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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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Vice-Chancellor's speech

Excerpts from Vice-Chancellor's speech delivered on 10 February, 2010 at the University Court Meeting

I have great pleasure in welcoming our Chancellor, Professor Yash Pal, Hon'ble Members of Parliament, other distinguished members of this august body, my colleagues and officers, to the Thirty-Seventh meeting of the Court of Jawaharlal Nehru University. Jawaharlal Nehru University is today not only known as a leading institution of higher education in India, but also as an institution with which globally known institutions of higher learning show keen interest and cooperation in partnering academic programs. This trend is the highlight of the current reporting period. While JNU's name and fame has reached new horizons in terms of academic standards, it is also known to be a University deeply committed to provide equal opportunity for all, especially for SCs, STs, OBCs, women, physically challenged and other poor and socially backward people. I hope these goals would be kept in mind in the future as well.

Now, let me turn to the academic, administrative and financial affairs of the University.

In my last speech I mentioned that the University has started a big upgradation and expansion of infrastructure under the OBC Expansion and 11th Plan programmes. We have initiated a large number of projects to both expand and upgrade our infrastructure. Some of these are already completed, while others are expected to be completed in the next couple of years.

I am happy to say that the 544 seats Koyna has started functioning from July 2009. This hostel is reserved only for girls. A replica of Koyna with equal size is now under construction for boys. Together, Koyna and its replica will accommodate about 1100 students. A long felt need of the JNU students would thus be fulfilled.

In the recent period the numbers of visiting professors have risen phenomenally. The regular faculty strength is about 500,

against a sanctioned strength of 560. Under the OBC reservation program, we have been sanctioned 280 new faculty positions. In addition, we have been sanctioned 53 new faculty positions to fulfill the 11th Plan academic programs. To ease the housing situation, we have begun construction of 112 new faculty houses in the Paschimabad region which is expected to be ready in 2011. We have also proposed to the government to allocate more funds for housing for both faculty and administrative staff.

Further, we have been expanding our academic complex partly to upgrade and modernize the existing school buildings, and partly to increase the number of classrooms and faculty rooms as a result of OBC expansion program. I have reported earlier that modernization of existing school buildings in terms of better class rooms, toilets, lifts etc. are almost complete. A new building for the School of Physical Sciences (SPS) was completed and the School started functioning in the new building in December 2008. A new building is under construction for the Special Center for Molecular Medicine. We hope to have the new building ready by the end of this calendar year. The existing Molecular Medicine building would then be revamped for other Science School activities. The building for the School of Biotechnology is extended to create space for new laboratories. A special laboratory building is also under construction adjoining the School of Biotechnology building. The Annexes buildings for three large schools, namely, the School of Social Sciences (SSS), the School of International Studies (SIS) and the School of Language, Literature and Cultural Studies (SLL&CS) are initiated recently. These may take about two years for completion. The Language Laboratory building is also nearing completion. It would have the state of the art acoustic systems. Efforts are also on to create a separate building for School of Information Technology. A lecture hall complex consisting of six mega lecture halls is also nearing completion. These would be utilized for big classes and for national and international conferences. We have recently been granted a small grant by SAIL to upgrade the lecture hall complex.

The Advanced Instrumentation Facility building was completed during the last academic year. Since then, it has been used extensively by researchers from both JNU and outside. Hitherto, it was managed under the USIC. However, for the effective use of the Advanced Instrumentations a separate unit is created namely Advanced Instrumentation Research Facility (AIRF). The new Animal House building with modern facility for preserving animals for biological research is also nearing



completion. With the completion of all these projects, the research facilities for JNU faculty and students will be at par with best in the country, and in some respects comparable to better universities in abroad. A part of ground floor of library is already redesigned to facilitate use of computers by students. Works are proceeding to cover the entire ground floor.

I now turn to new academic activities.

During the academic year 2008-09 we introduced direct Ph.D program in the group of Adult Education in the School of Social Sciences. In 2009-10, M.Phil/Ph.D program was introduced in Tamil language in SLL & CS. Direct PhD program is also introduced in Women's Study Center and Discrimination and Exclusion Studies in SSS. A new PhD program in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics is initiated in the School of Information Technology. The School of Arts and Aesthetics now offers three separate streams in M.Phil/PhD for Film studies, Performance Studies and Visual Arts Studies. Three other new activities were also initiated: Studies in Discrimination and Exclusion (PSDE), Human Rights Programme and Women's Studies Programme. Marathi language Chair and Bhagat Singh Chairs on History of India's Freedom Struggle are also in an advanced stage. We are also planning Chairs in Punjabi, Assamese and Manipuri languages.

In the last Academic Council meeting we have approved the creation of the following new centers under the XI Plan:

- a. A research centre on North-East Studies;
- b. Media Research Centre (SSS);
- c. A Special Centre for Nano Sciences;
- d. A centre for Studies in Informal Business (SSS);
- e. A Special Centre for Complex Systems Modeling.

The Council also approved a Special Center for African Studies and Group of Comparative Politics & Political Theory in the School of International Studies. All these Centers/Special Centers are expected to be functioning from the next academic year.

On behalf of the Executive Council of the University, I have great pleasure in placing before you the 39th Annual Report for the period 2008-09 in fulfillment of the requirement of Statute 12(1) of the University Act and Statutes of the University.

Admission: During the reporting period, the University conducted entrance examination in 80 centers, including an overseas centre in Kathmandu (Nepal). In addition, our University has been conducting the Combined Entrance Examination on behalf of forty-three universities for M.Sc. Biotechnology; including admission relating to M.Sc. (Agri), M.V.Sc (Biotech) and M.Tech (Biotech).

As in the previous years, this reporting period (2008-09) also

saw a steady rise in the number of candidates seeking admission, both from India and abroad. Through the Entrance Examinations in 2008-2009, the University admitted 1535 students from all parts of India, besides 109 foreign nationals representing thirty-six countries. For the academic year 2009-10, the corresponding figures are 1729 Indian students and 110 from abroad.

The number of female students admitted to JNU has been increasing steadily. In fact, girls now outnumber boys in new admissions in several schools. Similarly, for the reserved seats, during the last four academic sessions, the University has not only been able to fill in the seats meant for SC/ST students, but marginally exceeded the statutory minimum intake limit. We have also admitted more students from the middle and lower income groups.

As the Hon'ble members may be aware that by the Academic Year 2009-2010 we have implemented 2nd Phase (18 per cent) of OBC non-creamy layer reservation programme. By next year (2010-2011) we shall complete the programme by raising OBC reservation ratio to 27 percent, as stipulated under the Act of Parliament in 2006.

The total strength of fulltime students on the rolls of the University in 2008-09 was 6025. Of them, 3699 students belonged to M.Phil/M.Tech/PhD. program of study; 1598 students were enrolled for MA/MSc./MCA; 728 students in the undergraduate program and the remaining students i.e. 90 belonged to part-time programs of study like Certificate/Diploma/Advanced Diploma in languages.

In terms of the student profile of the total students on rolls, 837 students come from the Scheduled Caste; 461 students come from the Scheduled Tribe and 132 students under the Physically Challenged category; 772 students under Other Backward Classes (OBC) (non-creamy layer) and foreign national students work out to 278 and the general category students are 3,545.

Publications: The faculty of the University has published about 135 books, more than 219 chapters in edited volumes, published over 478 research papers/articles and participated over 1138 conferences/seminars/workshops, besides over 665 lectures delivered outside JNU. I am confident that with the up-gradation of infrastructure facilities both the quality and quantity of publications of our faculty colleagues is bound to further improve, especially in Science Schools. Our faculty also participated in a number of seminars, conferences and workshops and has delivered lectures within and outside the country.

About 286 research projects are successfully running during this reporting period. The funding both from Indian and foreign

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funding agencies is Rs.30.02 crores and Rs.20.29 crores. Project funds considerably support our M.Phil/PhD program.

