

# Jawaharlal Nehru University



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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.



Literacy in itself is no education. Literacy is not the end of education or even the beginning.



Arise, awake, stop not till the goal is reached.



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#### **An Interview with:**

Prof. Parul Dave Mukherji, Dean, School of Arts & Aesthetics, JNU.



#### Q 1. How were you introduced to JNU?

Through friends, through media and through my own research.

## Q 2. How would you describe your experience here?

Life changing! It taught me a lesson that academics cannot be restricted to the walls of the University. It has been invigorating to teach and carry out research here. I have learnt a lot from some extraordinary colleagues and exceptional students. Teaching is not about passing knowledge from a higher to a lower level but sharing in discovering new perceptions, new ways of seeing the world.

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

My entry into JNU was via deanship and I had to plunge into it from day one. Quite a trying experience to start with but over time, I gained strength from collegiality and learned that that much can be attained through teamwork.

# Q 4. What are some of the goals for the school/centres in the next few years?

To have separate MA's in all the three streams of the School- Cinema Studies, Theatre and Performance Studies and Visual Studies. This will help in making teaching more rigorous and conducive to research orientation. To have better capacity to expand the archive and receive donations of books and resources from major figures in the field. To better facilitate original thinking and disciplinary reflections.

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

Keep thinking boldly and fearlessly and connect what you learn here with what you experience in life.

#### **Movements & Appointments**

#### New Appointments/ Deans/ Directors/ Chairpersons Directors

• Dr. Reeta Sony A.L., Special Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, as Deputy Director (Legal).

#### **Chairpersons**

- Prof. P. Sahadevan, as Chairperson, Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies.
- Dr. Priti Singh, as Chairperson, Centre for Canadian, US and Latin American Studies, School of International Studies.
- Prof. Supriya Chakraborty, as Chairperson, Special Centre for Systems Medicine.

#### Coordinator

 Prof. Bijoy Kumar Kuanr, Special Centre for Nano Sciences as Coordinator, (CIS).

#### **Proctors**

 Dr. Uma Purushothaman, Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies, School of International Studies, as Proctor.

#### Faculty

- Dr. Vishal Chauhan, CHS, SSS
- Dr. Uma Purushothaman, CCUS & LAS, SIS
- Dr. Rohan Venkatesh Halapeti Choudhari, CPS, SSS
- Dr. Krishna Murthy, CMS, SSS
- Dr. Sandeep Kumar, SCNS
- Dr. Arijit Mallich, SES
- Dr. Sami Ahmad Khan, CES, SLL & CS
- Dr. Karunakar Kar, SLS
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#### Wardens

- Dr. Pravesh Kumar, CCP&PT, as Warden, Narmada Hostel.
- Dr. Amit Kumar Mishra, SES, as Warden, Jhelum Hostel.
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- Dr. Gopal Ram, CL/SLL&CS, as Warden, Kaveri Hostel.
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- Dr. Ramovatar Meena, SES, as Warden, Sabarmati Hostel.
- Dr. Abhijeet Dwivedi, SCDR, as Warden, Mahi/Mandavi Hostel.
- Dr. Garima Dalal, LEC, as Warden, Chandrabhaga Hostel.
- Dr. Smita Sonkar, SPS, as Warden, Koyna Hostel.
- Dr. Abhimanyu Singh Arha, CHS/SSS, as Warden, Narmada Hostel.

#### Administration

- Sh. Vipin Kumar, Wireman, Engineering Department.
- Sh. Subhash, Wireman, Engineering Department.

#### Retirements/ Resignations/ Voluntary Retirements/ Relieved

- Sh. Harish Naraindas, CSSS, SSS
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- Sh. A.K. Ramakrishnan, CWAS, SIS
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- Smt. Neelam, P.S., Administration Branch-I

- Ms. Farzana, Senior Assistant, Administration Branch-I
- Smt. Shipra Chakrawarty, Senior Assistant, Administration Branch-I
- Smt. Suman Sharma, P.S., Administration Branch-I
- Sh. Janki Prasad, Ex Semi Professional Assistant, Central Library.
- Sh. Laxmi Narayan Mahato, Gestetner Operator, Engineering Department.
- Sh. Mohd. Imteyazuddin, Junior Engineer (Civil), Engineer Department.
- Sh. Ratan Lal Meena, Wireman, Administration Branch-III

- Sh. Amit, Junior Assistant, Administration Branch-I
- Sh. Pawan Kumar, Junior Assistant, Administration Branch-I
- Sh. Ajay Kumar Meena, Junior Assistant, Administration Branch-I
- Sh. Rahul Kumar, Junior Assistant, Administration Branch-I
- Sh. Pavan Kumar Meena, Junior Assistant, Administration Branch-I

