

Tickling your academic taste buds

Buddh Stupa

The holy land of Haryana, especially the ancient Kurudesha or Kurukshetra, has been witness to moments and events of historical, cultural and religious importance. It has been the venue of the Mahabharata war, and also the land where the upholder of peace Lord Buddha came to preach peace. The testimony to the visit of Buddha, long after the sermon at Sarnath has been testified by Buddhist Nikayas like Majhhim, Digha, Anguttara etc, and later by the discoveries of Buddhist remains such as Stupa at Thanesar. While Chinese pilgrims have given an account of the location and importance of the Ashokan Stupa at Thanesar, Sir Alexander Cunningham



documented it in 1860s.

Located on the KU campus, the monument is protected by the Department of Archaeology and Museums, Haryana Government. The university authorities also regularly monitor the Stupa and make all arrangements for its safety and preserve the sanctity of this holy place. The state government has planned to upgrade the monuments. The Vice-Chancellor of Kurukshetra University, Lt-Gen (Retd) D. D. S.Sandhu has told the state

government that the university would like this place to be developed into a monument of attraction.

What do they say?



"I am convinced about the instrumental role of the newsletter in information delivery system of the university. The newsletter succeeded in achieving the targets that it spells". - Haryana Governor and Chancellor KU, His Excellency Jagan Nath Pahadia



"I believe KU Newsletter provides an apt information sharing platform for the university community and enlighten them with issue and ideas". - Prof. Bhim Singh Dahiya Former Vice Chancellor KU



"The newsletter is a welcome step in the direction of promoting the intra-university dialogue both at academic and social level". - Dr. Rajendra Singh Tomar, Sociologist.



"It (the newsletter) is a good attempt but it would be better if it goes bilingual. In all it would certainly be a valid and effective voice in the university and elsewhere ". -Aditya Chaudhary, Bureau Chief, CNEB



"A multipurpose and useful information capsule that helps understand the developments in a better way. - Anita, M.LIB



"The newsletter is an informative and interesting read and will benefit the teachers and students alike". - Pritam, M.Sc. Geography

KU library a treasure trove of rare manuscripts

Looking for a rare manuscript to aid or complete your thesis? Reach the manuscript section in the library of Kurukshetra University. The only collection centre in Haryana, it serves as a vibrant and rich source of information about old manuscripts preserved for 300 years.

And the reservoir has got richer. Sponsored by the National Mission of Manuscripts of Government of India and making a beginning with about 5,000 manuscripts, the kitty of the section has now swelled to 16,000 manuscripts. The credit for starting the section goes to Pandit Sthanu Dutt Sharma.

The rare manuscripts belong to various languages, including Devnagri, Sharda, Grantha, Taad, Urdu and Punjabi. These cover subjects like science, astrology, environment, ayurveda, medicine, karmkand etc. Their expanse spans the cradle of human race, birthplace of human speech and treasure of rich traditions.

This collection has been made possible, thanks to voluntary contributions by people who possessed them, and documentation. One can find about 30,000 documentations in this collection which is a living tribute to the attempt made by the Kurukshetra University to preserve and catalogue the fading rich legacy of the country.



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Hooda Pat KU for Promoting Culture Ratnawali a big draw on campus

The Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Bhupinder Singh Hooda, has patted Kurukshetra University for carving a place for itself on the cultural canvas of the country, and playing a stellar role in the promotion of Haryanvi art and culture.

Speaking at the closing ceremony of the Ratnawali, a cultural function held on Kurukshetra University campus as part of the Haryana Statehood Day celebrations every year, Mr Hooda, who was the chief guest, said that the Haryanvi language had gained popularity and become a part of many a drama and film. Hailing the role played by Kurukshetra University in the promotion of the language, art and culture of Haryana, the Chief Minister announced his decision to give Rs 5 lakh to the university to enable it to play a greater role in the promotion of culture. He exhorted the students to actively participate in the extracurricular activities as these are the "most powerful mode of self-expression".



KU Vice Chancellor, Lt. Gen (Dr) DDS Sandhu, PVSM (Retd) presenting a Memento to the Chief Minister Mr. Bhupinder Singh Hooda at Ratnawali

An exclusive cultural festival based on local folk music and dances, Ratnawali was started in 1985 to popularize and preserve Haryanvi folk arts and culture. "Haryana has been home to rich folk culture since the Vedic era. It was systematically promoted and given a unique identity after Haryana came into being", Mr Hooda said. Comparing Haryana's famous 'Saang' artist Pt. Lakhmi Chand with litterateur Shakespeare, he said that Kurukshetra University was playing an

exemplary role in preserving the art of 'Saang'.

Haryanvi artists communicated the philosophy of life to the masses through 'Saang' in a lucid and anecdotal manner.