The University Library, on which the academic life of any institution of higher education depends, is continuously being modernized. A new centrally air conditioned reading hall with two hundred computers, already acquired, is shaping up well. The collection stands over 5.51 lakh volumes and the cost of acquisition of books is a little over Rs.31.65 lakhs and the value of journal subscriptions stands at Rs.332 lakhs for 941 journals. We have now started subscribing most journals in both print and digital forms.

The **Academic Staff College** conducted seven refresher courses and four orientation courses in different disciplines assigned to it.

The faculty strength in March 2009 was 497; which includes 228 Professors, 138 Associate Professors and 131 Assistant Professors. There are 19 Professor Emeritus and 4 Honorary Professors.

A number of students were awarded UGC, CSIR State Government Scholarships and some students won medals instituted for best academic performance. All students in M.Phil/Ph.D now enjoy fellowship. In all, more than 80 percent of our students now enjoy financial support either in the form of fellowships or Merit Cum Means support. Considering the fact that more than 80 per cent of students are also provided hostel accommodation at a very modest charge, our University may be now regarded as the best socially welfare university in India, if not abroad.

In the recent past, a number of distinguished persons visited the University, I wish to highlight a few important visits in the recent past. HE Sir Anand Satyanand, Governor General of New Zealand and the First Lady, Mrs. Susan Satyanand visited and addressed the University community. HE Professor Dr. Olafur Ragnar Grimsson, President of the Republic of Iceland visited and addressed the faculty and students in January 2010.

JNU has sixteen Chairs endowed by different agencies like the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Environment & Forest, etc. Some of the Professorial Chairs have been filled up by the appointment of eminent faculty, some are vacant and efforts are underway to fill them up like Shaheed Bhagat Singh Chair, IPR Chair, etc.

JNU has a few endowments which provides for organisation of annual lectures and also Memorial Lectures like Krishna Bharadwaj Memorial Lecture which was delivered by Professor Irfan Habib, eminent historian Moonis Raza Memorial Lecture delivered by Professor Mrinal Miri; Sat Paul Mital Memorial Lecture, endowed by the Indian Association of

Parliamentarians for Population and Development (IAPPD), by Professor Madhav Gadgil, an eminent environmentalist. Professor M. Vijayan, IISc Bangalore delivered Raman Ponni Lecture endowed by Professor Alap R. Subramanian, Max Planck Institute of Molecular Genetics, Germany. Professor P.N. Srivastava Endowment Lecture was delivered by Professor Pushpa M. Bhargava, former Director, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology.

JNU has also signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with 114 institutions/universities and Agreement of Cooperation (AoC) with 39 institutions, besides protocols/sub-protocols on student exchange, etc. We have been able to take advantage of the provisions of these exchange programmes to an extent in the recent past with allocation of funds and I hope that in future, we would be able to take full use of the MoU by exchanging students/faculty and holding joint seminars/symposia, etc.

With Indian economy continuing to maintain its momentum, there is a turn of event, with a number of universities both in Europe and the United States, Latin America, Australia showing keen interest on setting up India Chair in their respective institutions, offering academic programmes keeping JNU as a partner. All these things show that JNU has not only sustained its pre-eminent position in the academic map of the country, which is much visible by its collaboration with other universities and other activities as well. I must strike a word of caution here. If we have to maintain our slot as an enduring partner in the international academic set up, our output should be world class and path breaking. I would earnestly urge my colleagues usher in a new era. On my part, I can assure them in this august assembly that I will do my utmost to ensure that the faculty get the requisite infrastructure, funds, etc.

Awards / Recognitions of Faculty:

The University is fortunate enough to have a quality faculty on its strength that the awards and recognitions have been steadily rising over a period of time. I will only highlight a few important ones and request you to see the Annual Report for full details.

Professor Abhijit Sen of the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, who is currently the Member of the Planning Commission of India, and Professor Bipin Chandra, Professor Emeritus, JNU were conferred with Padma Bhushan by the Government of India for their contribution to literature and education. Another distinguished lawyer Dr. Rafael Iruzubieta Fernandez, a Spanish national and a liberal donor/endowment of which enriches Spanish studies in the University has been conferred with Padma Shri.

Two of my distinguished academic colleagues Professor R.K.

Kale of the School of Life Sciences assumed charge as the Vice-Chancellor of the newly set up Central University of Gujarat at Gandhinagar; and Professor Varun Sahni assumed charge as the Vice-Chancellor of Jammu University, Jammu, succeeding another illustrious JNU faculty, Professor Amitabh Mattoo. Recently Professor RNK Bamezai of the School of Life Sciences took over as the Vice-Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, Jammu and Kashmir.

Professor Satya Vrat Shastri an Honorary Professor in the Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies was the recipient of Gyanpeeth Award.

In the end, let me humbly add the awards and recognitions that I have received for my contributions to education in general and economics in particular. The Institute of Oriental Heritage, Kolkata conferred me Dr. Meghnad Saha Award in recognition of high scholastic order and patronage to the cause of research and development in the study of many tributaries of Oriental Heritage such as Literature, etc. The World Management Congress conferred me the Lifetime Achievement Award. I continue in my post as the President of the Indian Association for research in National Income and Wealth.

My colleagues have also received many prestigious nation and international honors. I have highlighted a few significant ones as under:

In the **School of Arts and Aesthetics**

- ❖ **Shiva Prakash**, The production of Life of Galileo in Urdu translation for Bahuroop, directed by H S Shiva Prakash was selected as one of the 8 best productions in Delhi during 2007 and featured in the Sahitya Kala Parishad Festival in May 2008; **Majumdar Ranjani**, Nominated by the University of Minnesota Press for the "Katherine Singer Kovacs" Book Award of the Society for Cinema and Media Studies, USA (2007) and "Anand Kentish Coomaraswamy" Book Award of the Association of Asian Studies, 2009, USA.

In the **School of Computer and Systems Sciences**

- ❖ **Vijay Kumar, T. V.**, with **Aloke Ghoshal** won the Best Paper Award for "A Reduced Lattice Greedy Algorithm for Selecting Materialized Views", in the International Conference on Information Systems Technology and Management.

In the **School of Environmental Sciences**

- ❖ **Bhattacharya S.** Elected Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad; **Ramanathan A L.** Fellow of the Glaciology society and also the Executive Secretary of the international Society for Ground Water for Sustainable Development, Sweden; **Saxena K G.** Fellow, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences

In the **School of Information Technology**

- ❖ **Bandyopadhyay Pradipta**, Indo-US research fellowship; **Ramaswamy, R.**, The J C Bose Fellowship of the Department of Science and Technology, 2009; **Ramaswamy, R.**, Fellow of TWAS, the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World.

In the **School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies**

Centre for Chinese and South-East Asian Studies

- ❖ **Mukherji Priyadarsi**, Deputed as Visiting Professor by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) for the Prestigious Chair in Indian Studies at Shenzhen University, Guangdong, China, 27 October, 2008 21 January, 2009.
- ❖ **Mukherji Priyadarsi**, Conferred Life-Time Alumni Association Membership, and Certificate of Honour by Shenzhen University, China, for the services rendered as Visiting Professor in Indian Studies at the University, 2009.

In the **School of Life Sciences**

- ❖ **Saxena R. K.**, Appointment: Invited to join the new South Asian University, New Delhi, as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) (Academics and Planning); **Yadava, P. K.**, Elected Vice President, Indian Academy of Social Sciences, Allahabad and Founder Member Peoples' Council of Education; **Natrajan K.**, Full Member, American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; **Madhubala, R.**, Elected member of the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore

In the **School of Physical Sciences**

- ❖ **Ghosh Subhasis**, MRSI Medal, 2009; **Kumar Brijesh**, INSA Medal for Young Scientists 2009; **Patnaik S**, SCOPUS Young Scientist Award (Physics), 2008

In the **Special Centre for Molecular Medicine**

- ❖ **Tyagi RK.** Fellow in Reproduction and Endocrinology by the Society of Reproductive Biology and Comparative Endocrinology, 2009; **Dhar SK.** Swarnjayanti fellowship by Department of Science & Technology, 2009.