### List of Events organised in JNU

Date	Details of Events
3/4/2024	CHS organised a seminar by Dr. Pratyay Nath
4/4/2024	SCSNEI organised a seminar by Dr. C. Lalmuansangkimi
4/4/2024	SSS organised a special lecture on 'Representation of Political Drama on Screen' by Indian Film Maker Mr. Sudhir Mishra
5/4/2024	CMS organised one day International Seminar on "Digital Media & Mobile Journalism"
10/4/2024	CHS organised a seminar by Prof. Sudeshna Guha
10/4/2024	ZHCES organised a seminar by Prof. John Portz
12/4/2024	Greek Chair organised an International Conference on "Greece and India: History, Society, Science & Entrepreneurship"
12/4/2024	CEAS organised a panel discussion on "Place and Identity in China and India"
13/04/2024	ZHCES organised a seminar by Prof. Kris Acheson-Clair
14/04/2024	JNU celebrated Bheem Saptah
17/04/2024	SCMM organised International Symposium on "Advancements in Medical Research & AI Integration"
18/04/2024	CSSS organised a lunch of the book "Ways of Being Indian"
18/04/2024	CHS organised a seminar by Prof. Swadhin Sen
18/04/2024	ICC organised a seminar on "Prevention Through Education: Increasing Awareness of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace"
22/04/2024	SES organised National Seminar on "Current Environmental Challenges and Solutions through Mission Life (NSCECSM-LiFE 2024)
23/04/2024	CESP organised a seminar by Surajit Mazumdar
24/04/2024	CHS organised a lecture by Dr. Aparna Balachandran on "Protestant State, Catholic Subjects: Religion, Law, and Caste in Early Colonial India"
24/04/2024	SLS organised a seminar by Prof. Ashwani Pareek
24/04/2024	CES, SIS organised Young Scholars' Conference on "Europe and the European Union - Challenges and Choices"
24/04/2024	ABVSME organised a lecture by Mayank Joshi
25/04/2024	SLS organised a guest lecture by Prof. Jeremy Simpson
26/04/2024	ABVSME organised a one day Workshop on "ALTRYX" by Mr. Lakshay Sharma
1/5/2024	CHS organised a lecture by Dr Zaen Alkazi ABVSME organised IPR Awareness Programme by HUL
2/5/2024	SPS Celebrated Women in Mathematics
3/5/2024	CMS organised a Special Lecture by Mr. Pradeep Bhandari

3/5/2024	CWAS, SIS organised Tenth Young Scholars' Conference
4/5/2024	SLS organised TrendZ 2024 - Student Research Symposium
6/5/2024	CMS organised a seminar on "Western Media Ecosystem and Framing of India: Exploring the dynamics of the Propaganda"
9/5/2024	CSSE&IP organised a Book Launch
9/5/2024	CMS organised a workshop on "Contemporary Research Practices in Media Industry"
11/5/2024	CSSP Celebrated National Technology Day 2024
17/05/2024	SC&SS organised International Conference on "3rd international conference on advanced communication and intelligent systems (ICACIS-2024)"
17/05/2024	JNU organised Awareness Campaign by Prof. Anurag Deep
20/05/2024	CSSS organised GSP lecture on "Decolonizing Indian Knowledge System in India"
21/05/2024	ABVSME organised one day national workshop on "Career in Business Management & Allied Disciplines"
22/05/2024	CCPPT, SIS organised a seminar by Mollica Dastider
27/05/2024	SSIS organised an International Virtual Symposium on "The Universal Message of Bhagavan Buddha"
29/05/2024	CHS organised a workshop to mark 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and Finland
31/05/2024	CCUSLAS organised a distinguished lecture by Prof. Abdul Nafey
31/05/2024	SBT organised Summer School - Biomanufacturing 2024
31/05/2024	CWAS, SIS organised a one-day symposium on WANA in Indian Imagination: Symposium in Honour of Prof. A. K. Ramakrishnan
5/6/2024	SLS organised an Alumni talk by Dr. Sayanta Bera
5/6/2024	SIS organised Global Webinar on the 2024 World Environment Day
18/06/2024	SLS organised a seminar by Dr. Amit Singh
18/06/2024	SLS organised a seminar by Dr. Ullas Kolthur-Seetharam
21/06/2024	IHA organised 10th International Day of Yoga
21/06/2024	ABVSME organised Faculty Development Program on "Exploring Data Analytics & Artificial Intelligence"
24/06/2024	SLS organised a seminar by Dr. Rupinder Kaur
28/06/2024	SLS organised an Expert Talk by Prof. K.C. Upadhyaya
28/06/2024	SLS organised Summer Research Workshop - 2024
29/06/2024	SC&SS organised International Conference on "Intelligent Computing and Communication Techniques"

#### **Campus Activities**

**Sports Office organized following events:** 

## Celebration of 10<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga (IDY):

10<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga was celebrated with full enthusiasm and energy in Jawaharlal Nehru University. The program was organised by Yoga Kendra in coordination with Sports Office, NCC, NSS under the aegis of Office of Dean of Students.

Following activities were organised to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> IDY in university:

#### **Poem Writing and Painting Competition:**

Poem writing and painting competition was organised on 19-06-2024 from 5.00 to 7.00 PM in Convention canter. The theme of the activities was Yoga for self and society. Students took part in the event enthusiastically and participation included students, staff faculty and dependents. The participants depicted the importance of yoga in our lives through their innovative imagination and beautiful art.

#### Meditation session by Bramhakumaris:

A meditation session with a theme of unlocking the mind through meditation was carried out by dignitaries from Bramhakumari. Along with focusing on the importance of Dhyana in our dayto-day life, the speakers also made the audience experience the ecstatic and blissful joy of meditation.

### Mass practice of Common Yoga - Protocol on International Day of Yoga -

Approx 200 members of JNU Community performed Yoga – Protocol as mentioned by Ayush Ministry. The program was organised from 6.30 am to 7.45 am. The program was also attended by Honourable Vice – Chancellor of the University Prof. SantishreeDhulipudi Pandit, Rector II Prof. Dipendra Nath Das, Dean of Students Prof. Manuradha Chaudhary, Chief Proctor Prof. Sudheer Arya and other faculty, officers and staff.

The prizes of the Yoga and Sports competition was distributed after the common Yoga Protocol practice.





#### **Annual Prize distribution for Sports:**

Prize distribution ceremony for the students was organised for winners and participants of different sports activities conducted during the year 2023-24. The winners of the events along with national and international players were also felicitated by Vice – Chancellor, JNU.



#### **NCC Events**

#### World Earth Day 2024

On the occasion of World Earth Day 2024, the NCC unit of Jawaharlal Nehru University organized a series of events and activities to raise awareness about environmental protection and sustainability. This year's theme, "Restore our Earth", emphasizes the importance of taking pro active steps to heal and preserve our planet.

The day concluded with a pledge ceremony, where cadets and participants committed to making environmentally conscious choices in their daily lives. This symbolic gesture underscores the collective responsibility we all share in safeguarding our planet for future generations.

World Earth Day 2024 serves as a reminder of our duty to protect and restore our environment. The NCC unit of JNU remains dedicated to promoting sustainable practices and inspiring others to join the global movement for a healthier, greener Earth.







#### **Social Service Drive**

The ANO & Cadets of 2 DAB NCC JNU embarked on a mission to clean Gyarah murti as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission. Their dedication and hard work exemplify the true spirit of service and contribution to society. With unwavering commitment, our cadet stackled the task of cleaning Gyarah murti, demonstrating their passion for creating a cleaner and healthier environment for all. Their efforts are a shining example of the values instilled by the NCC – discipline, teamwork and social responsibility.

As we strive for a Swachha Bharat, we also pave the way for a Swastha Bharat and Viksit Bharat – a cleaner, healthier and more developed India. Let's applaud the ANO & Cadets of 2 DAB NCC JNU for their outstanding contribution and continue to work together towards a brighter future for our nation.







#### Seminars/Conferences/Workshops/Lectures

#### **Special Centre for Tamil Studies**

Tamil is one of the six ancient classical languages in the world, which is still in public and academic use. Tolkāppiyam (5th century BCE) is known as the oldest grammar of Tamil. Starting from Sangam literature to date it has 3000 years of unbroken literary tradition which continues as Didactic, Kavya, Bhakthi, Prabandha, and Modern literature genres. The development of these genres is not unrelated to each other; it is in such a way that even the youngsters of this generation can understand. Based on the carbon dating results of the materials found during the recent excavations in Kīlati and Porunthal sites, scholars determined that they are from the 6th - 5th century BCE respectively. Pulimān kōmpai menhir considered to be of the 4th century BCE. Studying such a great literary, grammatical, cultural, and art history of Tamil and finding their values can pave the way to uplift the future society.

Accordingly, an attempt was made to start a Tamil Chair in the year 2000 at the Centre for Indian Languages, SLL&CS, JNU, New Delhi. Officially it began in 2007; gradually it was developed as a Tamil Stream providing Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) and Doctoral Degree (Ph.D.) courses in 2008

The Tamil Stream which has been performing excellently for 15 years has further developed into a Special Centre for Tamil Studies (SCTS) in 21st March 2023. Concerning the multi-lingual milieu of the University campus, SCTS primarily aims to do a comparative study of Tamil with various classical languages. These studies can help find the commonalities and their reason among Tamil and various other languages. The current faculty strength is two and further expansion is in progress.

SCTS has started the MAprogramme and UG& PG elective programme in current academic year (2024 - 2025).

#### Mission

Learning the languages and keenly studying Literature, Grammar, Culture, History, Art, etc. traditions of classical Tamil, comparing them with Indian/global traditions, and transferring the ideas for the integrated Social Upliftment towards the younger generation.

#### Vision

Bringing the human societies that differ in terms of language and culture under the common term "Humanity" through literary and cultural studies.

#### New Courses introduced by the SCTS

- SCTS has started edits in M.A. Programme in the current academic year. It consists of a total of 19 papers, amounting to 80 credits, spread over 4 semesters. Additionally, there is a 04-credit optional course, for P.G. students.
- SCTS has also started 02- credit optional course for UG students.
- Rajam Krishnan's Centenary Endowment has been established at SCTS. It will provide a monthly scholarship of Rs. 4,000 to one MA student selected based on academic merit.

