 'Ideas and Perspectives of Young Researchers'. Dr. Rajan Kumar chaired the session. Professor Gulshan Sachdeva (CES/SIS), and research scholars from the Centre for European Studies, Ms. Astha Agrawal, Ms. Aakansha Natani and Ms. Himani Pant presented their papers. In the second session, Mr. Prem Bahadur Manjhi, Mr. Mukhtyar Singh, Dr. Nidhi Trehan and Ms. Manasi Sinha spoke on various issues pertaining to emerging and changing identities, gender, political participation of women, democratic deficit and social movements in India and Europe.

The valedictory session was chaired by Professor R. K. Kale, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar. Prof. Kale spoke about how identity is being deconstructed and reconstructed in modern India. He emphasized on the need to understand the changing dynamics of identity in contemporary times and urged scholars to take up research in this area. Professor Yogendra Singh, Professor Emeritus, CSSS/SSS, JNU gave the valedictory address. Prof. Singh discussed various aspects of identity and how the nature of identity has changed over the years in India. He analysed how caste, religion, gender, language, region, ethnicity is being used in modern times to create identity and how it leads to socio political and cultural contestation. Prof. Singh also spoke about the dynamics of identity and minority issues in contemporary India and Europe. At the end the conference co-ordinator gave vote of thanks. All the sessions were followed by Questions and Answers.

Sheetal Sharma
Assistant Professor (Conference Coordinator)
Centre for European Studies, SIS

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National workshop on “Fixity and Fluidity: History, Politics and Culture of North East India”

The North East India Studies Programme (NEISP), organised a three day National workshop on “Fixity and Fluidity: History, Politics and Culture of North East India” from 18- 20 March 2013. The aim of the workshop was to explore and engage with emerging research on the region.

In the inaugural session, Dr. Bhagat Oinam, Director, NEISP, welcomed Prof. Zoya Hasan, the Chairperson for the occasion, guests and participants. Dr. Oinam gave a brief account of the NEISP. Dr. Manjeet Baruah presented a brief introduction to the workshop. Prof. Zoya Hasan appreciated the efforts of NEISP in organising workshops and how NEISP is uniquely placed to conduct inter-disciplinary studies. Dr. G. Amarjit Sharma proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of NEISP.

In the session 'Colonial Encounters', Joy L.K. Pachuau's paper titled, "Mizo articulations of the Self in the Early 20th Century", discussed the issues involved in the construction of historical identity of the Mizos in the early 20 century. As Chair, Prof. Janaki Nair pointed out that this process of Mizo identity formation can also be situated in the larger context of colonialism and the attempts at identity construction in different parts of British India. In the second presentation titled, "Firearms Traffic in 19 Century North East Frontier of British India," Lipokmar Dzuvichu discussed the circulation of firearms in the frontier and how it exemplified the limits of authority of the colonial state. Prof. Nair noted how the paper brings out the duality of law and illegality as necessary partners in the nature of the colonial state.

In the session 'Politics and Popular Culture', Moushumi Kandali's paper titled, "Dynamics of Identity in the realm of popular culture," illustrated the struggle to construct an accommodative "Assamese" identity through the VCD film industry in the post 1990s Assam. As Chair, Prof. Shivaji Panikkar remarked that the VCD culture is shaped not only by local but also global trends. In his presentation "The Progressive Movement in the South Asian Frontier: The Case of Bishnu Rabha," Manjeet Baruah presented the case of the Progressive writer Bishnu Rabha in Assam and how both international and national resistance movements influenced local literature in Assam. Prof. Panikkar noted that Progressive movement needs to be studied as new kind of modernism that art was witnessing.

In the session "Religion and Society", David Lal Zou's paper, "Politics of Religious Change in North East India", discussed how religious changes are often a catalyst for new political

possibilities. In his presentation on "State, Religion and the Mystification of the Naga Movement" John Thomas explored the relation between the Indian state, the Naga movement and the Church and Christianity in Naga identity. As Chair, Dr. Renuka Singh pointed out the problem of gender or family vis-à-vis both the papers.