University Health Centre: The students of the University have access to the University Health Centre where consultation with physicians and specialists is possible in two spells, i.e., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. In all we have only full time doctors and others are only part time. Besides these general facilities, specialized OPDs such as Dermatologist, Medicine, Cardiology, Gynecology, Dental and Psychiatric are available to the residents of the University. Recently, we have introduced a 24-hour air-conditioned

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ambulance facility with all life-saving facilities. A doctor is also now available to take care of emergencies at night.

Cultural Activities: Both faculty and students periodically organize various cultural activities such as theatre, dances, ballets, film and photo exhibitions etc. A ballet group from our School of Art and Aesthetics was invited to perform in Japan recently. The Faculty Club is very active in organizing cultural activities both for adults and children. Outside drama and cultural troupes also perform periodically in the JNU campus.

Welfare of Weaker Sections: JNU is a model university for welfare of weaker students. Apart from official reservation in admissions, we continue to follow affirmative policy with regard to weaker sections. The welfare of the weaker sections is looked after by the Equal Opportunity Office. Besides, reservation in admissions, reservation exits also in the hostel accommodation. The University has constructed a 100-room hostel for SC boys and a 100-room accommodation for SC girls with the support of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The University has ensured hostel accommodation to all SC/ST students admitted in regular programs of study. As per reservation rules, the University ensures preferential allotment of accommodation to SC/ST staff members up to type-IV category. The University runs remedial courses for SC/ST students to make up their deficiency in English and core courses in each School/Centre. Faculty Coordinator extends personalized assistance. The University has also devised a special scheme for SC/ST students as well as for those from weaker sections of the society to help them to prepare for the entrance test for admission to various programs of study.

University Administration

The University administration with about 1,500 staff and officers is assisted by a few committees, like the Campus Development Committee, the Security Advisory Committee, and the Transport Committee etc., which have representatives from all the three components of the University community.

Financial Support from UGC

The University has different accounts, viz. (1) Maintenance (Non-Plan) Account and (2) Development (Plan) Account are the funds given by UGC. (3) The earmarked fund account (Special Fund Account), the funds received from UGC, CSIR, ICSSR, Foreign project funding etc. are operated through this account. Debt, Deposit etc. Account, the payments of Corpus Fund and lastly the Fellowship Account, some payment of fellowship account are operated through this Account. The Audit Reports are up to date with only minor technical observations. I compliment Smt. Bedi and her dedicated team for this.

Co-Curricular Activities

Gender Sensitization Committee Against Sexual Harassment (GSCASH): JNU has been the pioneer in implementing the Supreme Court's judgment on gender harassment. The GSCASH rules of JNU are now copied by many other universities and institutions. Recently, the Bangladesh Supreme Court judges came to JNU to study the operations of GSCASH in JNU for its adaptation in Bangladesh. I compliment Chairperson of GSCASH, Dr. Usha Ramchandran and other members for maintaining the high standard of gender sensitivity. The committee has become more pro-active in the recent years. It holds discussions and seminars, film screenings and street theatre, dialogues with the University community and the administration, complaints screening and interventions.

Alumni Affairs are looked after by the Standing Committee for Alumni Relations and International Linkages (SCARIL). SCARIL has become very active in the recent period. Last year, a mega event was organized at Parthasarthy Rock. It included a series of seminars, discussions and cultural programs. The website of SCARIL has seen a spurt of renewed activity in the last year. I hope this tradition continues in the future. I thank Prof. Anand Kumar in particular in rejuvenating the alumni activities.

International Collaboration: JNU has now MOUs with more than 100 universities from abroad. We now have regular exchange of faculty and students both under MOUs and also independently. The collaborations with international universities are growing by leaps and bounds. We also have MOUs with some research institutions and sponsoring foundations such as European Union, Korea Development Foundation and Tokyo Foundation, Ford Foundation, Humbolt Foundation and DARD etc. large numbers of students are enjoying fellowships from these foundations. The foundations are also sponsoring visiting faculty and research projects. Recently, Warsaw university has created a contemporary India Studies Center in partnership with JNU.

Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study (JNIAS)

JNIAS functions on the pattern of Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla. Presently, it has 14 rooms for visiting scholars, a conference room and a mini library. The rooms are now fully occupied round the year. Under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Aditya Mukherjee, JNIAS has organized many seminars and conferences. Recently JNIAS has also entered into an agreement with Maisson de Sciences, Paris for collaboration. JNIAS infrastructure needs an expansion to cope up with increasing demand for exchange of scholars and international

collaboration. We have proposed this to the UGC and hope in the future allocation of grants this will be considered sympathetically.

University Science Instrumentation Centre (USIC) AND Advanced Instrumentation Research Facility (AIRF)

USIC will continue to look after the routine repair and servicing of scientific instruments in the university. The AIRF on the other hand, is created to be a common facility for research on all advanced instruments at the university level. AIRF has acquired sophisticated equipments/instruments like, Confocal Microscope, XRD for Protein and XRD for Powder, FTIR, TEM, Scanning Electron Microscope, ED X-ray Fluorescence Spectrophotometer, WD X-ray Fluorescence Spectrophotometer, CD Spectrophotometer, Fully automatic Liquid nitrogen plant, Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrophotometer, Surface Plasmon Resonance Spectrophotometer, Time Resolved Spectrophotometer, etc.

E-Governance

All modern universities function through e-governance. The E-Governance project in JNU is progressing gradually. We have built software for each modules of e-governance such as admission, evaluation, library, hostel admissions, finance and general administration etc. Faculty and Staff are also provided e-governance training in stages. We have also acquired adequate numbers of computers to run the e-governance. I must admit, however, we have yet to complete e-governance in all respects. While students' admissions and evaluations are fully computerized, the library, finance and general admissions are only partially computerized. We have recently revamped the e-governance management by bringing in younger faculty to speed up this endeavor. To help the JNUites and outside visitors we have put digital display boards in academic and administrative blocks to announce current and future activities of the university.

JNU Website

The JNU English website was created a few years ago. Over the years this website has been improved and upgraded to raise it at the level of international standards. The bandwidth has been significantly increased this year and we hope to increase it still further subject to availability of funds. We would like to mention here that we are currently subscribing slightly more than 7000 cyber journals. To improve the functioning of computer services and the website we have decided to create a separate servicing unit for it. We have also now created a Hindi version of our website. It has begun to function one week ago. I compliment all my faculty and staff for this successful venture.



Finally,

JNU is now 40 years old. Compared to the top universities of the world, such as Oxford, Cambridge and Harvard we are still in infancy in terms of age. Even compared to many leading universities of India, we are still very young. However, even in such a short span of time, JNU has established itself as one of the leading universities. In the international colloquium of universities, JNU's name is uttered with deep respect today. Although our infrastructure - library, laboratory, computers, and classroom etc.- is one of the best in India, we are still far away from international standards. We need to upgrade our infrastructure continuously to keep pace with the changing times. The biggest lacuna in this respect is - funds. Being a state-funded university, we have to suffer government budget constraints from time to time

Infrastructure, however, does not make a good university. We also need highly skilled and dedicated teachers and researchers. As I reflect on my JNU experience, I feel that this is a university which is capable of doing much better than what it has achieved so far. We have very good quality students and also some of the finest teachers. With the completion of the ongoing projects our infrastructure will get a further boost. Now is the time for us to work together to fulfill Nehru's vision of dynamic advancement in science, technology and education as an investment towards growth. There is no reason why we cannot reach to the top and join the league of best universities in the world.

At the end, I would like to thank our respected Chancellor, Professor Yash Pal for not only chairing this Court meeting but also for providing through out the year his inspirational leadership. He is a father figure to all of us. I also thank the Hon'ble members of the Court, in particular, the Members of Parliament and other dignitaries for sparing their valuable time to attend this meeting. I seek their continuous support to raise the standard of this University to even greater heights. Finally, I thank my colleagues, faculty and administrative staff for pursuing their academic and administrative works with great zeal.