Ratnawali enriched its reservoir this year. The concept of "Chaupal", a fixed place in villages where villagers sit down and discuss their problems, was introduced, and shall form a part of the competitions next year onwards.

Haryana means the abode of God. It is derived from Sanskrit word Hari (the Hindu God Vishnu) and Ayana which means home. For Ratnawali, the university is decked up with lights and decorations and students from several colleges and universities come to participate.

How the event got christened Ratnawali is interesting. It was actually a Sanskrit drama about a beautiful princess, named Ratnawali and a great king named Udayana And hence the name Ratnawali.

The events in the festival consist of all forms of arts i.e. music, dance, theatre, fine arts and literary bits. Haryanvi folk orchestra 'Saang' and Haryanvi ghazals are the other jewels in the basket of the festival. Besides, group songs, there are Haryanvi group dances, solo dances and Haryanvi bhajans.

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The annual mega festival of Haryanvi culture- "The Haryana Day-Ratnawali festival-2010", was held on the campus from October 27 to October 30, 2010. The Department of Youth and Cultural Affairs of Kurukshetra University has been organising this 'Mahakumbh' of cultural extravaganza for over two decades. More than 3,000 students participated in the event. Ratanawali, a string of cultural pearls, is a theme-based programme which showcases Haryanvi culture and tradition.



From Editor's pen

At the very outset, I must thank you for your enthusiastic and warm response to the inaugural issue of the KU Newsletter. Encouraged and inspired, we reiterate our resolve to make the newsletter an integral part of the academic and social life on the campus, and an effective tool of communication with the academic world, and not a mere recorder of the goings-on on the campus. I must admit that without the blessings of the Vice-Chancellor, Lt-Gen (Retd) Dr D D S Sandhu, and efforts of the KU Newsletter Team, the second issue won't look what it does. We have made a conscious and concerted effort to improve both its look and contents by incorporating some changes in its tone and texture. The cover story of the current issue on Ratnawali, the mega annual cultural event, reflects some of the observations made by celebrated existential philosopher Albert Camus who had said, "Without culture, and the relative freedom it implies, society, even when perfect, is but a jungle". Cultural expressions paint young minds with colors of imagination, and provide them with new vocabulary. It is a way of establishing a dialogue not only with oneself but also with others. Ratnawali, the cultural festival organized by the university as part of the Haryana Day celebrations, has evolved over the years, into a mega event where students from all parts of the state paint and present culture through various performing and non-performing art forms. Besides, the second issue contains regular columns and features like potpourri and academic taste buds.

The KU Newsletter Team has strived to make it look like a campus mini-newspaper throwing light on the academic and sports life in the university which enjoys the distinction of having among the Gold Medal winners at the Commonwealth Games, two of its pass-outs. Let me share with you that we intend introducing some new columns like "Students Corner" and "Faculty Corner" for which involvement and participation of members of faculty and students is vital. Looking forward to your continued indulgence and participation to make this IMC&MT journalistic endeavour more vibrant and pulsating

Wishing you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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KU first in the country to bag unique research project



Dr. Sanjeev Aggarwal working in the Physics Lab

Kurukshetra University has got another feather in its cap. It has become the first university in the country to bag the first-of-its-kind research project "Ion Beam Facility" for which Rs 9 crore has been sanctioned by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. Dr Sanjeev Aggarwal (Dept. of Physics, KUK) is the principal investigator of the project.

Prof Shyam Kumar, Prof Nafa Singh & Dr Annu Sharma (all from the Department of Physics) are its co-investigators. Two leading Scientists -Dr D. Kanjilal and Dr Sundeep Chopra from IUAC, New Delhi will also work as co-investigators.

This distinguished team of researchers will work together to set up the Ion Beam Facility for research and development in the Department of Physics of Kurukshetra University. It will provide ample opportunities to research scholars and students from various disciplines of science and administer a booster dose to the research atmosphere on the campus.

This state-of-the-art research facility will utilize the low energy (keV) ion beam techniques covering a wide range of disciplines, including biophysics, lab-on-a chip technology, nuclear microscopy of degenerative diseases, micro photonics, advanced materials characterization and semiconductor micro machining.

According to principal investigator, Dr Sanjeev Aggarwal, the scientists in diverse disciplines will utilise this facility for the formation of Nanophases, new materials having hardened surfaces, near surface properties of materials, antimicrobial properties of ion irradiated drugs, metal-enhanced fluorescence dies for in-vivo imaging etc. Moreover, due to its high prospective for technological applications, it will be

ideally suited for students training and will provide them with a broad spectrum of basic and applied skills needed in their future work situation in industry.