#### Conference/Webinars organized by SCTS:

#### **International**

• A Seminar on Contributions of Professor R. Vijayalakshmy to Tamilology through Google meet, from 22.04.24 to 24.04.24 organised by Prof. R. Thamotharan. Various Speakers from Various Educational Institutions across the world delivered talks about the contributions of the professor on her teaching skills while teaching Tamil texts to foreign scholars and on her research skills. She joined the Event all the three days and gave his thoughts about the talks on the final day. Prof. Santishree Pandit, Honourable Vice Chancellor of JNU delivered the Presidential Address on the first day and released the Proceedings of the Webinaredited by a Scholar of SCTS.

#### Visits of Foreign Scholars

• SCTS, JNU organized a knowledge sharing session on 10th April 2024. Prof. Christos Arampatzis from Aristotle University, Greece was the chief guest. He shared his thoughts highlighting the cultural relationship between Tamil and Greek civilizations. Scholars and Faculty members of the SCTS along with Scholars of various universities have participated in this event.

### **Opening Ceremony of Special Centre for Tamil Studies**

• Special Centre for Tamil Studies celebrated its Opening Ceremony on the newly allocated space for the centre at the 4th Floor of SSS-3, JNU. On 22nd April 2024, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of JNU opened the Centre by lighting Kuthu Vilakku. It was followed by the Book releases. Professors, Students and Well-wishers from various centres and institutions were participated.



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor lighting the KuthuVilakku.



Book Release - Kurisal English Version

#### **Article Presentation in Conferences**

• Tamil Bharathan T K., On April 10, 2024, presented a research article titled "A Comparative Study of Tamil Grammar Tolkāppiyam and Corpus Aristotelicum" at the International Conference on the theme "Greece and India: History, Society, Science & Entrepreneurship" held at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.



Book Release - Kurisal Tamil Version

#### **Book launch**

• Thinai Kolgai Uruvakkamum Sadangiyal Thonmaviyal Moolangalum

This book is the Tamil translation of the English translation of the Russianbook Ritual and Mythological Sources of Early Tamil Poetry authored by Prof.Alexander M. Dubyansky (1941-1920). Prof. Dubyansky, a Russian, assiduously learnt Tamil in the late 1960s and obtained his doctoral degree specializing inthe topic "Mullai Thinai Padalgal" (The Poetry of the Forest Trope). Ritual and Mythological Sources of Early Tamil Poetry is an extension of Prof. Dubyansky's doctoral research.

In his attempt to investigate the source of Thinai, which is an exclusive feature of Tamil Akam poems, Prof. Dubyan sky posits that the ritualand mythological elements could have originated from the backdrop of Thinai.

This book, which was originally written in Russian was published in 1989. Later, it was translated in English in 2000. Now, P. Kamalakannan, doctoral research scholar at the Special Centre for Tamil Studies of JNU has translated Prof. Dubyansky's book from English to Tamil.

#### Discussion with foreign scholar

On June 15, 2024, Mr. Tamil Bharathan T. K., a Doctoral Scholar from SCTS, met with Professor Christina Davis from the Sociology and Anthropology department at Western Illinois University. Their discussion focused on the usage and transformation of the Tamil language in social media.

# The Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management and Entrepreneurship (ABVSME)

The Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management and Entrepreneurship (ABVSME), hosted a series of events during April to June 2024. These programs focused on a range of topics concerning management education ecosystem and helped students and other participants immensely.





The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Awareness Programme conducted on May 1st, 2024, by Hindustan Unilever Ltd. (HUL). The program aimed to educate PhD, M.S., and M.B.A. students of ABVSME, JNU, on the importance of Intellectual Property Rights and their application in the business world. The session focused on





raising awareness about Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) with a specific emphasis on brand image. Guest speaker Ms. Garima Singh provided a comprehensive overview of the legal aspects of IPR, covering topics such as patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. Her presentation offered valuable insights into the legal framework protecting intellectual property and the steps businesses can take to safeguard their innovations and brand identity. Mr. Devesh Pandey and Mr. Imtiaz discussed the crucial link between IPR and brand image. They explained how strong intellectual property protection contributes to building and maintaining a strong brand reputation. The speakers highlighted the importance of IPR in preventing competitor imitation, ensuring product quality, and fostering consumer trust.



A Summit on "Conscious Leadership for ESG and Sustainability" for a Developed India@2047 and a better world was jointly organized by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management and Entrepreneurship (ABVSME), JNU, and the Delhi Management Association on 18 May 2024, at the Convention Centre, JNU. The Summit had five

sessions: Understanding of ESG principles and their significance in modern Business Practices: Gender Parity and DE and I; Mindful Decision Making: Cultivating Awareness, Empathy and Mindfulness: Creating a Conscious Culture: Fostering Well-Being and environmental responsibility in organisations; Measuring success beyond profit: Re-defining Leadership metrics for ESG and Sustainability. The summit served as a dynamic forum for networking, knowledge exchange, and collaborative problem solving, inspiring attendees to embrace conscious leadership as a catalyst for transformative change. Participants left the event equipped with actionable insights and a renewed commitment to driving sustainable development in India and beyond. During Valedictory session was chaired by Prof. Dipendra Nath Das, Rector-II of JNU. In his address Prof Das provided an inspiring insight into JNU's unwavering dedication to sustainability and its continuous strides towards a more sustainable future.



# The National Workshop on "Careers in Business Management and Allied Disciplines,"

Organized by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management and Entrepreneurship (ABVSME), JNU. Chief Guest of the event was Prof. Ajay K Singh, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Business Studies at the University of Delhi.

He requested the participants present that the expectations and needs of companies have changed due to Covid, hence focus on multi skills.

He told the students that you all are fortunate that JNU is providing a big platform for many skills. This workshop had a total of four sessions, Career in Business Management, Corporate Readiness, Navigating Challenges in Job Market and Entrepreneurial Mindset for Career Growth. Prominent figures who spoke at the event included Prof. Aruna Jha, Vipin Agarwal, Monica Bansal, and Arpan Kar from IIT Delhi;

Dr. Rishi Mohan Bhatnagar, the chairman of IET Future Tech, Kartikadas Gupta from Amity University, Dr. Jatin Chawla, and Dr. Pushpendra Singh. The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR-NRC) sponsored this workshop.

The Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management & Entrepreneurship (ABVSME), JNU, New Delhi, hosted an online Faculty Development Program from 17th June to 21st June 2024. This program was designed to empower faculty members and research scholars in the dynamic and rapidly growing fields of data analytics and artificial intelligence.

The trainers were equipped from IBM career education partner, Lloyd Business School which had IBM certified trainers.

The sessions conducted by Dr Mohanty of Jamovi and ML, Dr Neetu Kamra on IBM Watson and Cognos, Prof Mohit Agrawal on PowerBIand Prof Neha Issar in SQL.

The program was attended by a diverse group of faculty members and Ph.D. scholars who actively participated in the hands-on training sessions and quizzes based on real-time data sets.

The comprehensive modules and real-world case studies provided valuable insights into the application of data science and AI in various industries.

#### **School of Life Sciences**

During the aforesaid period, the following two events were organized by the School of Life Sciences-

Name of Event: SLS TrendZ 2024: A Student Research Symposium

**Duration of the organized event:** 3-4 May, 2024

#### **Summary of the Event:**

The School of Life Sciences organized 'SLS TrendZ 2024: A Student Research Symposium' scheduled from 3-4 May 2024. The aim of this research symposium was to provide a platform for doctoral students to present their research findings, develop presentation skills, receive feedback, and network with peers and professionals in their respective fields of study.

During the two days of symposium, a total of 27 presentations were made by the 5<sup>th</sup> year Ph D students of SLS. This symposium was sponsored by Arjyopa Healthcare LLP, Assam.

The event commenced with the registration of all participants, and a formal inauguration, marked by an address of Prof. Supriya Chakraborty, Dean of the School. Professor Chakraborty highlighted the significance of Student Research Symposium and the potential outcomes that help foster scientific excellence.

During the symposium, scientific presentations based on original research in diverse domains of Life Sciences were made, including Neuroscience & Biology of Behaviour, Cancer Therapeutics, Plant Biology, Gene Regulation, Biology of Diseases, Computational Biology, Fungal Biology, Structural Biology, and Immunology & Immune Disorders.

Doctoral students showcased their research on this platform, thereby reflecting their understanding and knowledge in their respective field of studies. During this period, students could connect with peers, and faculty members which helped improve their public speaking and presentation skills, crucial for their professional careers. An interesting dimension of this symposium was the exposure of scholars to diverse research domains within the Life Sciences, which broadened their perspectives and encouraged interdisciplinary approaches to problem-solving. Feedback from faculty members and peers motivated the students to refine their research and to improve the quality of their work.

The event was concluded with a vote of thanks expressing gratitude to the all speakers, attendees, and organizers. The scientific efforts showcased by the SLS scholars during this research symposium were acknowledged, emphasizing the importance of such events in fostering a vibrant life scientific community. The organizers also expressed their gratitude to M/s Arjyopa Healthcare, Assam for sponsoring this event.



Name of Event: Summer Research Workshop (SRW) 2024 on 'Advances in Life Sciences: From Genomes to Metabolism'

**Duration of the organized event:** 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

#### **Summary of the event:**

School of Life Sciences (SLS), JNU organized a Summer Research Workshop (SRW) 2024 on 'Advances in Life Sciences: From Genomes to Metabolism' during 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024





supported by the DBT-BUILDER Project. The aim of this workshop was to expose the UG and PG students from national universities/institutesto the cutting-edge research in the field of Life Sciences through scientific lectures, and hands-on training in state-of-art laboratory at SLS. Total 406 applications were received from the potential participants across the country, and 30 participants from 20 states of the country were selected to attend this summer research workshop. The inaugural session of SRW-2024 was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 in the Auditorium, SLS. This session was graced by the auspicious presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JNU Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit and Rector-I, JNU Prof. Satish Chandra Garkoti. The Chief Guest of the inaugural session was PadmaShri Prof. Balram Bhargava, Former Director-General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Government of India, an eminent cardiologist and aneminent scientist in biomedical innovation and public health.