Movement

New Appointments

New Dean/Chairperson

- ◆ Dr. Sachidanand Sinha, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences as Associate Dean of Students
- ◆ Prof. Gopal Narayan Guru, Chairperson, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences

Administration

- ◆ Sh. Tarun Pant as Systems Analyst
- ◆ Sh. Vishal Kumar, Sh. Shiv Kumar Verma, Sh. Alok Kumar, Sh. Ravi Saini, Ms. Sunita Rawat and Smt. Anita as Junior Assistant-cum-Typists
- ◆ Smt. Thilgam as Office Attendant
- ◆ Smt. Munni Devi and Sh. Rakesh Kumar as Safaikaramcharis

Retirements/Resignations

- ◆ Dr. Gurbachan Singh, Centre for International Trade and Development, School of International Studies
- ◆ Shri Darwan Singh Rawat, Professional Assistant, Central Library
- ◆ Shri Ramu Prasad Singh, Junior Assistant-cum-Typist, Office of Coordinator (Evaluation)
- ◆ Shri Ram Dulare Yadav, Office Attendant, Centre for Indian Languages, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies
- ◆ Shri Tejinder Singh, A. C. Operator, Engineering Branch
- ◆ Shri Prabhu Dyal, Wireman, Engineering Branch

Achievements/Awards



◆ **Prof. R.N.K. Bamezai**, School of Life Sciences, has been appointed as Vice-Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, Jammu and Kashmir.



◆ **Prof. Abhijit Sen**, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences and Member, Planning Commission of India has been honoured with Padma Bhushan Award by the Government of India for his outstanding contribution in Public Affairs.



◆ **Prof. Bipin Chandra**, Professor Emeritus, JNU has been honoured with Padma Bhushan Award by the Government of India for his outstanding contribution in Literature and Education.



◆ **Prof. Tan Chung**, Former Professor, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, has been honoured with Padma Bhushan Award by the Government of India for his outstanding contribution in Literature and Education.



◆ **Prof. S. R. Kidwai**, Former Professor, Centre for Indian Languages, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, has been honoured with Padma Shree Award by the Government of India for his outstanding contribution in Literature and Education.



◆ **Dr. Rafael Iruzubieta Fernandez**, an eminent Indo-Phile has been honoured with Padma Shri Award for his outstanding contribution in Public Affairs.



◆ **Dr. Rakesh Batabyal**, Deputy Director Academic Staff College has been nominated as the Inaugural Visiting Professor for the newly created Chair of Modern Indian History at University of Tokyo, Japan.



◆ **Mr. Chander Kumar Singh**, Research Scholar, School of Environmental Sciences has received the Young Scientist Award from International Union of Geological Science based on his research paper presentation in Euro Conference 2009 during 13-18 September 2009 at Ascona, Switzerland.

◆ **Ms. Sapna Priya**, Student, Centre of Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and Latin American Studies, School of Language Literature & Culture Studies, has been given the Juhi Prasad Cash award for the year 2010 for securing the highest FGPA amongst the students who were declared eligible for the award of B.A degree in Spanish based on 2008-09 examination results.

◆ **Ms. Shweta Sahay** and **Ms. Swagata Basu**, Students, Centre of Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and Latin American Studies, School of Language Literature & Culture Studies, have received the Rafael Iruzubieta Award for the year 2010.

International Food Festival in JNU

Every January 26, an international food festival is held at JNU. Visitors can gorge on cuisines from various countries at this 15-year old festival.

Eating Yakitori, Shapta Tingmo and Falafel might not be something many associate with the Republic Day but for students at Jawaharlal Nehru University, it is nothing short of a tradition.

From Afghani Burani and Japanese Yakitori to Uzbek Pulau and Chinese Coca Cola Chicken there was enough to pamper one's taste-buds at the 'International Food Festival' put together by the foreign students studying at JNU. The cuisines of 17 countries were showcased on the campus. It was an annual

event organized by the Foreign Students Association and the Students for Harmony group. As the students got ready with their ingredients on Tuesday evening, a large number of hostellers, their friends and families started trickling in following the aroma of food that wafted in the air. The Central School grounds got crowded in no time.

For the foreign students, it was a good opportunity for promoting their food culture.

Those participating in the festival make the food on their own or take help from their embassy or other students. It's all about helping each other and exchanging cultures.

Bhoomika Meiling

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आरावली पर्वत श्रृंखला के छोटे से हिस्से में बसे जेएनयू विश्वविद्यालय के पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों में यूं तो हरियाली की कल्पना करना बेहद कठिन है। लेकिन, जेएनयू के हार्टिकल्चर विभाग ने कुछ ऐसा ही कारनामा किया है। परिसर में सालभर पहले तक दुर्गंध का पर्याय बन चुके ढाई एकड़ का क्षेत्र आज पिकनिक स्पॉट के तौर पर लोकप्रिय हो रहा है। जेएनयू परिसर में स्थित झील के किनारे पूर्वांचल मोड़ से नर्सरी टी प्वाइंट के बीच करीब ढाई एकड़ लंबे क्षेत्र को हरित बनाया गया है। करीब एक महीने की कड़ी मशक्कत के बाद इसे हरित क्षेत्र का रूप दिया गया। इस कार्य में अहम भूमिका अदा करने वाले जेएनयू के हार्टिकल्चर अधिकारी सुनील कुमार के मुताबिक सबसे बड़ी चुनौती समय की पाबंदी थी, क्योंकि यह क्षेत्र कूड़ा फेंकने वालों की सबसे पसंदीदा जगह थी। एक महीने के भीतर ही इस क्षेत्र को हरित क्षेत्र में तब्दील किया गया है।

सुनील कुमार, हार्टिकल्चर अधिकारी,
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उच्च शिक्षा के विश्व प्रसिद्ध संस्थान जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय की 3 फरवरी, 2010 को हिन्दी वेबसाइट शुरु हो गई। हिन्दी यूनिट द्वारा आयोजित एक समारोह में कुलपति प्रो. बी.बी. भट्टाचार्य ने हिन्दी वेबसाइट का उद्घाटन करते हुए कहा कि हिन्दी वेबसाइट शुरु होना

विश्वविद्यालय की प्रगति की एक नई दिशा है। इससे हिन्दी भाषी लोगों को विश्वविद्यालय के बारे में आसानी से जानकारी मिलेगी। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता करते हुए प्रो. रामाधिकारी कुमार ने कहा कि हिन्दी वेबसाइट को सरल बनाया गया है। शब्दों का चयन, अनुवाद आदि के बारे में प्रशासनिक शब्दावली के बजाय आम बोलचाल की भाषा का प्रयोग किया गया है। विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा बनाई गई वेबसाइट समिति के सदस्यों ने इस परियोजना को अंजाम दिया। इस समिति के सदस्य हैं – डॉ. देवेन्द्र कुमार चौबे, निदेशक सी.आई.एस., श्रीमती रितु झा, प्रो. सोनाझरिया मिंझ, डॉ. डी.के. लोबियाल, डॉ. गिरीशनाथ झा, पूनम कुदेशिया और के.एम. शर्मा। इस वेबसाइट पर जेएनयू के विभिन्न संस्थान, केन्द्र, संकाय सदस्य, पुस्तकालय, हॉस्टल, फीस एवं अन्य आधारभूत जानकारियां उपलब्ध हैं और वेबसाइट को लगातार अपडेट किया जाता रहेगा। वेबसाइट का एड्रेस <http://www.jnu.ac.in/Hindi/> है।

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जवाहर लाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय

National Conference on "Scientific Strategies for Protection and Preservation of Wetlands in India"

School of Environmental Sciences organized a National Conference on "Scientific Strategies for Protection and Preservation of Wetlands in India" held at JNU on 11 - 12 January, 2010. A wetland is an area of land whose soil is saturated with moisture either permanently or seasonally. Such areas may also be covered partially or completely by shallow pools of water. Wetlands include ponds, tanks, canals, creeks, water channels, reservoirs, rivers, streams, lakes, swamps, marshes, and bogs, among others. The water found in wetlands can be saltwater, freshwater, or brackish. Essential functions of wetlands include natural flood control, filtering and cleaning water and as a repository of biologically productive ecosystems like that of mangroves, fisheries, floating gardens/parks, migratory and domestic birds, etc. These are now witnessing increased encroachment, settlement by rural/urban populace, shrinkage and ultimate destruction. The conference therefore aimed to brainstorm ideas and arrive at scientific strategies for the protection and preservation of wetlands in India. Recognizing their importance, World Wetland Day is celebrated on February 2 every year. Moreover, 2010 is declared as International Year of Biodiversity, making this conference timely to highlight the importance of wetlands and the need for their conservation and also to bring out a ground reality assessment on the present status of wetlands in India as well as to formulate realistic future strategies to enhance the resilience capacity of some deteriorating wetlands of India.

