Cultural Club Activities – April, 2018 – Dec., 2018

Date	Event	Venue	Organised by
July, 15-30	Membership Drive	IHA & Convention Centre	Cultural Committee, IHA
Aug, 9	Orientation Programme	Convention Centre	IHA
Aug, 10	Beat the Plastic Drive	KC to Admn. Block	Nature & Wildlife Club
Aug, 16 – 18	JNU & SPICMACAY Virasat (Musical prog./ Workshops)	Convention Centre / Student Activity Centre	JNU Clubs & SPICMACAY
Aug, 24	Musical Prog. By Lakshya & Ayush Mohan	Convention Centre	Literary Club
Sept, 6-10	Rang Bayar Drama Festival	Convention Centre	Drama Club
Sept, 17	Musical Workshop & Presentation	Convention Centre	Music Club
Sept, 29	Nature Walk	JNU to Qutub Minar	Nature & Wildlife Club
Oct 10	JNU & SPICMACAY Virasat (Musical prog Sitar recital by Pt. Shubhendra Rao)	Convention Centre	JNU Clubs & SPICMACAY
Oct 23	JNU & SPICMACAY Virasat (Kathak performance by Vidushi Shovana Narayan)	Convention Centre	JNU Clubs & SPICMACAY
Oct 25	Annual JNU Cultural Festival Miraki	Convention Centre	Cultural Clubs

JNU Cultural Club

July $15^{th} - 30^{th}$

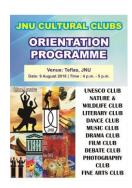
A membership drive of the 9 clubs of students was organized at the Convention Centre during the time of new admissions. For the ongoing students the registration was from 15-23 July and for freshers it was from 23-30 July. The students enthusiastically became members of the various clubs of JNU, being run by the IHA.



JNU Cultural Club

August 9th

JNU Cultural Club organised an Orientation Programme for the freshers under the banner of IHA to acquaint the students with the activities of the various clubs present on the campus. During the programme, a calendar of the events was also presented of the activities to be conducted during the year 2018-19.



JNU Nature and Wildlife Club

August 10th

JNU Nature & Wildlife club in collaboration with IHA, JNU have successfully organised Beat Plastic Pollution Rally cum Awareness Drive on 10th August, 2018. It was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. M Jagadesh Kumar along with Prof. Meeta Narain, Coordinator, Cultural clubs, Dr. Sudesh Yadav, Prof. Incharge of JNU Nature and wildlife club at Ganga bus



stop. The purpose of the rally was to spread the theme of World Environment Day i.e Beat





Plastic Pollution by sensitizing the campus crowd to help reduce the usage and dependence on plastic from our daily life.

The volunteers of the rally distributed the leaflets which is comprised of ordinance by the JNU administration, which strictly prohibits the use of single use plastic by the shops and dhabas of the campus. The rally covered nearly all the shops and dhabas that are present on campus. The termination of the rally took place at Sabarmati lawn wherein the students volunteers performed a nukkad natak



spreading the message our campus a plastic free zone. Nature & wildlife club is really thankful to the Dean of students for extending all the support and encouragement with the event for making it a success.

JNU Clubs & SPICMACAY August 16-18

The Cultural Clubs, Office of Dean of Students Welfare, IHA in collaboration with SPIC MACAY organized the 'VIRASAT 2018' programme of Hindustani Classical vocal and instrumental recital by World Renowned artists Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia ji on flute and Vidushi Sudha Raghunathan - Carnatic music, at the Convention Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University. The programme was attended by the Vice – Chancellor, JNU, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar along with Rector I and II, Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra and Prof. S. C. Garkoti and other senior officials of JNU.





JNU Music & Literary Club

August 24

JNU Music and Literary Club organized a musical evening of Jugalbandi – Sitar and Sarod performance by the Mohan Brothers, Lakshay Mohan & Aayush Mohan on 24th August at the Convention Centre. The Mohan Brothers have emerged as a strong force on the face of Indian Art and cultural and are playing a significant role in glorifying cultural heritage and are taking it to new audiences in India and abroad. They were the first Indians to be invited to perform



at the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles. India Today has hailed them as harbingers of Indian Classical Music. Their unique style of playing Jugalbandi has enabled them to emerge as youth icons & trendsetters in taking classical music to the mainstream. In 2016 Lakshay Mohan & Aayush Mohan were nominated for the Global Indian Music Academy Awards for Best Classical Instrumental.

In 2015 Lakshay & Aayush became the only North Indian Instrumentalists who were invited to perform at the World's largest South Indian Music Festival in Cleveland, USA – the Thyagaraja Festival. They recently emerged as talented composers when their composition which amalgamated Indian Classical and Western Classical styles was applauded by connoisseurs in India and abroad. The collaboration was performed to packed audiences at major concert venues in India like Siri Fort Auditorium (Delhi), The Nehru Center (Mumbai) and Chowdiah Memorial Hall (Bengaluru).