The university will promote and facilitate world class research in the fields of Ion Beam applications for Indian academic and industrial communities. The development of Ion beam induced materials continues to be one of the technological and scientific revolutions of the 21st century and Kurukshetra University will be in the forefront of this revolution.

The Vice-Chancellor, Lt. Gen (Retd) Dr D.D.S Sandhu appreciated the achievement of the university and said, "The university will now join the coveted group of international universities where such facility is available. This will lift the status of the university both at the national and international levels".

The 'Low Energy Ion Facility', when installed as part of the project, will work as a central facility and its users will be allowed to undertake a wide variety of research in various disciplines.

MoU on Defence to open up job opportunities

Continuing its pursuit of excellence in research, the Department of Psychology, Kurukshetra University, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR), and the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO). The MOU will pave the way for joint collaboration in defence research projects and offer ample job opportunities for the students in the Defence forces and the DRDO.

The MoU was signed in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor, Dr D.D.S Sandhu, by the Registrar, Prof Raghuvendra Tanwar, and Director, DIPR, Dr Manas. K.Mandal. Dr A. S. Kang, Dean, Academic Affairs, Prof Nand Lal, Dean, Research and Development, Dr Updesh, scientist 'F', DIPR, and faculty members of the Department of Psychology were also present. This collaboration will provide for faculty exchange and enable the students to enhance their research capabilities in the area of defence studies. The department will train Defence personnel in various areas like mental health counselling, stress management and test construction/ standardization.

The department will also facilitate the Defence personnel to enhance their academic qualifications like Ph.D.

Geography Department Adopts Innovative Tools for Teaching

The Kurukshetra University which is known as the mother of all universities in Haryana, has set a trend by establishing one of its kind modern Cartographic Laboratory of Remote Sensing (RS), Geographical Information System (GIS) and Geographical Positioning System (GPS) at the Department of Geography. Adapting according to the latest requirements of job markets and research areas, the department did this major addition in their infrastructure so that the students of the department got training in all the areas of Geographical studies.

In the last few years, remote sensing, GIS and GPS have become essential components of new technology. This is considered as important tool in learning the art and science of Geography all over the world. The Laboratory is equipped



Students working at work stations in GIS lab of geography department

with two computer servers, 20 computer terminals, 10 licenses of image processing software (ERDAS IMAGINE), 13 licenses of Arc GIS software, AO size scanner and a plotter in the lab facilities taking inputs and giving outputs in the form of large size maps.

Whereas the department is regularly working on upgrading the lab, it has already procured satellite imageries for a large region of Haryana which are being utilized for students training in image processing and mapping. Moreover, the department is in the process of acquiring satellite digital data for both physical and human aspects. Both the RS and GIS training are compulsory in the course curriculum of M.Sc Geography in 3rd and 4th semester respectively. Training of RS development skills in handling the satellite data and its applications in Geographical studies is also provided.

The GIS course in fourth semester introduces the students to the vista of spatio-statistical analysis of data, integration of spatial and non-spatial data and mapping. After going through these trainings the students are assigned to prepare cadastral maps of surveyed villages and urban area. Students of geography department has prepared the map of the University and are continuously updating it.

With the addition of training in GIS and RS at the postgraduate level, where geography students have widened their job opportunities in the fields of Image processing, cadastral mapping, urban planning and mapping, infrastructural plan mapping and preparation of spatial resource inventory. Dr Rajeshwari from the Geography department said many a students of the department after passing out from here have joined the higher level courses at reputed national institutes like Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, National Remote Sensing Centre and Indian Space Research Organization.

50 Golden Years of Economics Department

After completing the 50 golden years, the Department of Economics, is marching towards achieving a rare distinction in order to continue their mission of providing worthy economic professionals who could contribute to society.

In last 50 years, the department has visualized itself as an organization to create a pool of talented and trained young professionals in economic theory and business analysis who should be imbued with the spirit of dedication and commitment and also capable of handling challenging assignments in the modern competitive and complex environment.

It has been a tradition with the department to produce bureaucrats, research officers in RBI. A number of students of the department are working in NABARD, UNIDO, CII, NIPPF and other MNCs and banks. Every year, eight to ten

students of the department clear NET and JRF exams.

The U.G.C. has recognized the academic achievements of the department and has awarded the status of SAP special assistance program in 2007 for a period of five years, where the thrust area of research is Asian Economic Integration. In 2006, the Economics department had organized the 89th annual conference of Indian Economic Association in which 1600 delegates participated from all over India.

Prof. Neera Verma, Chairman of Economics Department said, "The department has proposed to hold an international seminar in the golden year. The topic of this seminar will be India and China in global economy. The seminar will be held in February 2011 in collaboration with Stanford University USA". This will leave its mark in the university.