Prof. A.L. Ramanathan, School of Environmental Sciences, JNU and the Organizing Secretary welcomed the dignitaries and participants of the conference and gave a vivid picture of the status of mangroves in India. In the presidential address,



Dr. Laxman Prasad, Advisor, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India spoke about the Technology Mission for Water - 'Winning, Augmentation and Renovation'(WAR). He underlined the importance of the purpose of the conference as serving to address the objectives of the mission. In his inaugural address, the Vice Chancellor of JNU, Prof. B.B. Bhattacharya highlighted the need to address the economic aspects of wetlands. He said that realistic costing of water is not done yet leading to people's apathy to water conservation. He stressed that to save wetlands the key is to price water right that would lead to better water conservation. This was experience gained while advising water supply projects in the US. He also stressed the importance of social and natural sciences coming together to save our wetlands. Prof. Brij Gopal, (ex. Prof, SES) National Institute of Ecology, Jaipur gave the keynote address on "How do we protect wetlands to ensure water supply". He stressed the importance of formulating a national wetland policy and also laws to integrate wetland management into the planning and implementation of every developmental project. He argued that we are creating more man-made wetlands today at the cost of natural wetlands which need to be mitigated. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. M. Prithviraj, Scientist F, DST. A publication of extended abstracts of the scientific papers presented by the participants was also released on the occasion.

The conference was in part planned in accordance to Supreme Court Order related to Writ Petition (Civil) No. 230 of 2001, directing the Government of India to find solution to water shortage through scientific interventions and innovations to protect, conserve and rejuvenate wetlands, etc. in our country. In view of this, School of Environmental Sciences, JNU organized this DST sponsored Conference at JNU, New Delhi to take stock of the status of the wetlands and the issues concerned with it.

The conference attracted around eighty participants from universities and institutions and government agencies spread over the entire country (viz: Centre for Inland Water in South Asia, Energy and Wetland Research Group of IISc Bangalore, Inland Fisheries Research Institute: Centre for Marine Science and Technology: East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority, WWF, Wetland International, ISRO(SAC), NIO,

NISCAR, Govt. of India, MoEF, Chilka Lake Authority, NEERI, CESS, JNU, Andhra University, Annamalai University, Bharathidasan University, Bharathiar University, Calcutta University, etc.). In all, forty-one invited papers were presented from the above leading institutions under the following themes:

- ◆ Assessment of present status of water resources (quantity and quality) of wetlands
- ◆ Assessment of the ecological status of wetlands
- ◆ Assessment of natural and anthropogenic influence on the status of wetlands
- ◆ Management strategies for conservation, restoration and revival of wetlands
- ◆ Assessment of the eco-service potential of wetlands vis-a-vis their developmental cost some introspection with case studies

Amongst the various issues that came up during the deliberations held over the two days were:

- ◆ Consensus needs to be arrived at as to what can be called as "wetlands" whether paddy fields can be included under the designation or if prawn-culture ponds could be so identified. This issue came up as there is a discrepancy in defining the exact areal extent of wetlands with estimates ranging from 1-5% to 18.4%.
- ◆ Pollution, siltation issues and the interaction and importance of water to the maintenance of wetland ecosystems
- ◆ Coordination and implementation of scientific strategies at appropriate levels with concerned State Government, Central Government, NGOs and other agencies by a single nodal body
- ◆ Usage of Remote Sensing and GIS tools to have a national data repository on wetlands
- ◆ Value of stakeholder participation and leveraging Public-Private Partnerships to achieve the goals
- ◆ Avoidance of fragmented approaches and come out with accepted wetland atlas for the country

Various authors gave several recommendations and suggestions dealing with wetland degradation, protection,

preservation and conservation. These included scientific studies, specific wetland examples, top-bottom and bottom-top wetland management approaches as well as discussion of the status-quo of Indian wetlands vis-a-vis the global scenario

It was resolved that some of the key papers of this conference could be published in IJMS (NISCAR), GSI (Bangalore) or in a UNESCO volume after the required review process.

After the two day discussion and deliberations the conference concluded with an open house discussion wherein salient points of each of the above sessions were presented by the chairs and co chairs. During the discussion following suggestions emerged from the participants:

- ◆ Detailed systematic study will be carried out to understand the source of water, sediments and nutrients and their behavior in wetlands to formulate suitable management strategies for maintaining the sound health of the wetlands
- ◆ Assessment of the surface and groundwater interaction as well as recharge potential and other ecosystem services potential of wetlands
- ◆ Generation and documentation of base line data and other information of RAMSAR sites for their biodiversity assets including mapping and creation of inventories
- ◆ Constitution of national and regional wetland management committee and/or wetland watch group to consolidate the initiatives of each agency report at regular intervals for consideration of the government
- ◆ To support research work on the carrying capacity of wetland studies

Conference also gave a consolidated recommendation in consultation with the participants for consideration of the government:

- ◆ Framing national wetland policy, establishment of national wetland research institution for monitoring and management, development of national lake and wetland information system, establishment of seed banks for all the mangrove floras, etc., which are yet to be ratified by DST.

**A.L. Ramanathan, Professor,
School of Environmental Sciences**

Special Lecture on 'Contemporary Persian Literature'

On 12 January 2010, a special lecture on 'Contemporary Persian Literature' of Prof. Paul Sprachman, Vice Director of Undergraduate Studies, Centre for Middle East Studies, Rutgers The State University of New Jersey, USA, was organized by the Centre of Persian and Central Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. Prof. S. Ainul Hasan of CPCAS introduced Prof. Paul Sprachman as a multi lingual personality and a noted US Orientalist. While thanking Prof. Hasan for speaking praiseworthy words for him, Prof. Sprachman began his speech:

The main theme of Prof. Paul Sprachman's lecture was 'Instrumentalization of Persian Novels'. He said that since 2001 he has been visiting Iran's International Book Fair every year, where he has opportunity to meet contemporary writers and accept their works for translation into English. He has recently translated two novels such as "Chess with the Domsday Machine" by Habib Ahmadzadeh and 'Ismail' by Husain i Fardi. Prof. Paul spoke about the predicament of Islamic Republic of Iran in the light of his translated novel-"Ismail". Ismail the protagonist in the novel established himself in the Iranian society with the help of some mentors. His first mentor was a coffee house owner of Indian origin. Ismail took a job in a bank with the help of his mentor. This bank was financed by the Bahais. He left the job because the money was not 'halal' or lawful as it was financed by the Bahais. After that he took refuge in a mosque where had an opportunity of reading those works of the writers like Samad Behrangi and others whose works were banned under the Shah's regime. After a while he met another mentor, Kamal, in Tabriz who was a committed communist. Ismail also became a communist but gradually he rejected the ideology of the communist party of Iran and again took refuge in a mosque. He received lessons from a shaikh or clergyman and appeared like a clergy. Prof. Sprachman found



that there has been striking similarity between Russia and Iran after the outbreak of their Revolutions. Literature had remained very central for the Russians to critically examine their lives and society under the rule of Lenin. Similarly the Iranians have responded to literature to detect

where they have gone wrong and realize their follies. Prof. Sprachman spoke at length on the subject of Instrumentalization of Novels in contemporary Persian literature and drew the attention of the learned audience for one and a half hours.