In the session "Identity, Enclosure and Connections" L. Lam Khan Piang's paper titled, "Social Group to Tribe: The Case of the Zo people in the Indo-Myanmar borderland", analyzed how the Zo people forged into group identity through various spatial and historical processes. As Chair, Prof. Gopal Guru noted the need for a broader framework to discuss the Zo identity. In his presentation titled, "Fixing the Nomads and Awakening as Nation" G. Amarjit Sharma explained how the processes of identity constructions are shaped by geography and nomadic histories, as seen in the cases of the Zo and the Khoibus. Prof. Gopal Guru pointed how one would theoretically analyse North East India and the problems of identity.

In the session "Gender and Politics of Identity", Rakhee Kalita's paper titled, "Counterinsurgency and the Politics of Gender in Postconflict Assam", focused on the narratives of women in conflict and post conflict contexts in Assam. As Chair, Prof. N. Kamala noted how gender dimension in social or political movements highlight several untold narratives. In her presentation titled, "Women for Nation: Narratives from the Bodoland Movement", Amrapali Basumatary discussed the role, position and tension which exist on the women's question in over-ground Bodo women's organisations. Prof. N. Kamala highlighted the need to identify alternative sources of constructing gender narratives.

In the session "Nature, Environment and Communities", Makiko Kimura's paper titled, "Erosion, Displacement and Life in Char-Chapori Areas in Assam", explained that in the Char-Chapori areas of Morigaon how the modern administration system based on fixity of settlement are unable to cope with the frequent change of the geography in this area. As Chair, Dr. Atul Sood pointed out how developmental schemes would reach people who lack fixity of space or settlement in India.

In the session "State and Legible Practices" Kshetri Rajiv Singh's paper titled, "Democracy, Development and the State Apparatus", discussed how development and democracy share a complex relation mediated by the needs of the militarised state in the region. As Chair, Prof. Aditya Mukherjee noted that one cannot homogenise nation building. In his presentation

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titled, "Reflection on Civilizational, Political and Intellectual Moorings", A. Bimol Akojam presented the case of post independence intellectual engagement with North East India and how the nationalist frame had failed to historicise the region. Prof. Mukherjee pointed out that the heart of democracy is a dialogue and that the "mainstream" too keeps evolving.

In the session "Art Practices and Aesthetics" Trina Banerjee's paper titled, "Kanhailal's Draupadi: Performing Excess and Extremity", discussed Manipuri director H. Kanhailal's play "Draupadi". She showed how the audience was forced by Kanhailal and Sabitri to witness a willing performance of the shame staged in the play. As Chair, Prof. Rustom Bharucha noted the significance of exploring the relation between body, theatre and community. In his presentation titled, "Contemporary Rabha Movement and Theatre in Assam", Benil Biswas presented the case of Sukracharya Rabha in Assam and his attempt at community theatre. Prof. Bharucha noted that art engages with the tensions which constitute a community.

In the Valedictory session, Dr. Bhagat Oinam, Director, NEISP, welcomed Prof. Mridula Mukherjee, Dean, School of Social Sciences, JNU, and the Chairperson for the occasion, and other guests and participants. Dr G. Amarjit Sharma presented the detailed workshop report. Prof. Mridula Mukherjee, in her remarks, appreciated the efforts of NEISP in organising workshops and seminars. Dr. Lipokmar Dzuvichu proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of NEISP.

As part of the film screening, two films namely "Women's



Movement in Meghalaya: Fighting for a Voice" (documentary) and "19/87" (short feature film) were screened. While the first film dealt with the women's movement in Meghalaya, the second film was on the growing friendship between a Khasi and non-Khasi youth in the backdrop of separatist agitations in Meghalaya in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Prof. Tiplut Nongbri, in her comments on the first film as panellist, said that despite the societies in Meghalaya being matrilineal in nature, the power rested in the hands of the men of the family. On the second film, she said that the question of gender was missing from the plot of the film. As Chair, Prof. Kumkum Roy pointed out how the key themes of the film have relevance beyond the state of Meghalaya. The themes have relevance because women's participation in movements or their share in leadership has been a historical problem across societies.

