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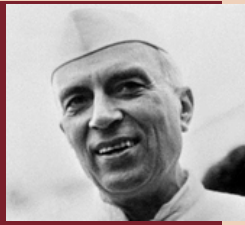
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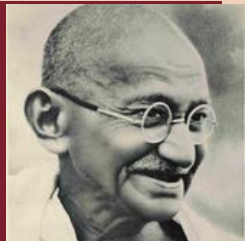
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“ TIME IS NOT MEASURED BY THE PASSING OF YEARS BUT BY WHAT ONE DOES, WHAT ONE FEELS, AND WHAT ONE ACHIEVES ”

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. Rajnish Kumar Mishra, Dean, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies

Q1. How were you introduced to JNU?



While studying at Patna College, a new teacher Dr. Shankar Dhar, joined our department who had completed his M.A., M. Phil., and Ph.D. from Centre of Linguistics and English, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

We all were deeply impressed and inspired by the teacher's depth of knowledge, teaching style, and academic background. His influence sparked a strong desire in me to study at JNU. Coming from a middle class background, it seemed like a distant goal, but I remained determined. In 1991, I moved to Delhi, and in 1992, I secured admission to the M.A. program in Linguistics and English at JNU.

Q2. How would you describe your experience here?

JNU has been just like my home -academic hermitage. My experience at JNU is transformative. It has taught me the true meaning of academic pursuit and hard work. I had the privilege of learning from a host of legendary teachers like Prof. Kapil Kapoor, Prof. H.S. Gill, Prof. Meenakshi Mukherjee, Prof. Anvita Abbi and many more — all of them were pioneers and authorities in their respective academic fields. Their affectionate guidance deeply motivated me to pursue the higher studies. JNU's affordable fee structure and abundant academic resources and opportunities were incredibly helpful. I completed my Ph.D. in 2001. In order to fulfill a major academic gap in the academic curricula of JNU, the same year Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies was established. I was selected as an assistant professor in this ambitious Special Centre. I later contributed academically through my widely referenced books, *Buddhist Theory of Meaning and Literary Analysis* and *Shaiva Philosophy and Literary Theory* (revised theory forthcoming).

Over the years, I experienced JNU as a student, researcher, and teacher. All these three phases were fulfilling but a sense of pride to be a student of this premier academic supersedes everything. Till my retirement I wish to be a student in this university-this is my first introduction and this I wish to be the last as well. The environment is supportive, inclusive, and collaborative. I never felt alienated or out of place. The interdisciplinary nature of JNU significantly shaped my academic understanding and worldview.

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

My administrative journey began with roles such as Hostel Warden, then Provost, followed by Chief Proctor, and now as Dean of the School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies. During challenging times, particularly the campus unrest in 2019, the administration remained supportive. As a Senior Warden, I handled ideological conflicts at the hostel level through dialogue and mutual respect, always aiming for amicable resolutions. I cannot forget the staff of Periyar Hostel and students. They remained with me and I felt like living in an extended family. I still feel nostalgic when I pass Periyar Hostel. When my long term serving as a warden got over I received a very cordial farewell from the students and staff. As a Chief Proctor, I always received support and guidance from the senior authorities and colleagues. The proctor office staff was very efficient. Due to their hard work we could conclude numerous pending cases. We focused on resolving issues quietly and effectively and amicably.

Q4. What are some of the goals for the School/Centres in the next few years?

The Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies was upgraded to the School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies in 2017. Last year, three new centres were proposed & established — Centre for (i) Hindu Studies, (ii) Buddhist, and, (iii) Jain Studies. We already have had a five year integrated B.Sc. - M.Sc. Ayurveda Biology program running since 2021.

Our primary responsibility is to consolidate and develop these new centres to achieve their academic and cultural mandates. While we face infrastructure challenges, the courses are progressing well. We are currently developing curricula for the newly established centres. Recently, we decided to allow students from the allied streams like, Hindu, Bauddha, Jain Studies to pursue Ph.D. programs in the school. Ayurveda Biology students may also pursue their research in the broad domain of Sanskrit Studies. In the coming years when the faculties are in place and required infer structure secured, we would run various academic and cultural programs smoothly.

We are also offering several short-term programs like-Certificate of Proficiency (COP) and Diploma courses, and are working to further strengthen the spoken Sanskrit initiatives in collaboration with Central Sanskrit University and Delhi Sanskrit Akademi. The focus remains firmly on quality teaching and advanced research which is the core strength of JNU.

Q5. What is one message you would like to give to JNU Students?

JNU is like an academic home — a place that inspires innovation and encourages students to pursue unique and meaningful research rather than repeating existing ones.

Students will not find such a golden opportunity elsewhere — world-class facilities at minimal affordable cost. Every student and researcher who has studied in has a social and national debt and responsibility. Education here comes with the duty to give back to society and nation. We have illustrious lineage of JNU alumni who have been making significant contribution their respective fields.

Learning must be a two-way process — while we gain knowledge, we must also learn from the wisdom and lived experiences of the communities around us. National integrity and social commitment must be central to our academic journeys. In higher education, values are not taught separately — they must spring from our inner selves and be visible in our actions and behavior.

Appointments and Movements

Appointments

Rector - II

- Prof. Dipendra Nath Das, Rector – II, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences

Deans

- Prof. Rajnish Kumar Mishra, as Dean, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies

Directors

- Prof. Shweta Saran, School of Life Sciences as Director, Research and Development
- Prof. Suneel Kateriya, School of Biotechnology as Director of Admissions
- Prof. P. R. Kumaraswamy, Centre for West Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Re-appointed as Collaboration Director, International
- Dr. Pushpendra Kumar, School of Physical Sciences as Deputy Director, Intellectual Property Management Cell
- Prof. Sudhir Kumar, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies as Director for the office of “Swachha JNU”
- Prof. Rajesh Kumar Jangir, Centre for Economic Study and Planning, School of Social Sciences as Deputy Director for the office of “Swachha JNU”

Chairpersons

- Prof. Ajith Kanna, as Chairperson, Centre for French and Francophone Studies, School of Language Literature and Culture Studies
- Prof. Rajib Dasgupta, as Chairperson, Centre for Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences
- Prof. Amitabh Mattoo, Dean, School of International Studies as Chairperson, Chattarapati Shivaji Maharaj Centre for Security and Strategic Studies, School of International Studies

- Prof. Kaushal Kumar Sharma, Dean, School of Social as chairperson of House Allotment Committee
- Prof. Akhlaque Ahmad, re-appointed as Chairperson, centre for Persian and Central Asian Studies, School of Language Literature and Culture Studies

Proctors

- Dr. Varada Avinash Sambhus, Special Centre for the Study of Law and Governance as Proctor
- Dr. Kumar Pranaw, School of Environmental Sciences as Proctor
- Dr. Neha Paras, Special Centre for Nano Sciences as , Proctor

Coordinators

- Prof. Manuradha Chaudhary, Dean of Students as Coordinator (Health Services)
- Dr. J. Jeganaathan, Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies as Coordinator, Chattarapati Shivaji Maharaj Centre for Security and Strategic Studies, School of International Studies
- Dr. Arvind Balaji Yelery, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies as Coordinator, Chattarapati Shivaji Maharaj Centre for Security and Strategic Studies, School of International Studies

Wardens

- Prof. Mohar Daschaudhuri, Centre for French and Francophone Studies, School of Language Literature and Culture Studies as Warden, Godavari Hostel

Other officers

- Prof. Manju Khari, School of Computer and Systems Sciences as Liaison Officer for OBC and PwBD Category
- Dr. Pankaj Thakur, Special Centre for Nano Sciences as Liaison Officer for (EWS) Category.

Appointments and Movements

- Prof. Vivek Kumar, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences as Liaison Officer for SC/ST Category
- Prof. Manju Khari, School of Computer and Systems Sciences as Presiding Officer, Internal Committee .
- Dr. Preeti D. Das, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies as Faculty Representative, Internal Committee

Faculty

- Dr. Raj Lakshmi, Centre for Media Studies, School of Social Sciences
- Dr. Sanjay Kumar Saroj, School of Physical Sciences
- Dr. Amphu Terangpi, School of Arts and Aesthetics
- Dr. Mrinmoyee Ray, School of Arts and Aesthetics
- Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies

Administration

- Sh. Aaysh Sharma, Personal Assistant, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies
- Amit Sharma, Stenographer, Academic – I
- Sh. Sachin Stenographer, Estate Branch
- Sh. Ranjeet Saini, Engineering Attendant (Electrical), Engineering Department

Movements

Retirements

- Prof. Madhu Sahni, Centre of German Studies School of Language Literature and Culture Studies
- Prof. Subir Kumar Sarkar, School of Physical Sciences
- Prof. Pramod Chandra Rath, School of Life Sciences
- Prof. Dwaipayan Bharadwaj, School of Biotechnology

- Sh. Mahender Pratap, Technical Assistant, Language Lab Complex, School of Language Literature and Culture Studies
- Sh. Hawa Singh, Assistant, Narmada Hostel
- Sh. Surendra Pal, Assistant, School of Language Literature and Culture Studies
- Sh. Suraj Singh, Sami Prof. Assistant, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Central Library
- Sh. Subhash Singh Rawat, Sami Prof. Assistant, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Central Library
- Sh. Darshan Lal, Library Attendant, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Central Library.
- Smt. Shanti-III, Safaikarmchhari, Sanitation Cell

Resignations

- Dr. Ravi Kumar, Centre for Japanese Studies, School of Language Literature and Culture Studies
- Sh. Parvinder, Jr. Assistant, Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies
- Sh. Vijay Boora, Jr. Assistant, Legal Cell
- Sh. Sachin, Jr. Assistant, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies
- Sh. Sunny, Jr. Assistant, Special Centre for Molecular Medicine

Campus Activities

Fit India Programme

Fit India Programme organised by Inter Hall Administration. Following events are organised under this programme:-



i) Inter hostel Cross Country Run was organised on 2nd October, 2024.



ii) 21 days Fitness workshop was organised from 4th October 2024 to 25th October 2024.

iii) Inter Hostel Sports events was organised from 15th October 2024 to 25th October 2024.

Campus Activities

National Seminar on “Illegal Immigrants to Mumbai – Analysing Socio – Economic and Political Consequences”

National Seminar on “Illegal Immigrants to Mumbai – Analysing Socio – Economic and Political Consequences” was organised on 11th November 2024 in collaboration with Tata Institute of Social Sciences at Convention Center, JNU. Chief Guests:- Prof. Shankar Das (PVC TISS Mumbai), Shri Sanjeev Sanyal (EAC- PM, Niti Bhavan)



Campus Activities

A Special Talk on Inclusion of Yuva Shakti in making Viksit Bharat by 2047

“A Special Talk on Inclusion of Yuva Shakti in making Viksit Bharat by 2047” was organised by Inter Hall Administration on 10th December 2024 at Convention Center, JNU. Chief Guest :- Sh. Mansukh L. Mandaviya (Minister of Labour and Employment of India)



Campus Activities

27th International Congress of Vedanta

Inter Hall Administration actively participated in 27th International Congress of Vedanta on 3rd January 2025 at Convention Center, JNU. Chief Guest:- Sh. Jagdeep Dhankhar (Vice-president of India)



Musical presentation of the book “India Music”

Inter Hall Administration organised Musical presentation of the book “India Music” authored by Mr. Konstantinos Kalaitzis in collaboration with Greek Chair, JNU on 6th January at Convention Center, JNU.



Campus Event Listings

| Date | Description |
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| 01/10/2024 | SES organised a talk by Prof. (Dr.) Nils Moosdorf |
| 01/10/2024 | AIRF organised Workshop and Hands on Training "Physical Property Measurement System & Its Applications" |
| 02/10/2024 | SES organised Cleanliness Drive |
| 03/10/2024 | SES organised a talk by Dr. Marine de Guglielmo Weber |
| 03/10/2024 | CAS, SIS organised Young Scholars Conference |
| 04/10/2024 | CSMCH organised a guest lecture by Hasan Reza |
| 04/10/2024 | SCSNEI organised a seminar by K.B. Veio Pou |
| 04/10/2024 | ICC organised a workshop on "Prevention through Education: Increasing Awareness of Sexual Harassment at Workplace" |
| 07/10/2024 | ZHCES organised a seminar by Prof. Emmanuelle Le Pichon-Vorstman |
| 09/10/2024 | CHS organised a lecture by Dr Martin O'Donoghue |
| 09/10/2024 | SIS organised a distinguished Lecture by Prof. Pushpesh Pant |
| 10/10/2024 | JNU Placement Cell and LEC organised a workshop |
| 15/10/2024 | CCPPT, SIS organised a National Seminar on "Exploring the Ideas of Vishwa - Mitra (Global Friendship) through Ancient Indian Political, Strategic and Diplomatic Thought" |
| 15/10/2024 | CESP organised a Seminar by Indranil Bhattacharya |
| 17/10/2024 | CESP organised Sukhamoy Chakravarty Chair Lecture 2024 by Prof. C.P. Chandrasekhar |
| 18/10/2024 | SCSNEI organised a national seminar on "Empire, Nature, People" |
| 18/10/2024 | SCIS organised a national seminar on "Ancient and Modern Indian Mathematics: Use of Technical Terminology" |
| 18/10/2024 | CSRSD organised a lecture by Dr. Thomas Coggin |
| 18/10/2024 | SCIS organised a workshop on "Vedia Mathematics Computation and Applications" |
| 19/10/2024 | SLS organised the "Fascination of Plants Day 2024" |
| 21/10/2024 | SES organised a talk by Dr. B. B. Ghaley |
| 21/10/2024 | CCUSLAS organised a lecture by Lecture by H.E. Mr. Winston Dookeran |

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| 21/10/2024 | Placement Cell organised Alumni Interaction Program (Confluence-Resonating the Past) |
| 23/10/2024 | CHS organised a lecture by Prof. Jyotindra Jain |
| 23/10/2024 | SLS organised a seminar by Prof. Amal C. Mondal |
| 23/10/2024 | ZHCES organised a seminar by Prof. Jayasree Subramanian |
| 23/10/2024 | CSMCH organised a lecture by Kaushik Jana |
| 24/10/2024 | CITD organised a seminar by Vivek Sharma |
| 24/10/2024 | SBT organised two lectures by Dr. Sabrina Berkamp and Dr Alexandros Katranidis |
| 25/10/2024 | SBT organised a seminar by Dr. Benedicte Albrechtsen |
| 25/10/2024 | SES organised a talk by Prof. Manoj K Shukla |
| 25/10/2024 | CCUSLAS organised a lecture by Amb. Ajay Bisaria |
| 29/10/2024 | SCSNEI organised a seminar by Makiko Kimura |
| 30/10/2024 | Pledge taking ceremony on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) 2024 |
| 03/11/2024 | Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 |
| 05/11/2024 | SCTS organised Rajam Krishnan Centenary Endowment Lecture |
| 06/11/2024 | CHS organised 2nd International Society for Regional History Conference (ISRH) 2024 |
| 08/11/2024 | CSLG organised a talk by Professor Anupama Roy |
| 10/11/2024 | CIL organised a seminar on "Research, Criticism and Creative Panorama of Contemporary Urdu Literature" |
| 11/11/2024 | SIS organised second lecture of the 70th Anniversary Lecture Series on "Did the Economics Nobel Committee Miss the Bus in 2024" by Prof. Ashok Guha |
| 11/11/2024 | ABVSME organised a workshop by Dr. Shuvashish Roy |
| 11/11/2024 | JNU organised National Seminar on "Illegal Immigrants to Mumbai: Analysing Socio-economic and Political Consequences" |
| 13/11/2024 | ABVSME organised a workshop on "Gender Sensitisation against Sexual Harassment" |
| 18/11/2024 | CGS organised Philosophy Colloquium by Prof. Babu Thaliath |

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| 20/11/2024 | SCSNEI organised a lecture by Dr Partha Jyoti Das |
| 20/11/2024 | SSS organised a lecture on "Geography and Literature: Creating Literary Landscapes" by Shri Abhay Kumar |
| 20/11/2024 | CHS organised a lecture by Prof. Jane Ohlmeyer |
| 21/11/2024 | CESP organised Sukhamoy Chakravarty Chair Lecture 2024 by Prof. Prabhat Patnaik |
| 21/11/2024 | SSIS organised a workshop on "Treasures of Indian Knowledge Traditions" |
| 22/11/2024 | CGS organised '110yearskaafka' to mark the 100th death anniversary of Franz Kafka |
| 22/11/2024 | SIS organised a lecture by Prof. B. S. Chimni |
| 22/11/2024 | SCMM organised a hands-on workshop on "Flow Cytometry with Advance Approaches of Full Spectrum and Imaging Technology" |
| 25/11/2024 | SLS organised a World AMR Awareness Week |
| 25/11/2024 | SBT organised an International Conference on "Innovations in Biotechnology for Sustainability" (IBS-2024) |
| 25/11/2024 | SIS organised a lecture by Prof. Karthik Muralidharan |
| 25/11/2024 | SLS organised a Curtain Raiser Event for India International Science Festival (IISF) 2024 |
| 27/11/2024 | ZHCES organised a seminar by Dr Evgeniy Terentev |
| 27/11/2024 | CHS organised a seminar by Prof Maxim Fomin |
| 27/11/2024 | SLS organised a seminar by Prof. S. Gourinath |
| 27/11/2024 | EOO organised a programme on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas by Mr. Rajkumar Roat |
| 27/11/2024 | ZHCES organised a seminar by Dr Evgeniy Terentev |
| 28/11/2024 | CESP organised a Seminar by Anirban Ghatak |
| 29/11/2024 | CIPS organised a Panel Discussion |
| 29/11/2024 | SCSNEI organised a lecture by Soibam Haripriya |
| 29/11/2024 | SLS organised Mini-Symposium on "Trends in Genome Biology" |

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| 30/11/2024 | ABVSME organised a seminar by Mr Lakshay Sharma |
| 30/11/2024 | SPS organised Two days National conference on "Breakthroughs in Drug Design: The Synergy of Machine Learning and HPC" |
| 03/12/2024 | JNU organised "Science Conclave-cum-National Biomedical Research Competition-2024" (NBRCOM-2024) |
| 04/12/2024 | CHS organised a seminar by Dr Tyler W. Williams |
| 05/12/2024 | CESP organised a seminar by Prof. Bradley Ruffle |
| 06/12/2024 | ZHCES organised a seminar by Ashutosh Bhuradia |
| 08/12/2024 | SCSNEI organised a panel discussion on "Culture, Materiality, Lifeworlds: North East India in Contemporary Times" |
| 10/12/2024 | SLS organised an Expert Talk by Dr. Debasis Chattopadhyay |
| 10/12/2024 | CSSEIP and IHA organised a special talk on "Inclusion of Yuva Shakti in Making Viksit Bharat by 20247" by Hon'ble Dr Mansukh Mandaviya |
| 11/12/2024 | SCTS celebrated Indian Languages Day |
| 12/12/2024 | CGS organised a lecture series on: "The Idea of a Synthetic Philosophy" |
| 13/12/2024 | SCNS and SBT organised one day national seminar on "Indian Knowledge System: Traditional to Modern Nanotechnology" |
| 14/12/2024 | CSSEIP organised a webinar on "Marginalised Women and their Contributions to Environment" |
| 14/12/2024 | CSRD organised 45th Annual Conference on "Leaving No One Behind: Navigating Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development in India" |
| 17/12/2024 | SCMM organised a hands-on workshop on flow cytometry with advanced approaches of full spectrum and imaging technology |
| 19/12/2024 | SCNS organised a National Conference on "Advanced Materials for Sensor" |
| 20/12/2024 | SCSNEI organised its Annual NAMASTE Governor Acharya Award 2024 |
| 22/12/2024 | SCIS organised National Mathematics Day 2024 |
| 25/12/2024 | ABVSME organised a National Seminar, Atal Janma Shati Samvad to celebrate the Birth Centenary of our former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji |

- **From Reality to Fiction Reality: Writer Ba. Vengatesan**



Writer Ba. Vengatesan delivered a lecture on From Reality to Fiction Reality on 06.11.2024 at Tiruvalluvar Hall, Special Centre for Tamil Studies, JNU. Before the presentation, our research scholar S.R. Vinitha shared her reading experience with Ba. Vengatesan's novel, Vaaraanasi. K. Vignesh, Research Scholar delivered the vote of thanks.

- **Bharathiyar Birthday and Indian Languages Day celebration 2024**



Prof. Shoba Sivasankaran, and Dr. N. Chandrasegaran gave welcoming remarks, introduction addresses, and votes of Thanks, respectively. Shivanshu Viswakarma, B.A., (French), who is studying Tamil as an elective paper in SCTS presented a brief note about Bharathiyar. M. Deepan, a research scholar at SCTS, hosted the event.

- **Fifth Science Conclave-cum-National Biomedical Research Competition 2024 (NBRCOM-2024) jointly organized by SCMM-JNU and AIIMS-Delhi**

The Special Centre for Molecular Medicine (SCMM) at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) jointly organized the fifth Science Conclave-cum-National Biomedical Research Competition (NBRCOM-2024) with AIIMS-Delhi during December 1-3, 2024 under the aegis of Society of Young Biomedical Scientists (SYBS), India. This prestigious scientific event brought together trailblazing scientists, promising young researchers, and visionaries under one roof, and provided a platform for showcasing their latest and novel research findings as oral and poster presentations in front of esteemed jury members.

The success of the conclave was anchored by the dedicated organizing chairpersons: Prof. Umesh C.S. Yadav from SCMM, JNU; Dr. Vijay Hadda from AIIMS, Delhi and Dr. Rohitash Yadav, President SYBS, India. Their tireless efforts ensured the seamless organization and execution of this highly acclaimed competitive event in science. The presence of eminent doctors and faculties from AIIMS, JNU and beyond (including the CSIR and DBT institutes, PGI Chandigarh, SGPGI Lucknow, AIIMS-Patna, and so on), who played instrumental roles in the assessment and evaluation of the presentations made by researchers, scientists, young faculties and students across the country and abroad.

Seminars/Conferences/Workshops/Lectures

The first day of the event was organized by SCMM, JNU in online mode where participants and delegates from abroad or distant places in India could attend and present their research findings virtually, which was evaluated by the esteemed jury members. On the second day, the Conclave was inaugurated at the Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium, AIIMS, Delhi. The highlight of the conclave was an inspiring inaugural address by the Chief Guest Dr. Randeep Guleria, former Director, AIIMS-Delhi, who encouraged delegates to "push boundaries and redefine the future of science." Distinguished Guests of Honor, including Prof. Y.K. Gupta (President, AIIMS-Jammu), Prof. Vibha Tandon (Director CSIR-IICB), and Prof. Subrata Sinha (Former Director, NBRC), graced the occasion and addressed the participants adding brilliance to the event. The powerful collaboration between SCMM-JNU and AIIMS-Delhi was reinforced by the unwavering support of Chief Patrons, Prof. Santishree D. Pandit (Vice Chancellor, JNU) and Dr. M. Srinivas (Director, AIIMS). The event's co-Patron, Prof. Rakesh K. Tyagi, whose vision has been integral since the first conclave held in 2018, ensured its flawless execution.

From pioneering research presentations by the participants to thought-provoking discussions by the jury members, NBRCOM-2024 ignited a spark of curiosity and enlightenment, uniting the biomedical and scientific community in its shared mission of advancing science. The conclave was a celebration of scintillating ideas, innovations, and the limitless potential of young scientific minds, human imagination, and healthy competition.

The conclave witnessed the enthusiastic participation of brilliant students and researchers, who presented their groundbreaking findings under three thematic categories– Health Sciences, Life Sciences and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Their presentations were evaluated by an esteemed panel of faculty chairpersons, scientific coordinators, and jury members, who attentively reviewed each presentation with the utmost ethics, professionalism, and dedication. On December 3, at the end of the three-day conclave, the winners were announced in all three categories in both oral and poster presentations. The top five winners in both oral and poster presentations were awarded young researcher awards consisting of plaques and cash prizes of Rs. 80 thousand for first, 40 thousand for second, 20 thousand for third, five thousand for fourth, and five thousand for fifth rank winners. Five more winners were also announced as best presentation awards in three categories in both oral and poster presentations. A total of 30 winners of the Young Researcher Awards were awarded 9 lakh rupees in cash prizes. All the participants were honored with a token of appreciation, recognizing their relentless efforts and dedication to advancing science. The award and valedictory ceremony were graced by the esteemed presence of the Director-General of ICMR, Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Prof. Rakesh K. Bhatnagar, Dr. Meenu Bajpai, Dr. T. S. Rao, whose words of wisdom served as a beacon of guidance and inspiration for all attendees.



Seminars/Conferences/Workshops/Lectures

Adding immense value to the conclave were enlightening talks by an array of esteemed invited speakers including Prof. Gobardhan Das (Director, IISER-Bhopal), Prof. Y.K. Gupta, Dr. Vibhuti Aggarwal (Angel Investor), Dr. Manorama Tripathi (JNU), Dr. Charu Mehra (Elsevier), Dr. M.Bajpai (Vice President, NBEMS), and Dr. T. S. Rao (Former Sr. Advisor, DBT). Their insightful presentations offered meaningful insight into the subject matter and practical applications to the students and young researchers in pursuit of knowledge and their implementation. At the end, Prof. Umesh Yadav delivered a vote of thanks.

The gathering of eminent researchers, doctors, scientists, and young scholars from diverse domains of biomedical sciences epitomized the true spirit of interdisciplinary research and innovation. The conclave not only touched upon the frontiers of biomedical research but also fostered scientific temperament for collaboration, making it a resounding success and a landmark event in the scientific arena.

The event's success was made possible through the generous financial support of sponsors including CSIR, ICMR, Walter Kluwer, and Elsevier, along with additional contributions from esteemed academic institutions like CSIR-IICB, Kolkata, TERI-Delhi, IISER-Bhopal, and industry leaders such as Takara, Scientek Hub, R&R Life Sciences, Babe K Group, and Mykem Bioscience.

• Gender Sensitisation against Sexual Harassment Workshop

The Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management and Entrepreneurship (ABVSME), hosted a Gender Sensitization against Sexual Harassment on 13th November 2024. The workshop was addressed by Adv. Manisha Bhandari who emphasised the key points regarding sexual harassment.



• Exploring Fintech Adoption in India Workshop

A workshop on Exploring Fintech Adoption in India (An AI & SEM- Based Analysis on Customer Experience and Loyalty) was organized by Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management and Entrepreneurship (ABVSME) on 11th November 2024. The workshop was addressed by Dr. Shuvashish Roy, Senior Researcher, Prime Bank PLC, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The workshop outlined Smart Investment Tactics, Cutting Edge Data Analysis, Financial Tools and Top Softwares in Finance..



Seminars/Conferences/Workshops/Lectures

• Atal Janma Shati Samvad

The Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management and Entrepreneurship, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, organised a National Seminar, Atal Janma Shati Samvad, to celebrate the Birth Centenary of our

former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji on 25 December 2024. The theme of the day will be, "Atal Bihari Vajpayee and the Concept of Governance and Developed India."



Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi (Member of Rajya Sabha), the chief guest, emphasized the important role played by Bharat Ratan Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He stated that Vajpayee's leadership was distinguished by an unwavering commitment to economic growth, modernization, and stability, establishing the groundwork for a more powerful and affluent India. The keynote speaker was Mr. Kanchan Gupta. Other

• 'प्रकाशन संस्थान अनुवाद सम्मान (2024) समारोह'

अनुवाद अध्ययन, भारतीय भाषा केन्द्र, जेएनयू एवं प्रकाशन संस्थान, नई दिल्ली के संयुक्त तत्त्वावधान में 15 नवम्बर 2024 को 'प्रकाशन संस्थान अनुवाद सम्मान समारोह' का भव्य आयोजन हुआ। अनुवाद के क्षेत्र में उत्कृष्ट कार्य करने वाले अनुवादक को यह सम्मान प्रतिवर्ष दिया जाता है। इस वर्ष यह सम्मान विशिष्ट अनुवादक रूसी-हिन्दी साहित्य के महासेतु प्रो. वरयाम सिंह को अनुवाद के क्षेत्र में उनके उत्कृष्ट योगदान के लिए दिया गया। अनुवाद के साथ-साथ उन्होंने आधुनिक हिन्दी कविता को भी लोकप्रिय बनाने में भी ऐतिहासिक भूमिका निभाई है। उन्होंने रूसी भाषा के सोलह से अधिक कविता संग्रहों का अनुवाद हिन्दी में किया है। प्रो. वरयाम सिंह जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय के रूसी अध्ययन केन्द्र से पी-एच.डी. की उपाधि लेकर वहीं सन् 1972 में अध्यापक नियुक्त हुए और विभिन्न पदों पर कार्य करते हुए सन् 2013 में प्रोफेसर पद से सेवानिवृत्त हुए। उनका जन्म 10 जून के 1948 को जिला कुल्लू की बंजार घाटी के प्राकृतिक सौंदर्य और सांस्कृतिक वैभव और विविधता को बचाते आ रहे गाँव बाहू में एक किसान परिवार में हुआ। उनकी पहली अनूदित कविता सन् 1973 में जनयुग में प्रकाशित हुई।

समारोह के मुख्य अतिथि राज्यसभा के उपसभापति माननीय श्री हरिवंश के कर-कमलों से शॉल, प्रतीक-चिह्न, प्रशस्ति-पत्र और राशि अर्पित कर प्रो. वरयाम सिंह का सम्मान किया गया। कार्यक्रम के मुख्य वक्ता प्रसिद्ध अनुवाद चिन्तक डॉ. रणजीत साहा, प्रतिष्ठित कवयित्री प्रो. अनामिका, सुविख्यात पत्रकार रवीन्द्र त्रिपाठी ने अपने उद्गार व्यक्त किए।

कार्यक्रम के आरम्भ में प्रो. देवशंकर नवीन के स्वागत वक्तव्य में अतिथियों से परिचय करवाते हुए कहा कि अनुवाद आज के अमानुषिक दौर में अनुवाद, दुनिया में कोने-कोने में सद्भाव और मानवीयता के प्रसार का माध्यम है। संवाद ही मनुष्य को मनुष्य के निकट लाता है, अपरिचय मिटाता है और वैश्विक संवाद का आधार अनुवाद है, अनुवाद उजड़ी-बिखरी सभ्यता को पुनर्स्थापित करता है। उन्होंने बल देकर कहा कि मनुष्य कुछ भी मौलिक नहीं बोलता; वह जो कुछ बोलता, करता है, सब कुछ उसकी धारणा का भाषिक अनुवाद होता है।

इस अवसर पर सम्मानित अनुवादक प्रो. वरयाम सिंह ने अनुवाद का महत्त्व रेखांकित करते हुए कहा कि भारतीय भाषाओं में अनुवाद द्वारा ही हम विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में प्रगति हासिल कर सकते हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि भाषा विज्ञान के कार्य भी अंग्रेजी के बजाय भारतीय भाषाओं में करें तो भाषा का इतिहास, बोलियों पारस्परिकता को बेहतर समझ सकते हैं। उन्होंने भाषा विज्ञान में नए चिन्तन की माँग की। इस अवसर पर उन्होंने 'दो घर' शीर्षक कविता का पाठ किया।

इस अवसर पर रवीन्द्र त्रिपाठी ने कहा कि अनुवाद न केवल दो भाषाओं को, बल्कि दो संस्कृतियों को भी एक करता है। इसके प्रमुख उदाहरण के रूप में उन्होंने कुमारजीव द्वारा चीनी में अनूदित भारतीय ग्रन्थों की ओर इशारा किया, जिसके प्रभाव में बौद्ध धर्म चीन और जापान में फैला। उन्होंने आगे कहा कि उत्तर उपनिवेशवाद की सैद्धान्तिकी की वैचारिक प्रक्रिया को गढ़ने वाले व्यक्ति के रूप में हमें वरयाम सिंह को जानना चाहिए। पोस्ट कोलोनिअल डिस्कोर्स के रूप में वरयाम सिंह के कार्यों का अध्ययन होना चाहिए।

प्रसिद्ध कवयित्री अनामिका ने कविता के स्वभाव और विवाहित स्त्री के स्वभाव को एक जैसा बताते हुए कहा कि जैसे कविता बहुत कम और बाँकपन से बोलती है, और वह चाहती है कि सामने वाला उसके इशारे समझ ले; ठीक उसी तरह रूसी भाषा परिवेश की कविताओं के बाँकपन को वरयाम सिंह ने हिन्दी में बखूबी उतारा है। उन्होंने अनुवाद को संवाद का सबसे खुबसूरत माध्यम बताया और विभिन्न रूसी कविताओं के हिन्दी अनुवाद के उदाहरण से दो संस्कृतियों के बीच परिचय की स्थिति स्पष्ट की।

डॉ. रणजीत साहा ने वरयाम सिंह के प्रखर व्यक्तित्व के बारे में बताते हुए, उनके साथ बिताए अपने अनुभव साझा किए और कहा कि रूसी साहित्य के प्रकाशन में साहित्य अकादमी और रादुका प्रकाशन ने अहम भूमिका निभाई है। उन्होंने वरयाम सिंह द्वारा अनूदित कविता संग्रहों -- आधुनिक रूसी कविताएँ, तनी हुई प्रत्यंचा, बिखरे नक्षत्रों के बीच के प्रकाशन सम्बन्धी अनेक बातें बताईं।

कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि माननीय हरिवंश जी ने एक पाठक की दृष्टि से अनुवाद के महत्त्व पर बात करते हुए कहा कि अनुवाद हमारी दुनिया की संस्कृति और दुनिया की समझ को विस्तार देता है। उन्होंने कहा कि अनुवाद न होता तो बांग्ला, तेलगु, मराठी, मलयालम, अंग्रेजी जैसी भाषाओं के साहित्य, संस्कृति और उसके प्रभाव को हम नहीं समझ पाते। उन्होंने प्रो. वरयाम सिंह को बधाई देते हुए कहा कि वरयाम जी ने अनेक रूसी साहित्यकारों की रचनाओं को हिन्दी पाठकों और साहित्य प्रेमियों तक पहुँचाकर असाधारण काम किया है। इस अवसर पर उन्होंने वरयाम सिंह के अनुवाद कार्य पर अनेक श्रेष्ठ विद्वानों के कथन का उल्लेख करते हुए कहा कि वरयाम सिंह ने पुश्किन जैसे कठिन कवि को सहज-सरल भाषा में पाठक तक पहुँचाया है, जो किसी मौलिक रचना से कम नहीं।

समारोह के अन्त में प्रकाशन संस्थान के स्वामी श्री हरीश चन्द्र शर्मा ने धन्यवाद ज्ञापन किया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्री रणविजय ने किया।

इस कार्यक्रम के सफल आयोजन के लिए प्रो. देवशंकर नवीन ने नेहा चारण, रणविजय, लक्ष्मण, गर्वित दवे, पूनम घोरे, शिवानी वर्मा, कुमारी अर्चना, विकास शुक्ल, ऋषिपाल समेत अन्य सभी अध्येताओं की भूमिका की सराहना की।

• हिंदी कार्यशाला की रिपोर्ट

जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय, नई दिल्ली में दिनांक:13-12-2024 को एक दिवसीय हिंदी कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यशाला का आयोजन विश्वविद्यालय के समिति कक्ष-225, प्रशासन भवन में किया गया। यह कार्यशाला विश्वविद्यालय के अधिकारीवर्ग के लिए आयोजित की गई थी। कार्यशाला में दो सत्र थे। प्रथम सत्र में 38 अधिकारियों को नामित किया गया। इनमें से 14 अधिकारियों ने कार्यशाला में भाग लिया। वहीं, दूसरे सत्र में भी 38 अधिकारियों को नामित किया गया था जिनमें से 22 अधिकारियों ने अपनी प्रतिभागिता दर्ज कराई। प्रथम सत्र का विषय 'प्रेरणा, प्रोत्साहन, सद्भावना और पुरस्कार के माध्यम से राजभाषा का प्रभावी कार्यान्वयन' तथा दूसरे सत्र का विषय 'राजभाषा हिंदी एवं विभिन्न ऑनलाइन ई-टूल्स' था।



उन्होंने प्रस्तुति के माध्यम से राजभाषा हिंदी में काम करने के लिए सभी 12 'प्र' अर्थात् प्रेरणा, प्रोत्साहन, प्रेम, प्राईज (पुरस्कार), प्रशिक्षण, प्रयोग, प्रचार, प्रसार, प्रबंधन, प्रमोशन (पदोन्नति), प्रतिबद्धता, प्रयास पर विस्तार से प्रकाश डाला। उन्होंने अपने व्याख्यान में इस बात पर भी बल दिया कि शीर्ष अधिकारी स्वप्रेरणा से हिंदी में काम करें ताकि अधीनस्थ कार्मिक भी हिंदी में कार्य करने में अभिप्रेरित हो सकें। अंततः एक "समूह फोटो" लेकर प्रथम सत्र समाप्त हुआ।



प्रथम सत्र में विषय-विशेषज्ञ के रूप में श्री जगदीश राम पौरी निदेशक शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली उपस्थित हुए। हिंदी कार्यशाला का संचालन श्री सुमेर सिंह, सहायक निदेशक (रा.भा.), राजभाषा प्रकोष्ठ ने किया। प्रथम सत्र का उद्घाटन प्रो. रविकेश, कुलसचिव ने किया। उन्होंने एक शॉल और एक हिंदी पुस्तक भेंट कर अतिथि वक्ता का औपचारिक स्वागत-सत्कार किया तथा अपने संबोधन में सभी नामित अधिकारियों से आग्रह किया कि वे अनुभवी वक्ता के हिंदी ज्ञान का लाभ उठाकर हिंदी कार्यशाला को रूचिकर बनाएं और अपने कार्यालयी कामकाज में राजभाषा हिंदी का आधिकाधिक प्रयोग बढ़ाएं। उन्होंने कहा कि तकनीक में हिंदी का प्रयोग बढ़ाकर राजभाषा में कार्यालयी कामकाज सुचारु रूप से किया जा सकता है। उन्होंने कहा कि अपनी भाषा के प्रति गौरव एवं स्वाभिमान से ही देश और समाज की प्रगति सुनिश्चित होती है। साथ ही, विश्वविद्यालय की हिंदी सलाहकार प्रो. बंदना झा ने सभी अधिकारियों से आग्रह किया कि अपनी भाषा में काम करना सरल और सहज है। अतः हमें गर्व के साथ अपनी भाषा में काम करने को प्राथमिकता देनी चाहिए। उन्होंने स्वभाषा के महत्व पर विस्तार से प्रकाश डाला।



दूसरे सत्र में विषय-विशेषज्ञ के रूप में श्री श्याम कुमार, संयुक्त निदेशक (रा.भा.), मुख्यालय कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा निगम, नई दिल्ली उपस्थित रहे। श्री बने सिंह मीना, उपकुलसचिव (प्रशा.) ने एक शॉल तथा हिंदी पुस्तक भेंट कर अतिथि वक्ता का स्वागत-सम्मान किया। श्री श्याम कुमार ने 'राजभाषा हिंदी एवं विभिन्न ऑनलइन ई-टूल्स' विषय पर विस्तारपूर्वक चर्चा की। उन्होंने राजभाषा हिंदी की ऐतिहासिक पृष्ठभूमि पर भी विस्तार से प्रकाश डाला। उनका व्यावहारिक व्याख्यान सभी प्रतिभागियों के लिए निश्चित रूप से लाभप्रद रहा है। दूसरे सत्र के समापन के अवसर पर उन्होंने ई-ऑफिस में टिप्पण लिखने तथा क्रोम ब्राउसर के माध्यम से जी-मेल में वॉयस टाइपिंग की जानकारी भी दी। कार्यशाला के अंत में सभी प्रतिभागियों ने अपने-अपने फीडबैक भी दिए। अंततः एक समूह फोटो लेकर दूसरे सत्र का समापन हुआ।

Obituary



Sh. Anwar Ali, Laboratory Attendant, Passed Away
on Wednesday, 30 October, 2024



Sh. Yakub Khan, Lift Operator, Passed Away on
Sunday, 15 December, 2024

We extend our condolences to the bereaved families

Vikas Singh, Director Recruitment, InterraIT, A Ferrier Group Company



1. How would you describe your association with JNU and your first impressions of the campus?

JNU was more than just a university; it was a world of ideas, friendships, and experiences that shaped me in ways beyond academics. My first impression of the campus (during year 1995-1999) was its openness—both in terms of space and thought. The lively discussions, the warmth of fellow students, and the lush greenery made it feel like home from the very beginning.

2. Why did you choose JNU for higher studies?

JNU's reputation for academic excellence, its vibrant intellectual culture, and its commitment to critical thinking drew me in. JNU was a place where diverse perspectives were welcomed, and learning extended beyond classrooms. The idea of being part of such an institution was exciting and fulfilling.

3. What has been the trajectory of your career since you left JNU?

Since leaving JNU, my journey has taken me through various challenging roles within Human Resource Department. I did MBA in Human Resource and for the last more than 2 decades, I have been involved in finding brilliant Talents across globe, Nurture/Retain Quality Talents at various Organizations I worked(SDI, Aequor, Network18, InterraIT) so far. As a part of leadership role, I involved in Group building, mentoring, guiding, fostering team development, providing best practices. The ability to adapt and analyse Human Resources' issues from multiple angles—something JNU instilled in me—has been invaluable in every role I have taken up.

4. How has JNU impacted your multifaceted career?

JNU shaped my ability to think critically, engage in meaningful debates, and approach challenges with an open yet analytical mind. The university's environment of questioning and discussing everything—from global politics to everyday life—gave me a solid foundation for tackling complex real-world problems.

5. What has been the most challenging part of your work and why?

One of the biggest challenges has been navigating professional spaces that do not always encourage open debate and discussion the way JNU did. Adapting to rigid structures while maintaining an independent thought process has required the balance of patience and assertiveness—both skills I honed at JNU

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

There are many countless memories—spirited debates at Ganga Dhaba, late-night study sessions that turned into storytelling marathons, and, of course, the much-needed breaks at the canteens. Those chai breaks with friends after long lectures were often the best part of the day, filled with laughter, conversations, and plans for the next big discussion or protest!

7. What would your message be to the readers of JNU News and students of JNU?

Make the most of your time at JNU. Learn, question, explore, and don't forget to enjoy the journey. Some of your best lessons will come not just from books but from conversations over a cup of chai with friends. JNU is not just a place it's a way of thinking that will stay with you forever.

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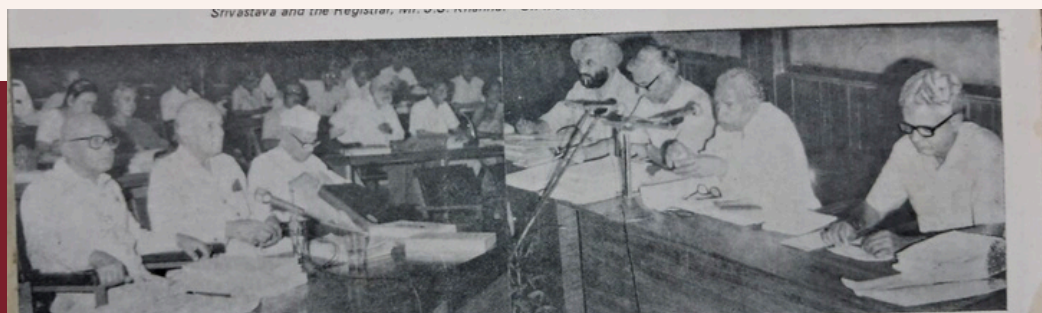
Camping in Baralacha 16,200 ft. with frozen lake



A scene from Gaon Ka Naam Sasurel, Mera Naam Damad



Kiren Segal who gave a lovely performance of Bharata Natyam at JNU Campus



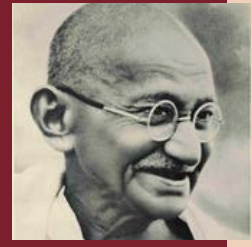
JNU Court in Session. The Chancellor Prof. D.S. Kothari is addressing the members. On his right is VC Prof. P.N. Srivastava and Registrar, Mr. J. S. Khanna. On his left is Rector.



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