The lecture was followed by a question answer session in which a member of the audience said that Fardi was a third grade writer and wanted to know why he has chosen his work? Prof. Paul Sprachman answered in affirmative that Fardi was perhaps not a noted writer but his novel is a source of knowledge, of present day Iran and by which the young generation in the US would come to know about the present plight of the people of Iran. He further added that in early days, the US Academies used to encourage the publications of Persian literature in translations but today the scenario had changed. Now a days US Academies do not entertain publications of Persian works because it is viewed that Persian language is the language of a terrorist country. Though the US-Russian relations during the cold war days and present US-Iran relations were the same, nonetheless the US government did not alienate Russia. But the fact of the matter is that Iran has been an isolated country. So Orientalists like him tried to make a bridge between two antagonistic worlds by translating the popular literature of one nation for another. Prof. Sharif Husain Qasmi of Delhi University asked what type of problems did he face in translations? He said that culture could not be translated into another language. He faced some problems in translating the present literature of Iran into English. There are new words like 'Jan Baz' which means soldier but etymologically it means 'life loser'. Therefore it is very difficult to convey the entire cultural connotation of one word into another language.

The lecture was presided over by Prof. M.S. Niazmand, Chairperson CPCAS, and attended by Prof. Sharif Husain Qasmi, Dr. Allauddin Shah of Delhi University and Dr. Sunil Kumar Sharma of JNIAS, the faculty members and students of CPCAS.

Dr. Syed Akhtar Husain thanked Prof. Paul Sprachman and said that he was 'a beacon of light for us to charter the ocean of Persian literature' and requested him that whenever he would come to India, he must come to CPCAS, JNU for sharing his knowledge of Persian literature with the faculty and the students.

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

International Seminar on "India and Korea: The Emerging Relationship"

The Korean Language Programme of the Centre for Japanese, Korean & North East Asian Studies organized a one-day international seminar titled "India and Korea: the Emerging Relationship" on the 22 of January at the auditorium of the School of Arts and Aesthetics. It was organized preceding the visit by the South Korean President Lee Myung-Bak to India as the Guest of Honour on the occasion of India's 61st Republic Day.

This seminar was part of the agenda of the Academy of Korean Studies' initiative to have a MOU signed with JNU. Though the time frame given to JNU for this was very short the JNU authorities ensured that the signing of this important document happened despite the Vice Chancellor being unwell. Prof. Bhattacharya was present for this in the afternoon even though he had to cancel many other events on that day, including the inauguration of the seminar. This MOU is an integral part of the initiative of the Korean Ministry of education to build solid infrastructure of educational and cultural linkages between the two countries. The AKS which is a pre-eminent institution of post-graduate training and research in Korean studies and was set up as a constituent unit of the Korean Ministry of Education and Human resources in 1978, has identified JNU as the institution that could serve as a hub for promoting Korean Studies not only within India but in all of South Asia. AKS will be providing JNU institutional grant for carrying this out. Therefore, the MOU is an important one for JNU as well.

Fifth Sat Paul Mittal Memorial Lecture: "Of Men, Monkeys and Machines"

Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IAPPD) organized the Fifth Sat Paul Mittal Memorial Lecture on 27 January, 2010. The lecture was delivered by Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan Prof. Madhav Gadgil on "Of Men, Monkeys and Machines" in a function chaired by Professor B. B. Bhattacharya, Vice-Chancellor, JNU. The function began with a welcome address by Professor R. Kumar, Rector, JNU. Professor Kumar thanked the IAPPD for generously supporting many academic activities and fellowships in the University. Mr. Sat Mahajan, Chairman, IAPPD addressed the house, recalling his discussions on population, environment and development with late Mr. Sat Paul Mittal. Mr. Mahajan called upon the academicians to work out sustainable solutions to the environmental problems faced by the country. Prof. K. G. Saxena, Dean of the School of Environmental Sciences, JNU introduced the speaker: Professor Madhav Gadgil, a renowned personality actively involved with interdisciplinary dimensions

The seminar began with a keynote address by Dr. Jung-Bae Kim, the President of the Academy of Korean Studies on "The Cultural Exchange between Korea and India" in which he not only highlighted the historical linkages between the two countries but also threw light on the future prospects of the relations between the two, which seem very bright. One of the speakers during the inaugural session was Mr. Dinesh Sharma, the Joint secretary from the Ministry of Commerce who was one of the principal negotiators of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) signed between India and Korea on the 7th of August 2009. Mr. Gautam Bambawale, Joint Secretary in charge of the East Asia desk at the Ministry of External Affairs spoke on all aspects of India-Korea relations. Being the main person dealing with the region he was able to give a very comprehensive picture of the existing relations and the future prospects of it between the two countries. The talk by both these speakers was very well received as it was well interspersed with wit and humour.

The sessions that followed had interesting papers on security affairs, economy, politics, society and culture of Korea. The day concluded with a Korean Fan dance performance by the students of the Centre followed by a Korean film show.

**Vyjayanti Raghavan, Associate Professor
Centre for Japanese Korean &
North East Asian Studies, SLL & CS**

of Environment-Development interface since last four decades. Professor Gadgil is distinguished worldwide for developing quantitative investigations in Ecology and Ecology and Animal Behaviour and for his contributions in formulating global and national policies. He has served as a member of the Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India, Vice-President of the Scientific Advisory Body to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Chair of the Science and technology Advisory Panel of Global Environment Facility and Member, Tiger Task Force constituted by the Prime Minister. Honourable President of India conferred on him Padma Shri in 1981 and Padma Bhushan in 2006.

Some quotations from Professor Gadgil's lecture "Of Man, Monkeys and Machines":

"Chicken is an egg's way of making more eggs & men is the machine's way of making more machines."

"If people, not machines, are placed at the centre-stage,

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development and conservation will be seamlessly harmonized."

"Equating development with growth in GDP is slipping into the role of men being machines' way of making more machines."

"During the course of evolution life became increasingly range of resources. The genes are not only replicating entities.

Memes and machines (artifacts) do multiply with increasing social activity.

"We must empower people - the best solution to the problems we are faced with."

**K.G. Saxena, Professor and Dean
School of Environmental Sciences**

Kabir Memorial Lecture on "Composite Culture of India: Reference Kabir"

Centre of Indian Languages, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi organized its annual Kabir Memorial Lecture on the 'Composite Culture of India: Reference Kabir'. The lecture was delivered by eminent jurist Justice Rajinder Sachar (Retd.), which was presided over by Kuldeep Nayar. Welcoming the participants, Chairperson of the centre Prof. Chaman Lal said that the centre represents the spirit of Kabir, being the centre of study of composite culture of India through the literatures of Indian languages, particularly through Hindi, Urdu and Hindustani studies. Prof. Sankar Basu, Dean School of Languages, literatures and Culture appreciated the centre's efforts through various academic programmes to focus on integrative nature of Indian society.

Justice Rajinder Sachar in his eloquent presentation quoted Swami Vivekananda to mention that 'Islam in India has not spread through sword, but the Indian conditions of poverty, casteism etc. made its many citizens accept Islam as more egalitarian religion.' Justice Sachar also focused upon humanitarian and rebellious aspects of Kabir, who ridiculed the orthodoxy of both religions. Justice Sachar underlined the essential humanitarian aspects of all religions and quoted Quran as saying 'All men are brothers'. He also quoted Mahatma Gandhi as saying that 'Hindus and Muslims are my

two eyes' and despite partition related massacres, India would never become a single religion state. Justice Sachar underlined the special rights of minorities as protected by Indian constitution. He concluded by paying tributes to Kabir as the best representative of composite nature of Indian society and culture.

Eminent Urdu writers Joginder Paul and Rattan Singh were honored at this occasion for their contribution to Urdu literature, by the Centre of Indian Languages. Mementoes were presented to them by Kuldeep Nayar. Joginder Paul spoke about his experiences as a writer and Rattan Singh analyzed the Kabir Bani in his presentation. Kuldeep Nayar in his presidential remarks said that Indian pluralism has strength due to its 'sense of tolerance and spirit of accommodation', but he regretted that anti Sikh riots of 1984 and 2002 anti Muslim Gujarat riots indicate towards weakening of this principle. He expressed the hope that India would rebound its culture of pluralism. Prof. Shahid Hussain introduced the background of Kabir lecture and Prof. M.A. Jinabade presented vote of thanks for the invited speakers. Large number of students and faculty of JNU were present on the occasion.