**Dr. Lipokmar Dzuvichu, Dr. G. Amarjit Sharma and
Dr. Manjeet Baruah, Coordinator
North East India Studies Programme, SSS**

Special Lecture on "Persian Studies in Europe: Past and Present"

On 22 March 2013, a special lecture of Prof. Rahim Reza on 'Persian Studies in Europe: Past and Present' was organized by the Centre of Persian and Central Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. Dr. Syed Akhtar Husain of CPCAS welcomed the Speaker Prof. Rahim Reza and the chief guest of the program Prof. Khalique Rasheed from the Afghan Embassy, New Delhi. Prof. Rasheed's association with the Persian Centre of JNU dates back to more than two decades. After that Dr. Husain introduced Prof. Rahim Reza as a former student of the Calcutta Madrasa and the Central College in Calcutta. Then he went to Iran for his Ph.D. in 1962. His Ph.D. was on 'The Devan of SalimTehrani' under the supervision of Dr. Zabiullah Safa and Dr. Ismail Hakimi at Tehran University. Dr. Husain said that

Prof. Reza was on the staff of the Italian Institute of Oriental Studies, Naples, Rome University as a Professor of Persian language and literature for 40 years. Prof. S. Ainul Hasan of CPCAS. Chair for the session. Requested Prof. Reza to deliver his lecture.

At the outset, Prof. Reza thanked the Centre of Persian and Central Asian Studies for inviting him to deliver the special lecture. He said that Italy was a group of States two hundred years ago and Naples was one of the important States. The Speaker said that Italians were interested in the discovery of Asian culture and heritage. Unlike the British, they did not want to rule over Asia. Asia was more important than Europe for the Italians because they considered it a cradle of civilizations like

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Babylonia and Persepolis. Italians were interested in all aspects of Persian culture and civilization, so they developed their science of archeology to excavate the Shahr i Sukhte in Sistan to know the ancient civilization of Iran. Prof. Reza said that Italian States like Republic of Venice and Republic of Genova maintained trade relations with the Persian regions of Asia. He added that Italian Christian missionaries, traders and individuals used to travel to the East including countries like Iran and India in search of adventure and fortune. Initially the Italians translated religious texts or compiled small Persian-Latin dictionaries in Italy.

The speaker said that the first Persian literary text was translated by Christoforo Armeno in 1557. He said that the scientific and serious study of Persian language began in Italy with the birth of STAMPEREA ORIENTALE MEDICEA (The Medici Oriental Press) founded by Cardinal Ferrando de Medici (1549/1609). The cardinal acquired 400 Oriental manuscripts, including Persian ones in 1586. Giovan Battista and Gerolamo Vecchietti the two brothers were Raimondi's collaborators. They were sent on different missions to the East for collecting manuscripts in Oriental languages. In one of his missions (1598-1608), Giovan Battista went to Persia and India where he collected Persian translations of Biblical texts and manuscripts of Judeo Persian literature, now preserved in the libraries of Vatican City, Florence, Naples, Venice and even Paris. The others brother Gerolamo brought a manuscript from

Cairo to Italy which was proved to be the oldest copy of (first half) of the Shahnameh of Firdowsi. The speaker said that teaching of Persian language started at Rome University in 1871. He added that Alessandro Bausani (1921-1988) had played a vital role in the developing of Iranian and Persian Studies in Italy. He joined the Naples's Oriental Institute as a teacher of Persian language and literature in 1957. Bausani became a Professor of Islamistica (Islamic Studies) at University of Rome in 1971. Prof. Reza said that the Italian orientalists had acquired a deep understanding of Orientalism that even the American Orientalists were forced to acknowledge when the U.S wanted to establish contact with China.

Prof. Hasan invited Prof. Khalique Rasheed to deliver his remarks on the special lecture. Prof. Rasheed thanked the Centre for the invitation extended to him. He told the audience that – European scholars work on the innumerable manuscripts found in Italy. But unfortunately scholars of Afghanistan and Iran are not aware of their literary legacy and heritage. As a result, the study of language and literature is steadily losing its charm and fascination in Persian speaking world. Prof. Rasheed congratulated the Persian Centre for organizing such an academic event and expressed his sincere thanks.

Dr. Husain proposed a vote of thanks. He said that Persian scholars in the East are little aware of the benefits of Persian studies as compared to the scholars in the West. According to him one should derive the full benefit from Persian studies and not aimlessly study. Dr. Husain thanked the speaker once again for sharing his life time experience of Persian studies in Europe with the faculty members and students of CPCAS and he also thanked audience for their graceful presence and interaction with the speaker.

**Golam Moinduddin
Research Scholar
Centre of Persian & Central Asian Studies,
SLL&CS**

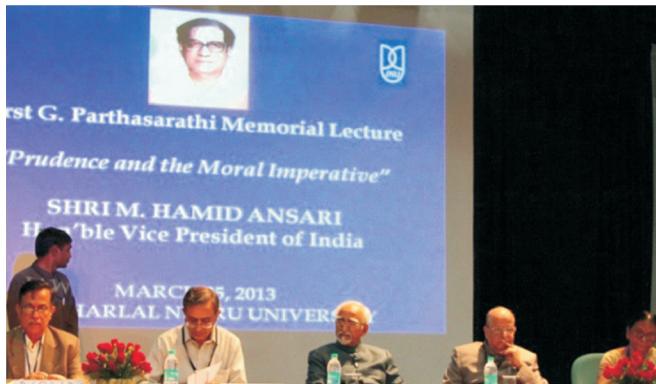
G Parthasarathi Memorial Lecture

The Vice President of India, Mr. Hamid Ansari, delivered the first G. Parthasarathi Memorial Lecture in Jawaharlal Nehru University. Mr. Parthasarathi was the first Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (1969-74). He is well known as the chairman of the International Commission for supervision and control in Indo-China, as ambassador to Indonesia, China, Pakistan and as permanent representative to the United

Nations. Mr. Parthasarathi was also the foreign policy advisor and trouble-shooter for prime ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi.

The Vice President said that Mr. Parthasarathi helped shape JNU physically and spiritually, and a memorial lecture is perhaps the most appropriate way of reminding posterity of his multi-faceted personality and diverse pursuits.

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Mr. Ansari said that the skill and experience were present in the persona of Parthasarathi. "He believed in and articulated that Nehruvian approach to world affairs, premised on the search for security and stability in South Asia, promotion of world peace, de-colonisation, non-alignment to power blocs,

strategic autonomy, friendship to all, and promotion of India's development and the hierarchy of national interests as perceived from time to time," he said.

The Vice President also talked about diplomacy and morality said that there were clear indications that the coming decades would witness both a diffusion of power and a shift in the nature of power. Prof. S.K. Sopory, Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University said that Mr. Parthasarathi's contribution in establishing the university is immense. University chancellor, Prof. K. Kasturirangan also appreciated Mr. Parthasarathi for his work and said that he was a highly accomplished man who enjoyed the trust of Nehru and Mrs. Gandhi.

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International Workshop on “Data Curation in the University: Libraries, Research and Learning”

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. B.K. Gairola, Mission Director, E-governance, Ministry of Information & Communication Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The function was presided over by Prof. Sudha Pai, Rector, JNU. Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET was the Keynote Speaker. Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur, University Librarian, JNU and the Workshop Coordinator in his welcome address highlighted that this is the 1st Workshop on “Data Curation in Universities” organised in India. He also explained the various issues concerning partnership of the Central Library, JNU with Purdue University, USA. Prof. Michael Witt, Assistant Professor, Purdue University, USA introduced the agenda of the Workshop and also talked about Data bib project of Purdue University. Prof. Witt informed the audiences that the aim of the data bib project was to catalogue all data repositories worldwide. He also informed that Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur, University Librarian, JNU is one of the Advisors to the project and that he is representing the views of various Indian data repositories and other initiatives from India. Dr. Gairola in his inaugural address briefed about the various open data initiatives including data portal of India and National Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy (NDSAP), 2012. He also highlighted the importance of data and its life cycle. Dr. Jagdish Arora in his keynote address informed about various initiatives undertaken by INFLIBNET in providing access to various data resources to the Universities in India. Prof. Sudha Pai in her Presidential Address expressed

her happiness over the joint collaborative project and assured all cooperation to this joint project at the Central Library, JNU and Purdue University, USA. She also highlighted the importance of data for academic research and expressed her happiness on cataloguing of various data repositories worldwide.

In the first Session chaired by Prof. Michael Witt, there were two presentations. Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur presented “Institutional Repositories and the Research Data Landscape: Indian Perspectives”. He mainly talked about National Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy (NDSAP, 2012). Prof. Michael Witt presented the American perspectives on the same. Besides, he also presented “Cataloguing Research Data Repositories with Data bib”.



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The Session I was followed by Breakout Session in which 10 groups were formed. These 10 groups were facilitated by 10 participants namely: Dr. Nabi Hasan, IIT, Delhi; Dr. Manorama Tripathi, JNU; Dr. Anup Kumar Das, JNU; Dr. Raj K. Bharadwaj, DU, Ms. Waltraut Ritter, Hong Kong; Dr. R.A. Amrohi, DU; Mr. Nitin, JNU; Mr. Sumandro, CSDS; Ms. Pooja; Mr. Jeevan K. Pal, ISI, Kolkatta.

In the Breakout Session the following 3 questions were put to the participants:

- i) In a broad sense, what kinds of digital information does your institution produce or manage? Give examples (Do you have an institutional repository, digital library, or digital archive? What is in it?)
- ii) What kinds of research take place at your institution? What kinds of data (not documents) do your researchers use and produce? Give examples.
- iii) Our goal is to catalogue all of the data repositories in the world. How can we identify new data repositories in India and catalogue them in Data bib? (How can you help?)

The report of the Breakout Session was presented by the 10 Facilitators in the concluding session on the basis of which following issues emerged:

- i) The concept of Data Curation is very new to Indian Universities. Even very few data repositories have been developed in India. Therefore, all presenters expressed the desire to have more such programmes.
- ii) A survey is to be done to identify Data repositories in India.
- iii) Universities should be encouraged to develop its own open repositories to provide free access to the research being conducted in the universities. Such repositories should be linked with Data Portals of India.
- iv) It was felt that data generated by various govt. departments, ministries are still not available at a single place in an open format.

Session II was chaired by Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur, University Librarian, JNU in which 3 presentations were made. Prof. Aman Yadav, Purdue University presented a talk on "Big Data in Education: Improving Teaching and Learning through Data Mining and Analytics". This was followed by a presentation on "Data Curation-A Neighbourhood of Infinity" by Dr Usha Mujoo - Munshi, Chief Librarian, Indian Institute of Public

Administration, New Delhi. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Director I/c Advanced Centre for Informatics & Innovative Learning (ACIIL) Indira Gandhi National Open University talked about "Big Data and E-learning in Indian Context".

Session III was chaired by Prof. Thomas J. Hacker from Purdue University, USA. In session III following 4 presentations were made:

1. Developing Reliable Computing Systems: The Case for Curating Systems Logs by Ms. Shruti Umamaheshwaran, Purdue University, USA.
2. Developing a Global Cyber infrastructure for Science and Engineering by Prof. Thomas J. Hacker, Purdue University, USA.
3. Big Data Curation: Issues and Challenges by Dr T Vijaya Kumar, Assistant Professor, SC&SS, JNU.
4. Issues in Cloud Computing by Dr D P Vidyarthi, JNU, Associate Professor, SC&SS, JNU.

On the basis of above workshop following areas of further cooperation between JNU and Purdue University were identified:

- 1) To undertake a project for preparation of Descriptive Catalogue of all data repositories in India;
- 2) To explore the possibilities to start a joint academic programme in the field of library information science at JNU;
- 3) A follow up visit from University Librarian, JNU to Purdue University, USA to further explore the areas of mutual cooperation.
- 4) To organize joint training programmes.
- 5) To submit a joint proposal to funding agencies in India or in USA to undertake a proposal on data curation in the universities in India.
- 6) To prepare a joint research proposal on Big Data to be undertaken by Central Library, JNU, School of Computer and Systems Sciences (SC&SS), JNU and Purdue University, USA.

In his closing remarks Prof. Michael Witt who is also the project coordinator of Data bib and also lead collaborator from Purdue University for organization of the workshop thanked

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JNU for organizing the workshop and expressed his desire to extend this partnership in other areas of mutual interest to both JNU and Purdue University. Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur, University Librarian expressed his sincere thanks to Vice Chancellor, JNU and Rector, JNU for granting permission for organization of the workshop and also expressed his sincere

gratitude to all others from library, administration, finance and SSS for their contribution in the organization of the workshop.

Ramesh C. Gaur
Librarian
Central Library

National workshop on “Manuscriptology and Preservation of Manuscripts”

Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies, JNU organized a Five days workshop on manuscriptology during 21 - 25 March 2013. It was about preservation and conversation of manuscripts. Convener of the workshop was Dr. Sudhir Kumar under the guidance of Chairperson, Prof. Shashiprabha Kumar, SCSS. 115 students, research scholars and teachers participated in this workshop.

Prof. V.N. Jha, a renowned, scholar and teacher, the Former Director of the Centre of Advanced Study in Sanskrit, University of Pune and Prof. Surender Mohan Mishra, a devoted teacher and a committed researcher, Sanskrit Department, University of Kurukshetra were the chief guest and guest of honor on the occasion of inauguration. On this occasion, Prof. Mishra delivered his lecture on importance and role of manuscripts in culture and mental development of a civilization. Program chair was Prof. Shashiprabha Kumar, Chairperson SCSS. The inauguration ceremony was closed with vote of thanks by Dr. Ram Nath Jha, Assistant Professor in SCSS. Convener of the session was Dr. Sudhir Kumar.

Main speaker of 2nd day was Prof. Surender Mohan Mishra and the topic was “Manuscript Writing.” Prof. Mishra taught very deeply about how to write a manuscript and what should be the material for manuscript writing.

3rd day (in first session) of the workshop's lecture was delivered by Prof. S.S. Rana, a well known Sanskritist and a scholar of epigraphy of the nation. Prof. Rana spoke on the manuscripts on Stupas, Stone and columns. Prof. C.U.Rao, SCSS chaired the session. Second session's chief speaker was Prof. Ratan Primo, Baroda University. Prof. Primo spoke about the Manuscripts on the paintings and images of Gujarat. Second session was chaired by Prof. Y.S. Aloney, Professor in the School Arts and Aesthetics, JNU.

First session of 4th day's lecture was delivered by Mrs. Jyoti Raj, who is giving her services to Patna Museum, Bihar. She told about the definition and concepts of manuscripts. She explained how to create long time manuscript paper. On the second session, Mrs. Jyoti Raj's lecture's topic was “preservation of Manuscripts” and she focused all points of this topic. Fourth day's workshop was closed with the thanksgiving by Dr. Ram Nath Jha.

Last day's speaker was Mr. Vibhas Kumar, Assistant Director of Patna Museum, Bihar. Mr. Vibhas delivered his lecture on the preservation, collection, warehousing, and ideal storage of manuscripts.

Closing ceremony of the workshop was the central attraction of the entire program. On the occasion of this session, the chief guest was Dr. Yoganand Shastri, Speaker of Delhi Assembly. Dr. Yoganand Shastri explained the value of Manuscripts and Epigraphy. The guest of honor was Prof. Sudhikant Bhardwaj, Ex. Head, Department of Sanskrit M.D.U. Rohtak. Prof. Bhardwaj spoke about the value of Manuscripts. Vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Shashiprabha Kumar Chairperson SCSS, JNU.

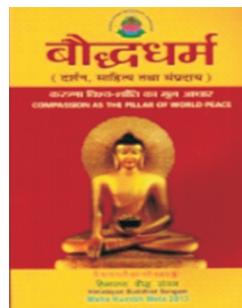
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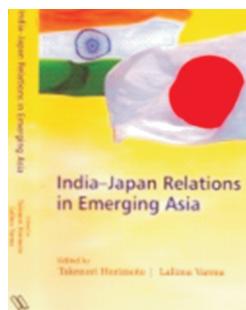
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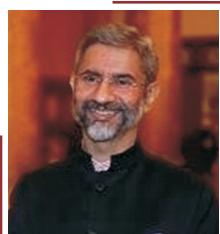
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An interview with Dr. S. Jaishankar, Ambassador of India to China



Mansi: How and when did your association with JNU begin? What was your first impression of JNU?

Ambassador Jaishankar: I joined JNU in 1973 for an M.A. in Political Science in the School of Social Sciences. Actually, I had just entered IIT Delhi which was next door and happened to come by chance to JNU. Funnily enough, it was an on-going strike on admission terms that caught my attention. My first impression, therefore, was very much of an actively political university with a strong culture of debate. That remained my lasting memory as well.

Mansi: How would you describe your years at JNU?

Ambassador Jaishankar : I went on to finish my M.A., and do both an M. Phil and a Ph. D from the School of International

Studies. Although I got a job [in the Indian Foreign Service] in 1977, I continued to visit JNU regularly till I left for Moscow in 1979. In many ways, I would regard these years as the most impactful on my life. Of course, it shaped my intellectual outlook and brought out an abiding interest in international politics.

Mansi: You recently visited JNU for the Alumni lecture series. What are the changes you observed as compared to the time you were here?

Ambassador Jaishankar: Well, there were clearly many changes at a physical level. During my time, Dakshinapuram was the main residential hub and I myself was among the first to move to Kaveri Hostel. We went for classes to the 'down' campus that has since been given up. JNU has, of course, expanded enormously. Students too have changed, reflecting all that has happened in the last 40 years in our country. From my lecture experience, I would also say they are less romantic

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in their world view, which may not be a bad thing. What were most familiar to me were the posters that greeted one entering SIS. I am happy that some things don't change!

Mansi: What was the trajectory your career took after you left JNU?

Ambassador Jaishankar: Once I joined the Foreign Service, my career took me to Moscow, Washington DC, Colombo, Budapest, Tokyo, Prague, Singapore and now Beijing. JNU has played its role in this trajectory more than once.

My initial choice of Russian language and Moscow was clearly influenced by my stay there. Some years after I returned, I was asked by the Chairman of the Policy Planning Committee [who was like Foreign Minister] to be his Special Assistant. This was G. Parthasarathi, who was JNU's Vice-Chancellor when I joined. Perhaps, this was not entirely coincidental. Twice in my career, I had the opportunity to negotiate nuclear agreements with the United States, once on Tarapur and the second time on the Indo-US nuclear deal. This was a field on which I did my M. Phil and Ph. D in JNU and my education certainly came in handy.

Mansi: How has the journey been from being the third and second secretary in Moscow to working in Washington, Sri Lanka, Budapest, Tokyo, Czech Republic, Singapore and finally China? And which of these roles has been most challenging?

Ambassador Jaishankar: Each of them had its own challenges, perhaps some more than others. China, of course, is the heaviest of these responsibilities but the one most intellectually stimulating. In Sri Lanka, I worked closely with

the IPKF, which was not without its excitement. Helping to create a new kind of relationship with the US was also a source of great satisfaction.

Mansi What according to you is the best thing about your work and which is the most challenging and difficult?

Ambassador Jaishankar: In the Foreign Service, each day is a new one and life is an accumulation of experiences over a very wide range. These have included negotiating agreements, handling delicate situations, witnessing wars, assisting leaders, writing speeches, running institutions I can go on. As a result, there is always the excitement of dealing with something new. That this is often so in a different country or culture adds to the novelty.

Mansi: Any memory of JNU that you would like to share with us?