Foreign Students Find at KU a Home Away from Home



International students celebrating Eid at KU

Since times immemorial, India has been a centre of learning. A variety of subjects such as philosophy, religion, medicine, literature, drama and arts, astrology, mathematics

and sociology were taught and masterpieces have been written on these subjects.

The Indian universities and institutes of higher learning have been engaged in answering the needs and aspirations of higher education and research for both Indian and international students and as well as scholars. These centres have been extending their co-operation and friendship to the students of several developing countries also, where facilities for higher studies and research are not adequate. Following this tradition of Indian education system, Kurukshetra University has been rolling out red carpet to international students for many years, especially for the students of the neighboring nations. There are 64 international students studying at KU, 55 from Afghanistan and 9 from Nepal. Kurukshetra University has set up special International Students Advisory Cell, which has been headed by Prof S.S Boora. The university has provided a separate hostel facility for international students: Subhash Bhawan for boys and Ahilya Bhawan for girls

"Coming to KU from the war affected Afghanistan is the best possible thing which has happened in my life. I have been

enlightened by studying here and the atmosphere at KU has refined my personality", said Syed Ahmed Basim, student of B.A (Hons) Economics.

Niyam Shrestha who hails from Nepal and is doing MBA from the University School of Management, said, "Kurukshetra University offered a broader platform for higher learning and overall growth to many international students like me. Students from the neighboring countries feel a greater sense of belonging at KU".

Continuing with the mission of the University to promote education among the girls, It has been catering to the needs of international girl students and providing all facilities. Preeti Shrestha, doing MBA from the University School of Management feels that, "It is a home away from home at KU. I will always remain grateful to KU for helping me in laying foundation stone of my career, cheers to KU!!". Quandi Gul, a student of IMC & MT thinks "I feel very secure and safe at KU and we have been provided with special facilities in hostels."

"We plan to provide better facilities and more opportunities for international students. I am sure the present batch will pass out as skilled professionals and with lots of memorable moments", Prof Boora said.

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Fifth volume of Mahabharat - Padanukramakosa released

The Institute of Sanskrit & Indological Studies organised a function on the occasion of Shri Krishan Janashtami .On this occasion Dr Abhiraj Rajendra Misra, Ex-VC Sampurnanad Sanskrit University, Banaras, delivered a lecture on "Shri Krishan ka Jiwandarshan evam unka lokanaykta" on September 1, 2010 at Senate hall. The Vice Chancellor, Dr DDS Sandhu released the Udyogaprova-Padanukramakosa-The fifth volume of Mahabharat- Padanukramakosa is a long term collaborative research project of the institute.

Education week gives Students a global platform

International Education Week was celebrated at Kurukshetra University in collaboration with United States Education Foundation in India (USIEF), that afforded an opportunity to students, research scholars and faculty members with regard to fellowships and other programs administered by USIEF. Viji Ninan of USIEF informed the students, research scholars and faculty members about fellowship schemes of USIEF. Fulbright campus representative of K.U gave detailed information about Fulbright program. Prof AS Kang, Dean Academic Affairs speaking at the International Education Week stated that



international exposure was required in every field as students needed to gain skill, attitude and knowledge to excel at the international level.

National Workshop on MEMS and its applications

The Department of Electronic Science of Kurukshetra University in collaboration with the Institute of Smart Structure and Systems (ISSS) and National Program on Micro and Smart Systems (NPMASS), organized a three day workshop from November 12 to November 14 on the topic of "Micro Electrochemical Systems (MEMS) and its applications". At the inaugural function of the workshop, Prof V.K Aatre, former director DRDO, and adviser to Defence Minister, and presently chairman, B-SMART-NPMASS was the chief guest. The function was presided over by Prof Girish Chopra, Dean research and development, KU. Addressing the students Prof V.K Aatre stressed the need for indigenously fabricating and designing MEMS products. He added that this technology is highly



interdisciplinary and therefore, it required energetic youngsters to join hands to make a mark in this field. Prof S.Gopalakrishna, Dr KJ Vinoy , Prof SB Karunpanidhi and Prof Navkanta Bhatt- all from IISC Bangalore ,Dr Vijayraju from the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) and Prof Shibhan Koul of IIT, Delhi delivered lectures on MEMS and its applications in various disciplines of sciences.

Sanskrit Week celebrated

On the occasion of Shravani Purnima, the department organized 'Sanskrit Week' from August 17 to August 22, in which various inter-college competitions like quiz, Sanskrit geet, shlokocharn, antyakshari and Sanskrit declamation were held. On the inaugural day, on August 17, all teachers and students performed Yajna and on August 21 prizes were given to the winners of all events by the chief guest, prof. (Dr) Suhikand Bhardwaj, