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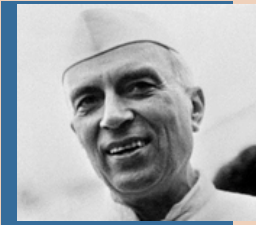
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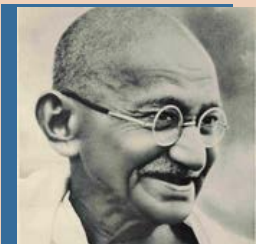
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“ TIME IS NOT MEASURED BY THE PASSING OF YEARS BUT BY WHAT ONE DOES, WHAT ONE FEELS, AND WHAT ONE ACHIEVES ”

Jawaharlal Nehru



“ LITERACY IN ITSELF IS NO EDUCATION. LITERACY IS NOT THE END OF EDUCATION OR EVEN THE BEGINNING ”

Mahatma Gandhi



“ ARISE, AWAKE, STOP NOT TILL THE GOAL IS REACHED ”

Swami Vivekananda



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Prof. Rakesh K. Tyagi, Chairperson, Special Centre for Molecular Medicine

Q1. How were you introduced to JNU?



During the early 1980s, I pursued my B.Sc.(Hons) and MSc at Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan. After completing my MSc and qualifying the NET examination, I began searching for other

avenues for pursuing a PhD programme. Many of my contemporaries, particularly those with a background in Geography, had previously joined JNU's CSR-D-SSS. Their stories about the vibrant life at JNU and diverse student community appealed to me. The University's ability to attract many students from various cultural and regional backgrounds across India was truly fascinating. Inspired by their experiences, I was drawn to JNU, eager to become a part of the enriching academic and social environment.

Q2. How would you describe your experience here?

Anyone who becomes a part of JNU, whether as a student, faculty, or staff, experiences an enormous sense of work freedom that inculcates an understanding of sound judgement, a deep awareness of one's rights, and a strong sense of duty towards society. An outstanding University will not only impart quality education but also instill essential values. For me, this perhaps is the essence of my experience at JNU.

Q3. How has the transition been from being a faculty member to being part of the administration?

During my tenure as a faculty member, I was given administrative roles on multiple occasions. While my true enjoyment lies in academics, administrative positions were never something I ever sought for.

Nonetheless, I performed every administrative task with the best of my ability and dedication. This meant more in the offing. Over the years, I have realized that the execution of a good administration is the shared responsibility among all its stakeholders, as it has much broader repercussions for the success of teaching and research within a university system.

Q 4. What are some of the goals for the SCMM in the next few years?

As one of the founding members of the Special Centre for Molecular Medicine (SCMM), and as we celebrate the completion of our Silver Jubilee in 2024, there are several major goals that we as a Centre wish to achieve in future:

- After 25 years of dedication to the area, we look forward to the expansion of the 'Special Centre' to the 'School of Molecular Medicine'.
- Initiation of NEP-2020 compliant Integrated MSc-PhD Programme.
- Introduction of Skill Development Program as per NEP-2020.
- To encourage Industry-Academia and Clinical-based research collaborations.
- We are working to make the centre's environment more conducive for upgrading teaching, research and value-based skill development amongst the students, trainees, clinicians and young researchers who join the centre.

Q 5. What is one message you would like to give to JNU Students?

Make the best out of your stay in JNU. You may not realize it now, but these could be the best times of your life that you are spending at JNU. Here, you have all the freedom and opportunities to shape your future and to encash for good times ahead. Ye zindagi na milegi dobara!

Appointments

Rectors

- Prof. Brajesh Kumar Pandey, as Rector – I, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies
- Prof. Satish C. Garkoti, as Rector – II, School of Environmental Sciences
- Prof. Dipendra Nath Das, as Rector – III, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences

Chairpersons

- Prof. Venkatachala G. Hegde, as Chairperson, Centre for International Legal Studies, School of International Studies.
- Prof. Minaketan Behera, as Chairperson, Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies, School of International Studies.
- Prof. Bijoy Kumar Kuanr, as Chairperson, Special Centre for Nano Sciences.
- Prof. Shankari Sundararaman, re-appointed as Chairperson, Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, School of International Studies.

Proctor

- Prof. N. Janardhana Raju, School of Environmental Sciences as Chief Proctor

Coordinators

- Dr. Preeti D. Das, Associate Professor, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies, as Coordinator, National Service Scheme.
- Prof. Ramesh Kumar Aggarwal, School of Computer and Systems Sciences re-appointed as Chief Coordinator, Information Services

Wardens

- Prof. Bandana Jha, Centre for Indian Language, School of Language Literature and Culture Studies, as Warden Koyna
- Dr. Uma Purushothaman, Associate Professor, Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies, School of International Studies, as Warden Koyna
- Dr. B. Lakshmi Priya, Associate Professor, School of Engineering, as Warden Mahanadi
- Dr. Suman Beniwal, Assistant Professor, Centre of Russian Studies, School of Language Literature and Culture Studies, as Warden Koyna
- Dr. Milind Dhaware, Assistant Professor, Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, as Warden Jhelum
- Dr. Vinay Kumar Gupta, Associate Professor, Centre for French and Francophone Studies, School of Language Literature and Culture Studies, as Warden Chandrabhaga
- Dr. Vineet Prakash, Associate Professor, Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies, School of International Studies, as Warden Periyar
- Dr. Sangmesh, Associate Professor, School of Engineering, as Warden Periyar

Faculty

- Prof. Ng. K. Francis, School of Physical Sciences
- Dr. Dileshwar Nayak, School of Environmental Sciences
- Dr. G. Renuka Devi, School of Engineering
- Dr. Someshwar Rao Sagurthi, Special Centre for Molecular Medicine
- Dr. Shayequa Tanzeel, Centre for English Studies, School of Language Literature and Culture Studies

Appointments and Movements

Administration

- Sh. Deepak Kumar, Semi-Prof. Assistant, Central Library
- Sh. Gyan Chand Saini, Wireman, Engineering Department

Movements

Retirements

- Prof. Abhijit Karkun, Centre for French and Francophone Studies, School of Language Literature and Culture Studies
- Prof. Indivar Kamtekar, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences
- Prof. Urmimala Sarkar Munsri, School of Arts and Aesthetics
- Prof. Ritu Priya Mehrotra, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences
- Sh. Uma Shankar Senior Assistant, School of Computer and Systems Sciences
- Sh. Inderjeet Singh Sehgal, Sr. Technical Assistant, USIC
- Sh. Balwant Singh, Laboratory Assistant, School of Life Sciences
- Sh. Bhupender Kumar, MTS, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences
- Sh. Satyawar Singh, MTS, Academic Branch – I
- Sh. Krishan Bahadur, Mess Helper, IHA
- Sh. Chandi Prasad, Mess Helper, IHA
- Sh. Ratan Lal Meena, Wireman, Engineering Department
- Smt. Sharda-II, Safaikaramchari, Sanitation Cell
- Smt. Ratni Devi, Safaikaramchari, Sanitation Cell
- Smt. Kesar Devi, Safaikaramchari, Sanitation Cell

Resignations

- Prof. Pawan Kumar Dhar, School of Biotechnology
- Dr. Amarjeet Singh, School of Life Sciences
- Dr. Vishal Chauhan, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences
- Sh. Aman Kumar, Jr. Assistant, Salary-I
- Ms. Neha Dull, Jr. Assistant, VC Office
- Ms. Neha Soni, Jr. Assistant, Admin-I
- Sh. Nitesh Kumar, Jr. Assistant, CSL&G
- Sh. Umesh Kumar, Jr. Assistant, Eval-II

Campus Activities

• Clean and Green Campaign

“Clean and Green Campaign”, was organized by Interhall Administration in collaboration with Nishreyas and Ishan Bodh trust on 10th August, 2024 at Admin Building, JNU.



Chief Guests:- Sh.Sarbananda Sonowal (Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways), Sh. Dilip Saikia (Member of Parliament) and Sh. Lumbaram(Member of Parliament)

• Nasha Mukti Campaign

The NCC unit at Jawaharlal Nehru University organized a Nasha Mukti campaign on campus to raise awareness about the dangers of substance abuse on 16th July, 2024. The event included informative sessions and interactive discussions aimed at encouraging students and the community to lead a drug-free life. Participants also took a pledge to support a healthy and substance-free environment. The campaign highlighted NCC's commitment to promoting wellness and responsibility among youth.



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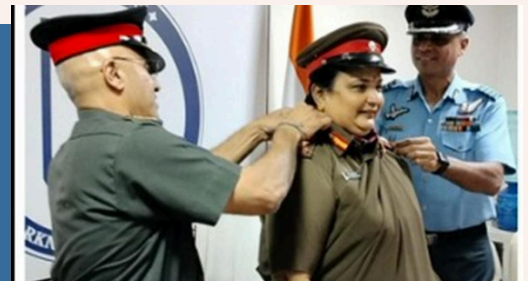


• Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor honored with NCC Achievers Award 2024

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit for was honored with the prestigious NCC Achievers Award 2024 by the NCC Alumni Club India, on 16 July, 2024. This award recognizes her outstanding leadership and dedication to education. The JNU community proudly celebrates her achievement and looks forward to her continued inspiring guidance.

• Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor conferred with Prestigious Hon. Colonel Rank

In recognition of her significant contributions to nation-building, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, was conferred with the prestigious Honorary Colonel rank. The felicitation ceremony was graced by ADG Maj. Gen. S.P. Vishwasrao SM, who lauded Prof. Pandit as a "soldier without a uniform," praising her unwavering dedication to shaping the future of students from across the country. This honor reflects Prof. Pandit's exceptional leadership and commitment to education, reinforcing her role as an inspiring figure in the academic and national community.



• Independence Day Camp

Cadets of 2 DAB NCC JNU participated in the prestigious Independence Day Camp held at the Red Fort from 1 – 15 August, 2024. The camp fostered patriotism, discipline, and leadership as cadets took part in various activities celebrating India's rich heritage and freedom.



Campus Activities

• Blood Donation Camp

Sergeant Punit Sulakh honored the spirit of the 78th Independence Day by donating blood at the Blood Center, Main Hospital, AIIMS, New Delhi, on 8th August, 2025. His selfless act exemplifies dedication to saving lives and serving the community.



• Plantation Drive

2 DAB NCC cadets organized a plantation drive at SCIS, JNU, taking a proactive step towards environmental conservation and a greener campus, on 14 August, 2024. Their efforts reflect commitment to sustainability and a healthier future.



• 78th Independence Day

On August 15, 2024, NCC cadets from the 2 Delhi Artillery Battery Unit at Jawaharlal Nehru University proudly hosted a Guard of Honour parade to mark India's 78th Independence Day. The ceremonial event took place during the flag hoisting ceremony on campus, symbolizing patriotism, discipline, and dedication. The cadets' impeccable drill and commitment added grandeur to the celebrations, inspiring the university community to reflect on the nation's journey and reaffirm their pledge to uphold its values.



• Chandrayaan-3's Lunar Success:

On August 25, 2024, cadets of the 2 Delhi Artillery Battery NCC unit at JNU proudly commemorated a monumental achievement in India's space journey. Last year, Chandrayaan-3 successfully touched down on the Moon's South Pole, marking a pioneering milestone for the nation. This incredible accomplishment reflects the dedication, expertise, and tireless efforts of every ISRO scientist behind the mission. As India continues to reach for the stars, this success inspires future generations to dream big and aim higher. Jai Hind!



Campus Activities

• Yamuna Cleanliness Drive

Join us as the dedicated cadets of 2DAB JNU NCC take a stand for our environment! On 27th September 2024, we did a Cleanliness Drive along the banks of the Yamuna River, aiming to restore its natural beauty and promote environmental responsibility.

Let's come together in this noble cause to protect our river, raise awareness, and inspire action for a cleaner, greener future. Your participation can make a difference — be a part of the change!

Together, let's revive Yamuna and reaffirm our commitment to nature.



• Shaurya Spardha

On 28 September, 2024, 100 meter run was organised for NCC Cadets



Cadets getting ready for 100 metre run



BHM Rajkumar Yogi briefing cadets about the event on the right

• Cadet Pre-Enrollment Campaign

On 30 September, 2024 The 2 DAB NCC launched its Pre-Enrollment Campaign and Step up, join the movement, campaign dedicated to leadership, discipline, and community service. This is Cadet chance to build skills, serve the nation, and create lifelong memories.



Nayab subedar Sandeep Sir interviewing cadets for NCC on the left, students appearing for physical test on the right

Campus Event Listings

Date	Description
01/07/2024	JNU organized Legal Awareness Campaign on New Criminal Laws
08/07/2024	SLS organized a talk by Prof. Sameer Bakshi
10/07/2024	CMS organized a Seminar on "Crisis Communication and Message Effect" by Dr. Pradeep Sopory
10/07/2024	JNU organized "Van Mahotsav", a special Plantation Drive
12/07/2024	SCSNEI organized a Panel Discussion on "Manipur: Strategic Solutions and Future Discourse"
16/07/2024	CCPPT, SIS organized a two day workshop on "The Role of Kumbha in Shaping of Spiritual and Cultural Nationalism of Bharat"
16/07/2024	ZHCES organized a seminar by Dr Manjuma Akhtar Mousumi
17/07/2024	SLS & CLAR organizes 9th Hands-on Workshop for Handling and Care of Laboratory Animals
26/07/2024	AIRF organized Demonstration & Training
26/07/2024	SCNS organized a talk by Dr. Ritesh Haldar
31/07/2024	CHS organized a seminar by Dr. Dipti Khera
31/07/2024	SLS organized a seminar by Prof. Arun S. Kharat
01/08/2024	ZHCES organized a seminar on "Generative AI Can Harm Learning" by Dr. Alp Sungu
02/08/2024	SPS is celebrated the 163th Birth Anniversary of Acharya Sir Prafulla Chandra Ray
08/08/2024	CITD organized a Workshop on "Transforming Agri-food Systems: Global Perspectives"
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09/08/2024	JNU is celebrated International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
13/08/2024	CSRSD organized a seminar by Prof. Paolo Silvio Harald Favero
14/08/2024	ZHCES organized a seminar by Priya Mukherjee

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Date	Description
15/08/2024	JNU Faculty Club organized Independence Day celebration
16/08/2024	ABVSME organized Atal Bihari Vajpayee Memorial Lecture on "The Importance of Process Reforms" by Dr. Sanjeev Sanyal
18/08/2024	JNU is celebrated Anti-Ragging Week
20/08/2024	SLS organized an Alumni talk by Dr. Dinesh Pal
20/08/2024	SLL&CS organized a talk on "Ancestral Worship and Indic Values in Indonesia"
21/08/2024	Laying of Foundation Stone for construction of building on School of Engineering and Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management & Entrepreneurship
21/08/2024	SSIS organized a lecture on "Ethics and Spirituality in Buddhism"
22/08/2024	CESP organized a Seminar by Prof. Jayati Ghosh
22/08/2024	CESP organized a Seminar by Prof. Jayati Ghosh
23/08/2024	SPS and SoE jointly organized National Space Day
23/08/2024	Odia Studies, CIL organized National Seminar on Tradition of Classical Odissi Music
23/08/2024	SLS organized a talk by Dr. Sota Koeda
30/08/2024	CMS organized a seminar by Prof Daya Kishan Thusu
30/08/2024	SCSNEI organized a seminar by Dr. Sahiini Veikho
03/09/2024	CCUSLAS organized an International Conference on "India-Colombia Relations: Pathways to a Strategic Partnership"
03/09/2024	SLS organized an expert talk by Dr. Shibashish Giri
04/09/2024	CHS organized a seminar by Dr. Laurence Gautier
05/09/2024	SLS organized a special lecture by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra
06/09/2024	CJS, SLL&CS organized a lecture by Prof. Funabashi Gaku

Campus Event Listings

Date	Description
09/09/2024	SCMM organized a One Day Symposium to celebrate the Silver Jubilee celebration
11/09/2024	CHS organized a seminar by Prof. Smita Sahgal
14/09/2024	SC&SS is organized AICTE Sponsered ATAL Faculty Development Program (FDP)
17/09/2024	CIPS organized Panel Discussion on "State and Civil Society in the Indo-Pacific"
19/09/2024	CITD organized a seminar by Prof. Mandira Sarma
20/09/2024	SCSNEI organized a talk by Prof. Deepak K Mishra
20/09/2024	CIL organized a lecture by Prof. Anamika
21/09/2024	CSRD organized a National Seminar on "Disaster Risk Reduction in the Himalayas: Recent Advancements"
23/09/2024	CSRD organized a seminar by Prof. Irfan Ahmad
24/09/2024	LEC organized interactive workshop to celebrate the International Week of Deaf People (IWDP) 2024
24/09/2024	JNU organized Swachhta hi Seva 2024 - Swabhav Swachhta - Sanskar Swachh
25/09/2024	SLS organized a seminar by Prof. Shweta Saran
25/09/2024	CHS organized a seminar by Prof. Kama Maclean
25/09/2024	ABVSME organized a seminar by Dr. Ajay Chauhan
26/09/2024	CHS is organized a workshop on "Gender Sensitization: Women's Safety and Self Defense"
26/09/2024	जेएनयू में हिंदी दिवस समारोह और कवि सम्मेलन
27/09/2024	SLS organised a Talk by Prof. Madhu G. Tapadia
28/09/2024	SLS organized Eco Visit 2024

• Legal Awareness Campaign on New Criminal Laws

The Legal Awareness Campaign on New Criminal Laws, held on 1 July 2024 at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, was jointly organized by the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance and Legal, Cell in the Committee Room, Administrative Block. The campaign featured a special lecture by Dr. Risham Garg, Associate Professor at National Law University (NLU), Delhi, who addressed the context and relevance of the newly enacted criminal laws in India. The primary objective of the campaign was to enhance understanding of the new criminal laws—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA)—and to spread awareness regarding their practical implications among students, faculty, and administrative staff.



Dr. Risham Garg delivered a comprehensive lecture covering the transition from the Indian Penal Code (IPC), Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), and Indian Evidence Act to the newly formulated legal frameworks. He provided an in-depth analysis of the critical changes introduced, including new penalties, procedural reforms, and enhanced rights for victims and witnesses. The session also included discussions on the real-world application of the laws, supported by relevant case studies. Dr. Garg emphasized the need for reforms and modernization of India's legal framework to meet contemporary challenges.

An interactive question-and-answer session followed the lecture, during which participants posed several queries regarding the scope, interpretation, and challenges of the new laws. Dr. Garg provided clarifications and shared insightful perspectives. As part of the campaign, a quiz competition was conducted, consisting of 20 intellectually stimulating questions based on the new laws. Participants who secured the top three positions were awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes along with certificates of appreciation, while all participants received certificates of participation.

The campaign successfully raised awareness among students, faculty members, and administrative staff about the significance and impact of the new criminal laws. It was highly appreciated by all attendees and concluded on a positive note with the acknowledgment that the ongoing criminal law reforms represent a pivotal moment in India's legal journey. The success of these reforms, however, will depend on their effective implementation, consistent evaluation, and openness to further changes based on feedback from various sectors of society. The event was supported with pre- and post-activity advocacy, including press and media coverage, and was documented with photographs and video screenshots for future reference and dissemination.

• Lecture on “Steering Molecular Diffusion in Nanoporous Material for Chemical Separation and Catalysis” by Dr. Ritesh Haldar, TIFR, Hyderabad

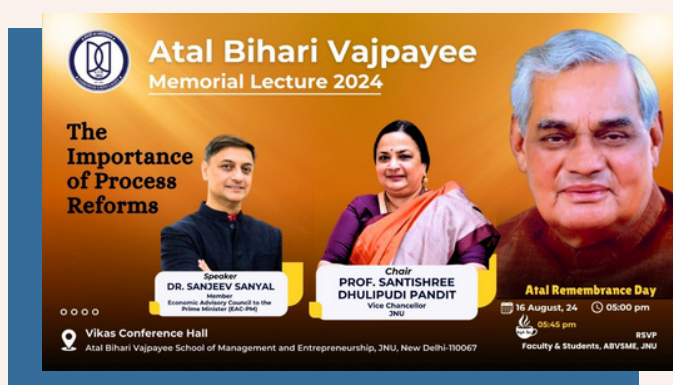
A lecture was organised on Friday, 26 July, 2024 at 10.30 AM in the Committee Room, SCNS where Dr. Ritesh Haldar from TIFR-Hyderabad presented his research groups work. Dr. Haldar demonstrated that by employing chemical design principles, it is possible to fine-tune diffusion and thereby enhance chemical diffusion selectivity in nanoporous metal-organic frameworks.



He also showed how catalytic efficiency, including turnover frequency and selectivity, can be optimized through diffusion programming to overcome traditional limitations. Students and faculty members from Special Centre for Nanoscience, School of Physical Science and School of Environmental Science attended the lecture and lauded the work presented by Dr. Ritesh Haldar.

• Atal Bihari Vajpayee Memorial Lecture

Atal Bihari Vajpayee Memorial Lecture: A Special Guest Lecture on "The Importance of Process Reforms" was organized by ABVSME on August 16, 2024. Dr. Sanjeev Sanyal, Member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, gave the keynote address.



• Udhamasagar

On August 21, 2024, the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) Convention Centre became the epicentre of entrepreneurial innovation as it hosted 2nd edition of Udhamasagar, an international symposium that drew participants from across Delhi. Organized by The Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management &

Entrepreneurship (ABVSME) in collaboration with The Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), this event marked the celebration of World Entrepreneurship Day, a day dedicated to recognizing and promoting the spirit of entrepreneurship worldwide. The day commenced with a Startup Idea Pitching



Competition, which proved to be a significant attraction for budding entrepreneurs and innovators. The event also reinforced the importance of entrepreneurship in driving India's economic growth and development. By focusing on themes such as technological innovation and the Viksit Bharat Mission, Udamsagar 2024 highlighted the critical role of startups in shaping the future of India.

• National Space Day 2024:

The first National Space Day event was jointly organized by the School of Physical Sciences (SPS) and School of Engineering (SoE) during 22-23 Aug 2024 at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) under the table leadership of the Prof. Santishree D. Pandit, Vice Chancellor, JNU (Patron of the event) and Prof. Sobhan Sen, Dean, SPS and Prof. T. V. Vijay Kumar, Dean, SoE (Co-patrons of the event). The organizing committee comprised of Dr. Ram Prasad Prajapati and Dr. Poonam Mehta from the SPS and Dr. Shashank Vadlamani from the SoE. The event was attended by around 100 students and faculty members of JNU.

Seminars/Conferences/Workshops/Lectures



National Space Day
"Touching Lives While Touching the Moon: India's Space Saga"
Jointly Organized by School of Physical Sciences & School of Engineering
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
23 August, 2024
2:00 PM

Patron
Prof. Santoshree Dhulipudi Pandit
Vice Chancellor, JNU

Co-Patrons
Prof. T. V. Vijay Kumar
Dean, SoE
Prof. Subhan Sen
Dean, SPS

Speakers
Dr. Ram Prasad Prajapati
Associate Professor
SPS, JNU
Prof. Somak Raychaudhury
Vice Chancellor, Ashoka University
Dr. Shashank Vadlamani
Assistant Professor
SoE, JNU

Chief Guest
Dr. Shashank Vadlamani
Assistant Professor
SoE, JNU

Student Activities	Venue	Date and Time
Essay writing and Poster making	SPS Seminar Hall	22 August 2024 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Extempore and Quiz	SPS Seminar Hall	23 August 2024 3:15 - 4:30 PM

Organizing Committee
Dr. Ram Prasad Prajapati [SPS], Dr. Poonam Mehta [SPS] & Dr. Shashank Vadlamani [SoE]
Journal Club of SPS
Mr. Vivek Kumar, Ms. Priya Das, Ms. Samarjika Patra & Mr. Sumit
Cultural Clubs of SoE
Mr. Rishik Ashili, Ms. Ishu, Ms. Anjali & Mr. Yaddanapudi Mukhesh Babu

SPS Seminar Hall, JNU, New Delhi-110067 (Free Registration Limited to 100 Participants)

Prof. Somak Raychaudhury, Vice Chancellor, Ashoka University and an eminent astrophysicist graced the function as our Chief Guest. Prof. Somak Raychaudhury delivered a distinguished lecture on "Observing the sky from space" at 5 pm. Traditionally the sky has been observed through optical telescopes, first with the eye, and then with the help of photographic and solid-state detectors. However, our atmosphere prevents most of the radiation, e.g. Infrared, Ultraviolet, X-rays and Gamma-rays and charged particles, from celestial sources, from reaching the Earth's surface. India is now a major player in Space-based Astronomy, with several promising future missions being planned. He discussed how some essential knowledge of the Universe cannot be observed from the ground, and needs to be accessed from observatories in orbit, and what major challenges we face in observing from Space. He concluded by pointing out some of the opportunities in space-based observations

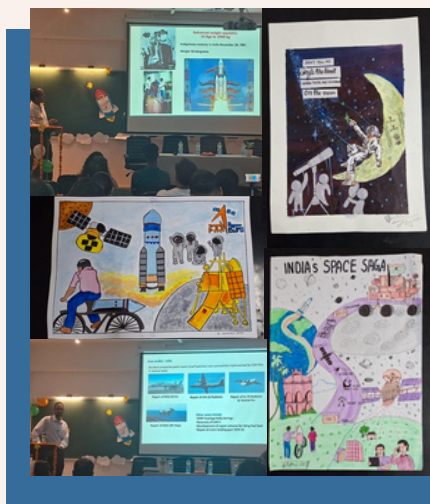
The talk covered the saga of Indian space science and the journey of ISRO, starting from the first satellite Aryabhata to the Aditya L1 mission. He presented significant contributions of the various Earth and astrophysics missions laid down by ISRO for the benefit of society across the globe. The current status of Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya L1 was also presented,



and possibilities of research in the field of lunar-plasma interaction, solar wind and coronal mass ejections (CMEs) are pointed out. He spoke about ISRO's future missions, e.g. Gaganyaan and NASA-ISRO SAR (NISAR), and their significant role in the space tourism section in the near future. The students got an opportunity to learn about the frontier research areas in the fields of space science, astronomy, and astrophysics. Dr. Shashank Vadlamani from SoE talked about "Bonded patch repair of aerospace structures". The talk highlighted the efficacy of bonded composite patches in repairing aircraft structures. It focused on the evolution of aerospace materials and procedures followed across aviation industry for repair of damaged components.



In addition to the distinguished lecture, we had two lectures. Dr. Ram Prasad Prajapati from SPS delivered a popular talk on "Self-reliant India in Space Science and Technology".



The Journal Club team of SPS and the Cultural Club team of SoE enthusiastically participated in planning the student activities (Extempore, Quiz, Poster making and Essay writing) which were held during 22 and 23 August 2024. These student activities garnered a very good response from students who are excited about Space Science and related fields. Three best performances were awarded Prizes and certificates under each of the four categories of student activities.

• Raising Awareness regarding Caste Discrimination on Campus

Equal Opportunity Office organized a talk on “Nature and Dynamics of Caste Discrimination on Higher Education Campuses” by Prof. Vivek Kumar of the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, JNU. The lecture was aimed to raise awareness regarding the varieties of discrimination happening at University Campuses.



Prof. Kumar revealed that discrimination takes many different shades and is very sophisticated and is difficult to capture. He argued that untouchability still exists on University campuses which are highest seats of learning. Therefore, most of the time discrimination and humiliation is very subtle, sophisticated and refined. It is disguised in the ornamental and metaphorical language, body gestures, and in the garb of objective Institutional rules (which can be bent or flouted any time in favour of the so-called upper caste students, teachers and officers in the university; on the contrary constitutional mandates in favour of Dalits (Scheduled Caste) may not be fulfilled at all). It is individual experience-each being so different and unique that it is difficult to develop a typology. However, we can still evolve a typology based on similarities and repetitive experiences of Dalits on the campuses in question.

• Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas

On Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas (Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda), organized by the Equal Opportunity Office, Lok Sabha Member Rajkumar Roat delivered a talk on Issues concerning Tribes of India at Convention Centre, JNU. EOO invited all the students of JNU and the Lok Sabha Member addressed all the students and highlighted the issues faced by the Scheduled Tribes in general and ST students in particular at all education platforms and advised them how to respond to such gestures of discrimination at the University. A question-and-answer session was also



organized at the end of the talk wherein the MP responded to students' question with understanding and insights. Prof. Krishnendra Meena, Chief Advisor, Equal Opportunity Office also suggested and informed about the good work being carried out by the EOO.



On the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, Centre for the Study of Social Systems/ School of Social Sciences, JNU organized a National Conference on "Indigenous knowledge, Tribal Traditions and Cultural Practices", in celebration of Birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda in Collaboration with MAKAIS Kolkata, West Bengalat Convention Centre, JNU.

• National Constitution Day

On the occasion of 75th National Constitution Day, Equal Opportunity Office/JNU commemorated the adoption of Constitution of India by a Reading of the Preamble of the Constitution of India by the Vice Chancellor of JNU, Prof. Santishree D. Pandit.



On the occasion of 75th National Constitution Day, Centre for the Study of Social Systems & Dr. Ambedkar Chair (Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment) School of Social Sciences/JNU organized a Book Discussion "Decoding Ambedkar: Ideas of Nation and Nation Building".



On the occasion of 75th National Constitution Day Centre for the Study of Law and Governance/JNU organized a lecture under special Seminar series: Constitutional Negotiations: B.R. Ambedkar and the Indian Constitution.

• Silver Jubilee Foundation Day celebration

Special Centre for Molecular Medicine (SCMM), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) completed 25 years of its foundation on September 9, 2024. On this occasion, the centre celebrated its Silver Jubilee foundation day and organised a one-day symposium at the Convention Centre of the University, which was attended by many centre alumni, invited scientists, postgraduate students, PhD students and post-doctoral fellows.

The symposium was inaugurated in the gracious presence of Prof. Dipendra Nath Das, Rector-II of JNU. Prof. Rakesh K Tyagi, Chairperson, SCMM delivered the welcome address describing the history of establishing 'Special Centre for Molecular Medicine' on the JNU campus in 1999, which was the first such department in India studying disease biology focused on identifying biomarkers and therapeutic targets for various infectious and metabolic diseases. He further highlighted the pedagogical, scientific, and infrastructural progress made by SCMM during the last 25 years. In the inaugural session, Deans, Chairpersons, and faculties from other Schools/Centres along with the SCMM faculties were present. All of the participants and delegates appreciated the effort and progress made by SCMM in this scintillating journey towards excellence.

Prof. Umesh Yadav, SCMM, chaired the first scientific session of the symposium. The first talk was delivered by Dr. Nivedita Gupta, an alumna of SCMM, who is currently working at ICMR Headquarters, New Delhi. She spoke on the topic 'ICMR's role in pandemic preparedness' which is significantly relevant in the context of recent experience of the Covid-19 pandemic and preparedness for future pandemics. Her role as the in-charge of the ICMR-sponsored Covid-19 testing process was applauded. Dr. Jagannath Pal from JNM Medical College, Raipur, Chhattisgarh also presented his recent discovery of a highly sensitive and high-throughput pandemic testing procedure using oronasopharyngeal swabs. Dr. Sanal from the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), New Delhi spoke on how a viral protein could be employed for the generation of pluripotent stem cells. Dr. Dibyendu Banerjee from CSIR-CDRI delivered a talk on his discovery of DNA damage and repair proteins in cancer therapeutics. All these speakers graduated from SCMM and are leading scientists in their own right.

The poster presentation session was also held as a separate session where current students and researchers from different laboratories participated and highlighted the recent findings of their respective findings.



The subsequent scientific session was chaired by Dr. Souvik Bhattacharjee. The first speaker of this session was Dr. Vijay Verma from the University of Delhi, South Campus. He talked about the 'Role of toxin-antitoxin modules in Helicobacter pathogenesis'. Dr. Rajesh Kumari from the University of Allahabad delivered a talk on 'RNA modification-based therapeutics'. The last talk of the session by Dr. Ashraf Dar of University of Kashmir, was on his recent findings on the role of 'Ubiquitin pathway in regulating DNA damage'.

After this session, a special invited lecture was delivered by Prof. B. K. Thelma, Department of Genetics, University of Delhi. Prof. Thelma is a renowned geneticist and has contributed immensely in the area of Parkinson's disease. She highlighted the role of RIC3 in Parkinson's disease; and, how she discovered its therapeutic potential. The audience acknowledged and appreciated her contribution in enhancing the knowledge about Parkinson's disease biology. This session was chaired by Prof. C. K. Mukhopadhyay

Seminars/Conferences/Workshops/Lectures

The final session was chaired by Prof. Suman K. Dhar, the current Vice-chancellor of TERI. The centre announced the initiation of an Annual Special Lecture Series, the 'Molecular Medicine Foundation Day Lecture' which will be continued to commemorate the Foundation Day of SCMM in the month of September every year. The 'First Molecular Medicine Foundation Day Lecture' was delivered by Prof. Rajendra Prasad, the founder Chairperson of SCMM and current Dean, the Faculty of Science Engineering and Technology, Amity Institute of Biotechnology, Gurgaon (Manesar). He is a pioneering researcher on the multi-drug resistance in Candida and captivated the audience by unfolding the progress of research in antifungal resistance. He also talked about the genesis of the SCMM, and the progress and impact of the SCMM over the years.

In summary, SCMM celebrated the Silver Jubilee of its foundation day on its 25th year of establishment by organizing a one-day symposium on September 9, 2024 which left a deep impact on the participants including the alumni, students, and faculty from different schools and centres. The centre initiated an annual lecture series 'Molecular Medicine Foundation Day Lecture' which will be organized every year commemorating the foundation day of SCMM.

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डॉ. राघवेन्द्र मिश्र विजिटिंग फैकल्टी/एक्सपर्ट राष्ट्रीय नाट्य विद्यालय (NSD), नई दिल्ली



जेएनयू समाचार: आप जेएनयू के साथ अपने जुड़ाव और परिसर के बारे में अपनी पहली धारणाओं का वर्णन कैसे करेंगे ?

2013 में जब मैंने एम.ए. संस्कृत के लिए जेएनयू में प्रवेश लिया, तब यह केवल एक विकल्प था। परंतु यहां के गुरुजनों की विद्वत्ता और वैश्विक दृष्टिकोण ने इसे मेरे जीवन का अभिन्न अंग बना दिया। यहीं से मैंने एम.ए., एम.फिल और पीएच.डी. की यात्रा पूरी की।

प्रो. कपिल कपूर, प्रो. रजनीश कुमार मिश्र, प्रो. संतोष शुक्ला, प्रो. सुशांत मिश्र आदि गुरुजनों ने मेरे जीवन को नई दिशा दी।

जेएनयू ने न केवल मुझे शिक्षित किया, बल्कि हर संकट में समाधान का मार्ग भी दिखाया। आज मैं जो कुछ भी हूँ, उसमें जेएनयू का योगदान अमूल्य है।

जेएनयू समाचार: आपने उच्च अध्ययन के लिए जेएनयू को क्यों चुना?

मैंने जेएनयू को उच्च अध्ययन और शोध के लिए इसलिए चुना क्योंकि ऐसा स्वतंत्र, शोधपरक और प्रकृति-सम्मत शैक्षणिक वातावरण मुझे विश्व में कहीं और नहीं मिला।

मेरे लिए जेएनयू = शिक्षा + शोध + स्वतंत्रता।

अन्य विश्वविद्यालयों में पीएच.डी. में चयन होने के बावजूद मैंने जेएनयू को ही चुना और यहीं का होकर रह गया।

जेएनयू समाचार: जेएनयू छोड़ने के बाद से आपके करियर की दिशा क्या रही है?

जेएनयू से अध्ययन पूर्ण करने के बाद मैंने NSD, नई दिल्ली में पढ़ाया और आज भी वहाँ विजिटिंग फैकल्टी हूँ। इसके पश्चात मीरांडा हाउस, अम्बेडकर विश्वविद्यालय, और इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय में कार्य किया। वर्तमान में मैं काशी विद्वत् परिषद का सम्माननीय सदस्य हूँ तथा सनातन ज्ञान व संस्कृति पर वैश्विक परिप्रेक्ष्य में शोधरत हूँ।

अब मैंने अध्ययन-अध्यापन को ही अपना जीवन समर्पित कर दिया है।

जेएनयू समाचार: जेएनयू ने आपके बहुमुखी करियर को कैसे प्रभावित किया है?

जेएनयू में अध्ययन के दौरान ही मैंने शैक्षणिक क्षेत्र में करियर बनाने का निर्णय लिया।

पद्म भूषण प्रो. कपिल कपूर, प्रो. रजनीश कुमार मिश्र एवं पद्मश्री प्रो. भरत गुप्त जैसे महान गुरुओं से प्रेरणा एवं मार्गदर्शन प्राप्त हुआ।

उत्तर प्रदेश के छोटे से गाँव से निकलकर पीएच.डी. और अमेरिका तक की यात्रा में जेएनयू और गुरुजनों का अमूल्य योगदान रहा।

जेएनयू की शैक्षणिक वातावरण ने मुझे अध्ययन, अध्यापन व शोध के लिए सदा प्रेरित किया है।

जेएनयू समाचार: आपके काम का सबसे चुनौतीपूर्ण हिस्सा क्या रहा है और क्यों?

जेएनयू में खुद को शैक्षणिक एवं वैचारिक वातावरण में ढालना मेरे लिए सबसे बड़ी चुनौती रही। एम.फिल और पीएच.डी. शोध विषय का अनुमोदन, और पद्मश्री प्रो. भरत गुप्त जी का मार्गदर्शन मिलना मेरे शोध जीवन की बड़ी उपलब्धि रही। जेएनयू में शैक्षणिक, राजनीतिक और सामाजिक गतिविधियों में सक्रिय रहकर मैंने सदैव समाज कल्याण को प्राथमिकता दी।

जेएनयू समाचार: क्या आप जेएनयू में अपने समय से जुड़ी कोई विशेष यादें साझा करना चाहेंगे?

सन् 2018 में जेएनयू में बी.ए. छात्रों को फिलोसोफी ऑफ़ सेल्फ रियलाइजेशन पढ़ाना मेरे लिए गौरवपूर्ण अनुभव रहा। आज वे छात्र देश-विदेश में उत्कृष्ट कार्य कर रहे हैं। साबरमती हॉस्टल के अध्यक्ष और स्पोर्ट्स कन्वेंर के रूप में सक्रिय रहते हुए मैंने जेएनयू के लिए दो ब्रॉन्ज़ मेडल भी जीते। आई आई टी, दिल्ली में अभ्यास के लिए कुलपति प्रो. सुधीर कुमार

सोपोरी और रजिस्टार डॉ. संदीप चटर्जी का विशेष सहयोग रहा।

जेएनयू की हर वापसी मेरे लिए माँ की गोद में लौटने जैसा सुखद अनुभव है। पेरियार और साबरमती हॉस्टल की यादें आज भी ताजा हैं।

जेएनयू समाचार: जेएनयू समाचार के पाठकों और जेएनयू के छात्रों के लिए आपका क्या संदेश होगा?

डॉ. राघवेन्द्र मिश्र: आप सभी सौभाग्यशाली हैं कि आपको जेएनयू जैसे प्रतिष्ठित संस्थान में अध्ययन का अवसर मिला है। अतः

- पूरे समर्पण के साथ अध्ययन, अध्यापन और शोध में लगे रहें।
- गुरुजनों का सम्मान करें और उनके मार्गदर्शन को आत्मसात करें।
- राष्ट्र और समाज के कल्याण के लिए निरंतर कार्यरत रहें।
- राष्ट्रीय एकता और सांस्कृतिक चेतना को अपने भीतर जागृत रखें।

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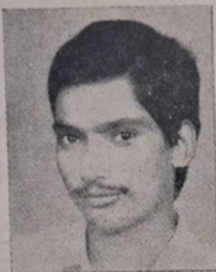
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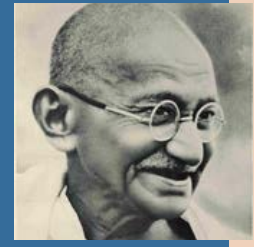
**Some members of the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial
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