Ambassador Jaishankar: For me, memories of JNU are more about people than the place physically. These are obviously mostly contemporaries, teachers or students. Even today, many of my closest friends are those who were with me in JNU. In fact, my first wife was a fellow student as well. In terms of situations, perhaps the great ideological debates stand out as my most vivid recollection. Also, the 'pleasures' of hostel food!

Mansi : What is the message you would like to give to the JNU student community?

Ambassador Jaishankar: Obviously, to make the most of it! JNU teaches you to think and to talk. Between them, you can get a lot out of life.

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Shri Manjit Singh, Wireman passed away on Friday, 22 March, 2013

We extend our condolences to the bereaved family.

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1. A delegation of five members from Tubingen University Germany visited JNU on 01 March, 2013 and met Prof. S.K. Sopory, Vice-Chancellor. Photo shows: Prof. Bernd Engler, President and Vice Chancellor, Tubingen University, Germany and Prof. S.K. Sopory, Vice-Chancellor.
2. A delegation from the University of Sheffield visited JNU on 19 March, 2013. Photo shows: Prof. S.K. Sopory, Vice-Chancellor (center) interact-- with Prof. Sir Keith Burnett, Vice-Chancellor, University of Sheffield (third from right) and other members of the delegation.
3. Centre for English Studies, SLL&CS, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, Oxford University Press and Centre for Dalit Literature and Art jointly organized a national conference on "Dalit Art and Imagery" from 4-6 March, 2013. Photo shows: Prof. Shivaji K. Panikkar, Dean, School of Culture & Creative Expressions, Ambedkar University, Delhi, Dr. Nidhi S Sabharwal, Director, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, Prof. Gary Tartakor, Professor Emeritus, Art and Design, Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences & Prof. Saugata Bhaduri, Chairperson, Centre for English Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Prof. Makarand R. Paranjape, Centre for English Studies, School of Language, Literature, and Culture Studies, at the release the book.
4. Centre for Media Studies, School of Social Sciences organized an international seminar on "Media and Global Affairs: Exploring Media in West Asia" on 19-20 March, 2013. Photo shows: Prof Mridula Mukherjee, Dean, School of Social Sciences delivering the welcome and presidential remarks during the Inaugural Session.
5. Secretary of European Research Council (ERC) of European Union visited JNU on 15 March, 2013 to discuss variety of funding schemes available through ERC. Photo shows: (from left) Prof. Harjit Singh, Chief Advisor, International Collaboration, Prof. S.K. Sopory, Vice-Chancellor along with members of the delegation.
6. The Centre for Indian Languages, School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies organized the 8th Kabir Memorial lecture on 28 March, 2013. Photo shows: Prof. Harbans Mukhia, (former Rector), delivering the lecture on "Subjective Modernity".



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विश्वविद्यालय की विशेषताएँ होती हैं; मानववाद, सहिष्णुता, तर्कशीलता, विचार का साहस और सत्य की खोज। विश्वविद्यालय का काम है उच्चतर आदर्शों की ओर मनुष्य जाति की सतत यात्रा को संभव करना। राष्ट्र और जनता का हित तभी हो सकता है जब विश्वविद्यालय ठीक से अपने दायित्वों का निर्वाह करें।

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7. Alumni Affairs and School of International Studies organized the Alumni Lecture Series on 14 March, 2013. Photo shows: (from left) Prof. G.J.V. Prasad, Chief Advisor Alumni Affairs, Dr. S. Jaishankar, Ambassador and Prof. Girijesh Pant, Dean, School of International Studies. The lecture was delivered by Ambassador Dr. S Jaishankar on "India and China: Perceptions and Reality".
 8. विश्वविद्यालय में 12 अप्रैल, 2013 को "गुणाकर मूले स्मृति व्याख्यान" आयोजित किया गया, फोटो में : (दायें से बायं) डॉ. संदीप कुमार चैटर्जी; कुलसचिव, प्रो. वरयाम सिंह; हिन्दी सलाहकार, प्रो. सुधीर कुमार सोपोरी; कुलपति, श्रीमती शांति गुणाकर मूल एवं अन्य अतिथिगण।
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