**Chaman Lal, Chairperson
Centre of Indian Languages, SLL & CS**

Pandit Hriday Nath Kunzru Memorial Lecture Series

Pandit Hriday Nath Kunzru Memorial Lecture series is the flagship programme of the School of International Studies. The theme of this year's lecture series was Contemporary Debates in World Politics and India. It was held during 18 January to 10 February 2010 at the NASSDOC Conference Room, 35 Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi 110001.

The lecture series covered a diverse range of issues in world politics and were delivered by the members of the SIS faculty. These included: "The Dilemma of Double Standard in the Domain of Human Rights" (Prof Y K Tyagi); "New Disarmament

Momentum in India" (Prof Amitabh Mattoo); "Migrant and Refugees" (Prof Partha S Ghosh); "United States' Global Engagement Under the Obama Administration" (Prof Christopher S Raj); "Emerging Global Players: EU and BRICs" (Prof Ummu Salma Bava); "Terrorism and World Politics" (Prof A K Pasha); "Human Security" (Prof Anuradha M Chenoy); "Diaspora in World Politics: Emerging Space for the Indian Diaspora" (Prof Ajay K Dubey); "International Climate Change Negotiations" (Dr Meeta K Mehra); "Revisiting and Revising Trusteeship: A Foreign Policy Idea for Our Time" (Prof Varun Sahni); "Global Environmental Governance: Some Reflections"

(Prof Bharat H Desai); "UN and Multilateralism at Crossroads" (Prof C S R Murthy); "New Regionalisms in Asia" (Dr Alka Acharya); "The Global Financial Crisis: Causes and Implications" (Dr Amita Batra); "Globalization and Contestation" (Dr Jayati Srivastava); and, "Caste on International Stage" (Prof Nivedita Menon).

The series concluded with the panel discussion on 'IR and Area Studies' on 10 February 2010. The panellists included Prof A K Ramakrishnan, Dr Rajan Kumar, and Prof Partha S Ghosh, with Prof G V C Naidu as Chair.

Each of the sessions was followed by an intense question and answer session that enhanced the quality of deliberations and added to the strength of the programme.

National Seminar on "In Search of India Critiquing Salman Khurshid's Sons of Babur"

A one day national seminar on Salman Khurshid's play- "Sons of Babur"- was organized by Professor Harish Narang, UGC Emeritus Fellow at the Centre for English Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies. The seminar was organized on 8 February, 2010 which happens to be the death anniversary of President Zakir Hussain, a great son of India who was also a great academic.

The seminar was inaugurated by Salman Khurshid and Professor S.K. Thorat, Chairman U.G.C was the Guest of Honour. Professor R. Prasad, Rector, JNU presided over the inaugural session.

In his inaugural address, Shri Salman Khurshid, Hon'ble Minister for Corporate Affairs and Minority Affairs, Government of India, elaborated on the motivation behind writing such a play and how he had researched for it. Earlier in his welcome remarks, Professor Harish Narang had spoken



The lecture series attracted widespread participation not only from students and faculty from within the university, but also students from different colleges and universities across Delhi. In addition, a diverse range of people from different walks of lives including journalists, scholars, and professionals participated in the lecture series. It therefore largely fulfilled School's effort to reach out to the wider community and enhance the knowledge base by providing a platform for debating important issues in world politics.

**Jayati Srivastava, Associate Professor
Centre for International Politics, Organisation and
Disarmament, School of International Studies**

about the contemporary significance of focusing on Mughal history from Babur to Bahadur Shah Zafar and the contribution of Salman Khurshid in invoking that history for today's needs.

A high point of the seminar was reading excerpts from the play by Salman Khurshid himself. It was very well received by the packed hall of participants of more than 125 persons. Later, Salman Khurshid answered questions about various aspects of the play and questions raised there in.

A number of papers were presented on various aspects of the play, ranging from the role of history in nation building to the quality of the Urdu and Hindi translations of the play. Among the prominent persons who made the presentations were Professor Sachin Tewari, University of Allahabad, Professor Pankaj Singh, University of Himachal Pradesh, Professor Shafy Kidwai, Aligarh Muslim University, Professor G.J.V. Prasad, Professor Shahid Hussain, Jyoti Jakhar Dahiya, Sumita Puri and Professor Ranjit Saha, all from JNU. Professor H. C. Narang and Professor G.K. Das both Eminent Professor and Critics also presented their views. The discussion was very lively and Salman Khurshid himself participated in it.

Among those who helped in organizing the seminar and making it a big success was Dr. Ather Farouqi, Eminent Scholar and Critic who was present throughout. Dr. Farouqi has written an introduction to the play and has also made the Urdu and Hindi translations of the play.

**H. C. Narang, UGC, Emeritus Fellow,
Centre for English Studies, SLL&CS**

National Orientation Programme for Foreign Language School Teachers

This Orientation Programme was a great success in which 65 foreign language school teachers participated representing 8 foreign languages i.e. French, German, Spanish, Russian, Japanese, Persian, Arabic & Chinese from 31 schools from Delhi NCR and all over India. Since teaching a foreign language is a challenging task, especially at the school level as teachers deal with tender and ever inquisitive young minds, this calls for an extremely innovative methodology of teaching involving innovative and new approaches of foreign languages teaching. This 3rd National Orientation Programme therefore brought together school teachers teaching foreign languages from various parts of India along with eminent pedagogues and scholars from JNU and outside in order to ensure a fruitful exchange of ideas regarding the latest in didactics and pedagogy of teaching foreign languages.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. B.B.Bhattacharya, Vice Chancellor, JNU who underlined the importance of such interface between University and School teachers. Prof. Ramadhikari Kumar, Rector, JNU, Prof. Varyam Singh, former Dean, SLL&CS & Mrs. C. Gurumu8rthy, Director (Academic) Central Board of Secondary Education also addressed the participants during the inaugural programme. Incidentally, this was an innovative and inter disciplinary orientation programme which dealt with various pedagogical and methodological aspects of foreign language teaching. 36 resource persons from JNU, Delhi University, IGNOU, French Embassy, Instituto 3 day Cervantes, Mother's International School conducted the long Orientation Programme

Abhijit Karkun, Associate Professor, Centre for French and Francophone Studies, SLL& CS

International Symposium on "Cancer Chemoprevention and Translational Research"

The day-long symposium on "Cancer Chemoprevention and Translational Research", was organised at the School of Life Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The symposium was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. B. B. Bhattacharya, JNU, and delegates were welcomed by Prof. Neera B. Sarin (chairperson) and Dr. Rana P. Singh (organizing secretary). Dr. Gokul Das, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY, delivered the key note address.

The symposium provided a platform to the scientists and young researchers to interact and launch new collaborations for the global cancer research while sharing the latest results of experiments aimed at prevention and treatment of cancer. Sixty-six young researchers presented their work at poster session. Scientists attending the symposium showed a keen interest in the research at

Cancer Biology Laboratory of Dr. R. P. Singh at SLS, JNU. They opined that the phytochemicals being tested in cell culture and animal models could be promising agents in inhibiting the process of cancer growth, and could provide the lead for novel anticancer drugs. The laboratory is also exploring various non-toxic small molecules from plants that can enhance the potency of radiotherapy of cancer as well as reduce its side effects. This work was also presented at the symposium.

Experts addressing the sessions on 'novel approaches and targets in cancer control' and 'novel advances in basic and translational research' highlighted the anticancer effects of new biochemical molecules being tested for inhibition of cancer growth. Dr. Rajesh Agarwal, Professor at University of Colorado Denver, USA, discussed his findings of a

Seminar/Conference

molecule, silibinin, as a potential anticancer agent that inhibited the growth and development of colon cancer in animal models.