The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Supriya Chakraborty, Dean of SLS. He appraised



the esteemed gathering about the recent scientific achievements and new academic programs/specializations in M.Sc. Life Sciences as per NEP 2020. In the inaugural speech, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, JNU underscored the University's dedication to advancing research and its continuous support for capacity development programs for students. Prof. Pandit's illustrious presence in the inaugural session brought unparalleled prestige to the event. Further, in his remarks, Prof. Garkoti also reflected on the institution's commitment to research excellence and its pivotal role in fostering academic growth. The Chief Guest of the inaugural session, Padma Shri Prof. Balram Bhargava delivered the keynote address on 'Covid-19 Vaccine Development in India'. He highlighted the crucial rolesof the Govt of India in particular that of ICMR during the pandemic, overseeing the research development of COVID-19 vaccines in the country. Under his guidance, ICMR partnered with M/s Bharat Biotech to develop Covaxin, India's indigenous COVID-19 vaccine. His leadership was instrumental in accelerating the vaccine's development, clinical trials, and regulatory approvals. His inspiring speech provided valuable insights into the latest advancements and future directions in vaccine research in the country, and encouraged participants to pursue innovative research endeavors in this field.

During the workshop, there were total 25 lecture sessions by the SLS faculty members, 4 invited talks by national and international experts in the field, and hand-on-sessions for all participants throughout the workshop in different research laboratories of SLS. All participants were also

exposed to the advanced research facilities available in central facility of SLS, Advanced Instrument Research Facility (AIRF), JNU, Plant Green House Facility, and Central Laboratory of Animal Resources Facility, JNU.

The valedictory session of the event was held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024. A special talk by Prof. Kailash C. Upadhyaya, Former Professor of SLS, was organized to highlight the conceptual advancements in genetic and molecular biology.

Prof. Supriya Chakraborty, Dean of SLS, appreciated the learning outcomes of all the participants and invited feedback about the workshop. This session was presided over by all faculty members and the invited speaker. All participants received a 'Certificate of Participation' from the organizers. The workshop concluded with expressions of gratitude to all participants, faculty members and the DBT, Government of India for their contributions.



#### **School of Computer & System Sciences**

The 3rd International Conference on Advanced Communication and Intelligent Systems (1CACIS 2024) was organized on 16<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 by School Computer and Systems Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi with the collaboration of Warsaw Management University, Poland and ADSRS.

ICACIS 2024 had garnered a monumental response, with over 1000 research papers were submitted from more than 40 countries around the globe.



 $16^{\text{th}}-17^{\text{th}}$  May 2024 were set to be a nexus of intellectual exchange and innovation. All members were engaged with the wealth of knowledge, experience, and perspectives that this conference brought together.

ICACIS 2024 was not just a platform for academic discourse but a celebration of the collaborative spirit that derived progress.

ICACIS 2024 conference was inaugurated by Dignitaries (Prof K. K. Aggarwal President, South Asian University, Prof. Zahid Raza, Dean, SC&SS, JNU, New Delhi, Prof. B. K. Singh Director – IIITDM, Jabalpur, Prof. Prateek Sharma Vice-Chancellor – DTU, New Delhi).

Welcome to the International Conference on Intelligent Computing & Communication Technique ICICCT - 2024, which is a two-day learning opportunity in this fantastic forum at School of Computer and Systems Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.We are very excited to note that this conference has attracted some of the most renowned resource personnel and representation from many International and National areas in our audience with diverse and dynamic representation. Conference was start with the traditional lightening of the lamp along with Maa Saraswati Vandana. The conference was started lightening the lamp by Chief Guest Professor M.N.Doja Director of IIIT Sonepat, Guest of Honors Professor Rajeev Tripathi MNNIT Allahabad, Professor Abdul Qaiyyum Ansari Jamia Millia Islamia, Dr. K.K. Soundra Pandian Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India, New Delhi, General Chair Professor Zahid Raza, Dean of School of Computer and Systems Sciences JNU, and Professor D. K. Lobiyal JNU, New Delhi, Mr. Avnish Kumar, Director of Evedant Foundation, Conference Chair Professor Arvind Dagur, Galgotias University, Dr. Sushil Kumar and Dr. Karan Singh, JNU, New Delhi,. The conference is blessed by Chief Patron of the International conference



ICICCT 2024. General Chair, Prof D.K. Lobiyal welcome the gathering. School is address by General Chair, Prof. Zahid Raza. The conference is briefed by Prof. Arvind Dagur. All delegates unveil the souvenir of Conference. The

conference is addressed by scientist Dr. K.K .Soundra Pandian, Prof. Abdul Qaiyyum Ansari, Prof. Khairol Amali Bin, Mr . Avanish Kumar, and Professor Rajeev Tripathi from MNNIT Allahabad. Finally, the conference is inaugural by the chief guest of this International Conference Prof.M. N. Doja. Dr. Karan Singh the conference chair gave the vote of thanks. The keynotespeech was given by Professor Mansaf Alam, and Prof. Anurag Jain. First day, the paper presentation was delivered in 6 parallel sessions through face to face mode. The certificates were distributed to face to face authors, session chairs, volunteers and Attendees. Second days, the paper presented in 26 parallel sessions through online mode. More than 300 papers have been presented in this two-day conference. A huge thanks to all our Guest, Speakers, Authors, Participants and Attendees.

