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Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

It is with great pleasure that I bring forth yet another issue of the SU Chronicle. This issue of the Chronicle highlights some of the events that were organised in the University in the months of September and October.

We congratulate the newly elected members of the Sikkim University Students' Association (SUSA) Executive Committee.

We also congratulate Mr. Sayak Das, research scholar, Department of Microbiology on being honoured with the Young Scientist Award at the ICEEE, and Mr. Hemant Kumar Yadav, research scholar, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies & Management on being honoured with the Rashtriya Gaurav Puraskar.

I hope you enjoy reading and keep contributing article for the Chronicle.

Kunjini Prakash Darnal

MoU with Biotech Park Lucknow

The School of Life Sciences, organised a one day series of special lectures by eminent scientists of National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI) Allahabad and Biotech Park Lucknow on "Omics to Bio-Economy through Skill Development Innovation" at the Conference Hall, Barad Sadan on 4th September 2019. On this day a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Sikkim University and Biotech Park Lucknow. COE of Biotech Park Lucknow, Padma Shree Prof. Pramod Tandon was present on the occasion and also presented a lecture on "Bio- Economy and Entrepreneurship in Nation Building". Former Director of CSIR-CDRI and Chairman, Dr. VP Kamboj, Bio- tech Consortium India Ltd. presented a lecture on Skill Development: Make in India Products for Health Security". Former Director of CSIR-IITR and NASI Platinum Jubilee Fellow, Dr. PK Seth presented a lecture on "Skill Development Innovation Transforming India". Padma Shree Prof. Veena Tandon, NASI Platinum Jubilee Fellow also delivered a lecture on "Omics' Technologies: Integration in Biology Today". The programme was attended by the University officials, faculty members, students and staff of the University. Vice- Chancellor Prof. Avinash Khare mentioned that the lecture series by such eminent scientists was an exemplary initiative to give impetus to research innovations in the University and the signing of the MoU with Biotech Park Lucknow would pave the way for more innovative research in the field of life sciences.



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Bangladesh High Commissioner visits Sikkim University

High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India, Syed Muazzem Ali visited Sikkim University on 16th September 2019. He was accompanied by Minister (Political), AFM Zahd-UL-Islam, Bangladesh High Commission on his visit to the University. Syed Muazzem Ali was born on 18th July, 1944 in Sylhet and obtained his Master's Degree in Science from Dhaka University in 1966. He had professional trainings at the Civil Service Academy, Lahore (1968- 1969) at the School of Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins University in Washington DC and at the International Peace Academy in New York. Specialising in multilateral diplomacy, he has represented and led Bangladesh delegations to various Senior Officials', Ministerial and Summit- level meetings of the Un, UNESCO, Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), Non- Aligned Movement (NAM), Commonwealth, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Group of 77 and World Bank's Development Forum Meetings.

Syed Muazzem Ali also delivered a special lecture at the Conference Hall, Barad Sadan, on "Bangladesh India Relations" which was attended by the faculty members, officers, research scholars and students. The lecture was followed by Q & A sessions. Vice- Chancellor Prof. Avinash Khare welcomed Mr. Ali to the University and expressed happiness on his visit. He also mentioned that such visits of decorated officials from neighbouring countries to the University would enrich the learning experience of the students.



Sikkim University Scholar receives Awards

Shri Sayak Das, PhD Scholar at the Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences was awarded the Best Young Scientist Award at the International Conference on "Chemical Ecology, Environment and Human Health: Emerging Frontiers and Synthesis (ICEEE)" held between 9th and 10th August 2019, organised by the Department of Zoology.

He was also awarded the Royal Society of Chemistry Book Prize Award by Prof. Wolfgang Maret, Kings College, University of London at the International Conference on "Chemical Ecology, Environment and Human Health: Emerging Frontiers and Synthesis (ICEEE)" held between 9th and 10th August 2019.



Sikkim University Students' Association (SUSA) Elections 2019

The election to various posts of the Executive Committee of Sikkim University Students' Association (SUSA) was held at the Cauveri Hall of the University on 27th September 2019 from 8.25 am to 3.25 pm. Counting of votes was held on the same day from 4.00 pm onwards. Chief Election Office, Prof. N. Sathyanarayana had made elaborate arrangements for the smooth conduct of polling and counting of votes. Vice- Chancellor and Patron of SUSA, Prof. Avinash Khare administered oath of secrecy to the newly elected members of the Executive Committee of SUSA on 1st October 2019. The new Executive Committee is led by Mahesh Rai as the president, Sabitri Khatiwada as the Vice- President and Nishant Chhetri as General Secretary. The Vice- Chancellor congratulated all the newly elected members of the Executive Committee of SUSA after administering the oath of office.



INNOCRATIVE 2019

The students from the Department of management participated in various events at the inter-college/ university competitions during INNOCRATIVE 2019, organised by SRM University, Sikkim. The event was held on 26th September 2019 at SRM University. Students from Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College, Tadong, Government Pharmacy College, Rumtek, SMIT, Majhitara, SR< University and Departments of Management and Law, Sikkim University had participated in the events. The students from Sikkim University were adjudged the overall winner for the event and were awarded the Champions Trophy.



Rashtriya Gaurav Puraskar to Sikkim University Scholar

Shri Hemant Kumar Yadav, PhD Scholar, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies and Management, Sikkim University was awarded the Rashtriya Gaurav Puraskar 2019 at the International Youth Conference organised by National Youth Awardee Federation of India at Dr. Ambedkar Auditorium, Andhra Bhawan New Delhi on 13th October 2019. He received this award as a recognition of his youth development, nation- building, peace promotion and environment protection activities with NSS, NYKS and other government and non- government organisations. Hemant is dedicated towards community welfare services and is of the opinion that only through quality education society can change for the better. Earlier Hemant was honoured with National Youth Award 2006- 07 and Indira Gandhi NSS Award by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.



Violin Workshop at Sikkim University

The Department of Music, Sikkim University organised three-day workshop with violin artist Amlan Halder from 19th to 22nd October 2019. Shri Amlan Halder is an eminent violinist whose concerts are always marked for their aesthetic appeal and insight with a fine command of technical expertise as connoisseurs have acknowledged. He has drawn the attention of senior musicians and connoisseurs alike for his innate artistry, rich repertoire and total brilliance. Traditionally trained musician from the Department of Instrumental Music of Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, Violinist Halder is now known as one of the foremost Violin players of the current generation. He works as a violin teacher of BBA, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur, Kolkata and is an empanelled teacher on Gyan Vani FM. Such workshops being organised by various departments of the University help in enriching the learning experience of the students and will also give them an opportunity to interact and exchange ideas.