JNU Drama Club

September 6-10

This year JNU drama club is organising the 7th edition of 'Rang Bayaar' from 6th September to 10th September at 9 p.m. Convention Centre, JNU. With tremendous enthusiasm. These evenings will be filled with theatrical performances by Bollygrad, IPTA, Wings, Sehar, and Bahroop



JNU Music Club

September 17th



The JNU Music Club organizes a musical evening and presentation on 17th September by JNU students under the guidance of Kajol Ghosh. This programme included regional songs from all states of India and



popular western songs in Indian language translations.

IHA and JNU Nature and Wildlife club

September 29th







JNU Nature & Wildlife and Photography Club have successfully Carried out a rejuvenating morning nature walk to the majestic Qutub Minar via Sanjay Van park, the thickest green lungs of Delhi. The walk witnessed a sheer amount of participation by the students. The crowd followed a very adventurous route through Aravali Hills and thick jungle of the park. The walk gave a very nice opportunity to the photography club to click the rich fauna and flora of that park. Throughout the walk the photography club took out a wide range of clicks. Having reached Qutub Minar the new students were acquainted with the historical importance of the site. All the participants after having explored the site thoroughly left for the university. Both Nature and Photography Club would like to extend its gratitude to Faculty in charge of JNU Nature Club, Dr. Sudesh Yadav, University Cultural Coordinator, Prof. Meeta Narain, Dean of Students, Dr. Umesh Kadam for the constant support and encouragement with the club activities in all its hues.

JNU Clubs & SPICMACAY October 10th







The Cultural Clubs, Office of Dean of Students Welfare, IHA in collaboration with SPIC MACAY organized the 'VIRASAT 2018' programme of Hindustani Classical instrumental and dance recital by World Renowned artists on 10th and 23rd October 2018. Pt. Shubhendra Rao on Sitar and Vidushi Shovana Narayan - Kathak, at the Convention Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University. The programme was attended by the Vice – Chancellor, JNU, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar along with Rector I and II, Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra and Prof. S. C. Garkoti and other senior officials of JNU.

JNU Clubs & SPICMACAY October 23rd



JNU Cultural Clubs

October 25th









JNU Cultural Committee, Office of the Dean of Students, IHA had organised assiduously "MERAKI" JNU Annual Cultural Fest, 2018. MERAKI is a Greek word interpreted as *doing* something with soul, creativity or love. This fest had a bright, ebullient and gleeful spirit. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of JNU, was the Chief Guest of this fest and was welcomed by the JNU Cultural Committee wholeheartedly. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar encouraged the students with his catalyst words by sharing his empiricism. He also showed his inclination towards the cultural events in the campus so that it can add exhilaration to student life.

Like every year, MERAKI also had a legion list of events for aspiring students. The UNESCO, Fine Arts, Nature and Wildlife, Debating, Literary, Photography, Film, and Dance Club of JNU had organised numerous events. It helped the students in showing their flair and prospect to win prizes and certificates. The event started at 10 am with the exhibition of Nature and Wildlife Club and Photography club. It exhibited the photos taken by the students of JNU on the topic *Biodiversity in JNU Campus*. Fine Arts Club had organised a signature campaign, and it had also organised the exhibition where it exhibited the paintings made by the JNU Students and the Children of Unnoticed, NGO in a painting competition organised

by Fine Arts Club on 13th October 2018 under the auspices of IHA. The themes of the painting were *Mela, Nukkad, Safar, and Panchtatva*. The paintings which were made by the students were full of Meraki; it reflected their inventiveness and profound thoughts.

Painting workshop by the Fine Arts Club, IHA started at 11 am. The theme of the workshop was *Landscape*. Debate competition organised by the UNESCO and Debating Club started right after the workshop event. The topic of the debate was *World trends on freedom of expression and media development*. It was a thought-provoking debate. Poetry competition organised by Literary Club started after the debate where students recited poems written by them. Students participated with joy and enthusiasm in all these events. After the completion of these events certificates and prizes were distributed among the students by **Prof. Meeta Narain, Coordinator, Cultural Committee.**

Cultural programmes followed these events, and dance forms of different states were performed by the JNU Dance Club and Vriksh- The theatre and Chilanka (The gurukul of Art and Culture). It was accompanied by a farewell to Prof. Meeta Narain who completed her tenure as JNU, Cultural Coordinator. Certificates and gifts were given to all the volunteers and convenors for their love and support for making this fest successful.

The JNU Cultural Committee would like to thank **Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of JNU** for accepting the invitation and showing his presence in the fest. JNU Cultural Committee is also very thankful to the Office of the Dean of Students, IHA for its consistent support. It also expresses its gratitude to all the teachers of the Cultural Committee as well as the members, volunteers, and convenors of the UNESCO, Fine Arts, Nature and Wildlife, Debating, Literary, Photography, Film and Dance Club.

Prof. Meeta Narain
Coordinator, Cultural Committee