#### हिंदी कार्यशाला की रिपोर्ट

जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय, नई दिल्ली में दिनांकः 24-06-2024 को एक दिवसीय हिंदी कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यशाला का आयोजन केसा-225, प्रशासन भवन में किया गया। यह कार्यशाला विश्वविद्यालय



के अनुभाग अधिकारियों व कनिष्ठ सहायक के लिए आयोजित की गई थी। कार्यशाला में दो सत्र रखे गए। प्रथम सत्र में 41 अनुभाग अधिकारियों को नामित किया गया। इनमें से 28 अनुभाग अधिकारियों ने कार्यशाला में भाग लिया। वहीं,

दूसरे सत्र में भी 39 कनिष्ठ सहायकों को नामित किया गया था जिनमें से 26 कनिष्ठ सहायक अपनी प्रतिभागिता दर्ज कराई। कार्यशाला का विषय क्रमशः 'नोटिंग ड्राफ्टिंग और अन्य संगत विषय 'तथा' ऑनलाइन अनुवाद टूल-कंठस्थ "2" का प्रशिक्षण' था।



प्रथम सत्र में विषय-विशेषज्ञ के रूप में डॉ. बी. राकेश दुबे, पूर्व नीति निदेशक, गृह मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली उपस्थित हुए। हिंदी कार्यशाला का संचालन श्री स्मेर सिंह, सहायक निदेशक (रा.भा.), राजभाषा प्रकोष्ठ ने किया। प्रथम सत्र का उद्घाटन प्रो. रविकेश, क्लसचिव ने किया। उन्होंने एक शॉल, हिंदी प्स्तक और एक स्मृति चिह्न भेंट कर अतिथि वक्ता का औपचारिक स्वागत-सत्कार किया तथा सभी नामित अधिकारियों से आग्रह किया कि वे अन्भवी वक्ता के ज्ञान का लाभ उठाकर हिंदी कार्यशाला को रूचिकर बनाएं और अपने कार्यालयी कामकाज में राजभाषा हिंदी का आधिकाधिक प्रयोग बढाएं। उन्होंने कहा कि तकनीक में हिंदी का प्रयोग बढ़ाकर राजभाषा में कार्यालयी कामकाज स्चारु रूप से किया जा सकता है। उन्होंने कहा कि अपनी भाषा के प्रति स्वाभिमान से ही देश और समाज की प्रगति बेहतर होती है।

डॉ. बी. राकेश दुबे, ने अपने व्याख्यान में नोटिंग ड्राफ्टिंग और अन्य संगत विषयों के बारे में विस्तार से जानकारी दी। उन्होंने हिंदी के अन्य



पहलुओं पर भी प्रकाश डाला। अतिथि वक्ता ने इस बात पर बल दिया कि हिंदी में काम उतनी ही सहजता एवं सरलता के साथ किया जा सकता है जितना कि अंग्रेजी में। उन्होंने बताया कि सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी समय की मांग है। इसकी सहायता से हम अपना दैनंदिन कामकाज आसानी से हिंदी में कर सकते हैं। उनका व्याख्यान काफी उपयोगी एवं लाभप्रद रहा।

प्रथम सत्र के समापन के अवसर पर विश्वविद्यालय के सहायक निदेशक (रा.भा.) ने ई-ऑफिस में कंठस्थ-2 के माध्यम से ग्रीन नोट का अनुवाद करने के लिए व्यावहारिक डेमो भी दिया। इसके बाद एक "समूह फोटो" लेकर प्रथम सत्र समाप्त हुआ।

दूसरे सत्र में विषय-विशेषज्ञ के रूप में श्री कमलेश कुमार मिश्र, वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक(राजभाषा), पंजाब नेशनल बैंक, केंद्रीय सतर्कता आयोग प्रतिनियुक्ति पर नई दिल्ली पधारे। श्री अजय वर्मा, कनिष्ठ हिंदी अनुवाद अधिकारी ने एक हिंदी पुस्तक देकर अतिथि वक्ता का स्वागत-सम्मान किया। श्री कमलेश कुमार मिश्र ने 'ऑनलाइन अनुवाद टूल-कंठस्थ"2" का प्रशिक्षण' विषय पर विस्तारपूर्वक चर्चा की। उनका व्यावहारिक व्याख्यान सभी प्रतिभागियों के लिए निश्चित रूप से लाभप्रद रहा है। दूसरे सत्र के समापन के

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(सुमेर सिंह) सहायक निदेशक (रा.भा.) राजभाषा प्रकोष्ठ

#### **Alumni Corner**

#### Sh. Ajay Yadav, IAS, Joint Secretary to Government of India



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

I joined JNU in year 1999, a long time back from now. I would describe my association with JNU as stunning as it shook me out of slumber of half knowledge and near ignorance to a fresh bright light of reasoning and self-realization. I was awed by the large campus, un-plastered red brick buildings and relaxed environs of JNU. I felt proud of myself to have come here.

## Why did you choose JNU for higher studies?

I had completed my B.A. (History) from Fergusson College in Pune. During this period I also used to interact with Pune University M.A. students and faculty there; I wanted a higher exposure as I felt the city was not able to satisfy my quench of knowledge, debate and reasoning on various questions in History.

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

I did my M.A. (Ancient History) in CHS, JNU from 1999-2001. I was not selected for MPhil in CHS, which I really wanted so as to take my research interest to a

PhD. This was a tough phase as I was forced to pause my fast-wheeling drift into the research questions that had gripped me since my B.A. days. I had to take a year off to assess my capabilities, priorities and likely future. Next year I joined Centre for West Asian Studies as it was the time of US-Iraq war and completed my MPhil in India's foreign policy during this challenging phase. Simultaneously, I was also appearing for UPSC examinations. I cleared the C.S.E. 2005 with AIR 90 and joined government in Indian Administrative Service (2006 batch). I was allotted Tamil Nadu cadre. I spent next ten years there in various capacities: as Trainee in Madurai, Sub-Collector in Mayiladuthurai subdivision Nagapattinam district (now Mayiladuthurai has become a district HQ), enforced VAT laws in Coimbatore as Jt. Commissioner, Commercial taxes, as Commissioner, Tirunelveli Municipal Corporation, as Collctor, Vellore district, Commissioner. Municipal Administration and then helped conduct Assembly and Parliamentary elections as Jt. Chief Electoral Officer. In late 2016, I came to Government of India on deputation and worked as Dy Secretary in Ministry of Commerce. This job gave me an opportunity to represent India in various trade negotiations as country-lead for Sanitary & Phyto-sanitary (SPS) and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) agreements/issues. After three years stint, I requested for a lateral shift to come to Ministry of Culture to be part of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The step was to revive my original interest in ancient history and update

myself with latest status of excavations and explorations. I served as a Director and Additional Director General in ASI for around two years, before I was asked to join Cabinet Secretariat on my promotion as Joint Secretary. On completion of my Central deputation in 2023, I decided to go back to my original passion that of completing my PhD. Government was kind to grant me study leave enabling me to pursue a DPhil in Archaeology. This is where I am today in my second year of DPhil in University of Oxford.

### How has JNU impacted your multifaceted career?

When I look at people around me and interact with them, it does not take much time to get an idea of their academic background, mental disposition and biases. It is generally easy to find an imprint of JNU on a person if he/she has passed through its portals. This imprint is of not judging the other; giving credence to strength of idea than the person enunciating them and toleration of divergent views. I imbibe this spirit and this has helped me in my carrier to deal with people and situations. JNU has helped me to look at solutions not the solution. It has taught me to be steadfast to my duties and responsibilities and if needed to look for solutions beyond hierarchies and focus on what is right, not what is appropriate.

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

Most challenging part is to challenge yourself to do what is right, what serves the people best, what safeguards the values of constitution and not to come under pressure to do what people want you to do that is not right, but appropriate at that point. I would not like to recount specific instances.

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

Yes. In 1999 the year I had joined JNU and was high on ancient history, I saw the Bamiyan Buddhas being cannoned by Afghan Taliban Government. I could not sleep for some days and consternation burned me inside out. I remember, I went to a TV crew that was reporting on the matter and gave a passionate discharge to my agitation.

Again, in year 2000 there was an agitation in the campus against Nestle and there was a GBM and a matter had gripped all the students. I may have a different view on the matter now, but my memory of united strength of students and power of rational ideas and passionate speeches still thrills me.

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

When a JNU student (who has really imbibed the rational and critical spirit of JNU) goes out, he/she can make out how the society is largely filled by people with myopic visions. It is JNU that gives one a vision that is broad to gaze through a large view and at the same time it gives humility to also look within.

### Obituary

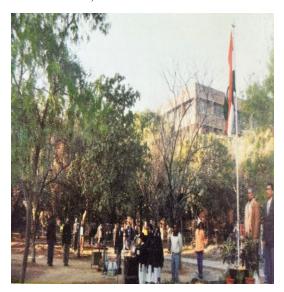


Sh. Ombir, Plumber, Engineering Department, Passed Away on Thrusday, 16 May, 2024.

#### **From Our Archives**



Prof. Harbans Mukhia, Rector, delivered the inaugural address on Indo – German Workshop. He is being welcomed by Ms. Chitralekha (M.Phil. CSSS/SSS). From the right Prof. T.K. Oomen, Prof. Nandu Ram, Prof. Mukhia, Dr. Frank Weiz.





A high level delegation led by Dr. J. Nemoto, Chairman, NYK, called on the Vice – Chancellor, Prof. Asis Datta, and discussed matters of mutual cooperation.



The Republic Day was celebrated at the Academic Complex of the JNU on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2001. Prof. Asis Datta, Vice – Chancellor, hoisted the National Flag. A large gathering of the Faculty, Students, Staff and Children was present. The children of Kendriya Vidyalaya, JNU Campus, presented patriotic songs on the occasion. Later, sweets were distributed by the Vice – Chancellor amongst the children.



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