Dr. Kamlesh Asotra from University of California, drew attention to the health hazard of 'third hand smoke', i.e. the production of new toxic elements by tobacco smoke and particulate matter adsorbed onto skin, hair, clothing and interior wall surfaces, which is so far unappreciated or largely unknown to public. Dr. Gokul Das discussed about the novel role of interaction of estrogen receptor with p53 in breast tumor development, and its potential targeting by tamoxifen for its translational implications. Prof. Ajit Verma from University of Wisconsin, discussed his novel findings about the interaction of protein kinase C epsilon with signal transducers and activators of transcription-3 during tumor growth, and suggested that it could be a molecular target for the prevention and treatment of human cancers. Dr. B.C. Das

from University of Delhi, discussed the role of HPV in oral carcinogenesis while Prof. Neeta Singh from AIIMS, talked about her latest research on curcumin as a chemo-adjuvant in cervical cancer treatment. It should be noted that both oral and cervical cancers are especially prevalent in India.

The symposium was dedicated to the memory of eminent cancer biologist, Prof. A. Ramesha Rao, who worked at the School of Life Sciences in JNU till 2003. Young researchers received Prof. A.R. Rao memorial awards for best poster and oral presentations. On this occasion, the institution of Prof. A.R. Rao fellowship for M.Sc. students, and a travel grant for M.Phil./Ph.D. students at the School of Life Sciences were also announced by Prof. Sudha Rao.

**Rana P. Singh, Associate Professor
School of Life Sciences**

Our Publications

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- Bharatiya Jivana-Drsti, Shashiprabha Kumar
- Samskrta Samskruti and Samskare, Shashiprabha Kumar
- Bhartrihari Nitishatakem, C. Upender Rao

Obituary



• Shri Shyam Lal, Safaikaramchari passed away on 03 February, 2010

We extend our condolences to the bereaved family.

List of scholars who have been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) 1.04.2009 to 29.04.2009. The name of the scholar is followed by the title of the thesis/dissertation and the name of the Supervisor.

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Ms. Susmitha K. E. “Socio-Cultural Study of Some Prominent Novels Translated from Malayalam to Hindi (1970 2000)”, Dr. Ranjit Kumar Saha

Mr. Pradeep Kumar Singh, “Poetry of Kunwar Narayan: Myth and Reality”, Dr. Ranjit Kumar Saha; and Prof. Kedar Nath Singh (Joint Supervisor)

Mr. Gufran Ahmad Khan, “Culture and Thought in Urdu Ghazal in First half of 20th Century”, Dr. Khwaja Mohd Ekramuddin

Mr. Shreeniwas Tyagi, “Modern Consciousness in the Age of Bhartendu and Literature of Bhartendu Harishchandra” Dr. Devendra Kumar Choubey

Ms. Neeraj Kumari Singh, “Craft of Ajneya's Stories and Novels”, Dr. Jyotisar Sharma

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Mr. Shadabul Haque, “Comparative and Analytical Study of the Short Stories of Muhammad Ali Jamalzadeh (1895 1997) and Mushi Premchand (1880 1936)”, Dr. Syed Akhtar Husain

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Mr. S. Gunasekaram, “State, Society and Economy: Evolution Study of the Kongu Region (Western Tamil Nadu) from the 6th Century to the 16th Century”, Prof. Vijaya Ramaswamy

Mr. Nobuyoshi Kojima, “Peasant Formations in A Regional Delineation: Gangetic Bihar and the Eastern United Provinces, 1900 1947”, Prof. Bhagwan S. Josh

Centre for the Study of Regional Development

Mr. Mahesh Pratap Singh, “Contract Farming and Emerging Agrarian Structure: The Case of Punjab”, Dr. Sucharita Sen

School of International Studies

Centre for South, Central South East Asian and South West Pacific Studies

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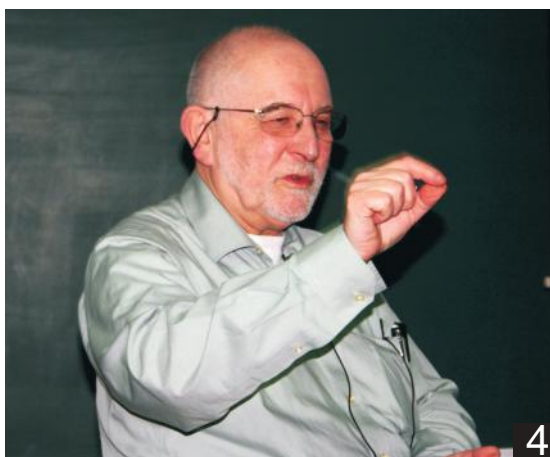
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Mr. Kishor Jose, “Russia's Energy Security Policy in the Caspian Region: 1991 2004”, Prof. Anuradha M. Chenoy

Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament

Mr. Satyabrat Sinha, “Interpreting the Regional Security Complex Theory in the Context of South Asia's Nuclearization”, Prof. Swaran Singh

Photo Gallery



1. H. E. Dr. Olafur Ragnar Grimsson, President of the Republic of Iceland visited JNU as part of his state visit of India. On this occasion, the Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies organized a lecture on "Icelandic Politics: A Deviation from Scandinavian Norm" by Prof. Olafur Hardarson, Professor of Political Science, Dean of the School of Social Sciences, University of Iceland on 15 January, 2010. Photo Shows (from right) Dr. S. Chandrasekaran, Coordinator (Ev), Prof. Ummu Salma Bava, Chairperson, CES, Prof. Y. K. Tyagi, Dean, SIS, Prof. Olafur Grimsson, Prof. R. Kumar, Rector and other members of the visiting team.
2. School of Biotechnology organized the Second Annual Conference "Bioepoch 2010" on 19 February, 2010. Photo shows Prof. Kanury Rao, Group Leader, ICGEB, Immunology Group delivering the lecture.
3. School of Information Technology & Centre for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics organized an "Open Day Celebration" on 15 February, 2010. Photo Shows Prof. Indira Ghosh, Dean, SIT addressing the delegates.
4. School of Physical Sciences organized a series of lectures delivered by Professor Michael Berry, Melville Wills Professor of Physics (Emeritus), University of Bristol, U.K., from 18 – 22 January, 2010. Photo shows Prof. Berry delivering the lecture.
5. Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies organized a seminar on "Science and Technology in Ancient Indian Texts (STAIT)" on 9 January, 2010. Photo Shows (from right) Prof. Shankar Basu, Dean, SLL&CS, Prof. Rajiv Malhotra; Infinity Foundation Princeton, New Jersey, Prof. P. N. Srivastava, Former Vice-Chancellor & Professor Emeritus, Prof. M. C. Swarnalata, Head, TDIL Programme, DIT, Government of India, Prof. Bal Ram Singh, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, U. S. A, and Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Rector.
6. Archives on Contemporary History organised 14th P. C. Joshi Memorial Lecture on "Sunil Janah, Photographer- P.C. Joshi and the making of a Progressive Culture" on 18 February, 2010. Photo shows Mr. Ram Rahman, Photographer and Cultural Activist delivering the lecture also seen in the photograph is Prof. Sucheta Mahajan, Chairperson, Archives on Contemporary History



7. North East India Studies Programme organised a national seminar on "Social Research on North-East India: Issues and Challenges" on 25-26 February, 2010 at School of International Studies. Photo Shows Dr. Bhagat Oinam, Chairperson, Centre for Philosophy, addressing the participants also seen in the photograph is Prof Nandu Ram, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Prof T. K. Oommen, Professor Emeritus
8. Special Centre for Molecular Medicine organized an International Symposium on "Endocrinology and Reproduction: Molecular Mechanisms to Molecular Medicine" on 4 February, 2010. Photo Shows (from right) Prof. M. M. Aruldas, Secretary SRBCE, Prof. Deoki Nandan, Director, NIHF, Prof. B. B. Bhattacharya, Vice-Chancellor, JNU, Prof. S.K. Maitra, President, SRBCE, and Dr. R. K. Tyagi, Chairperson, SCMM
9. Prof. B.B. Bhattacharya, Vice-Chancellor hoisting the National Flag at the Academic Complex during the Republic Day Celebration in JNU Campus.
10. Global Studies Programme, Centre for the Study of Social System, School of Social Sciences organized its Annual Lecture on 23 February, 2010. Photo shows Prof. J. P. S. Uberoi, Professor Emeritus, Former Professor & Director, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, delivering the lecture.



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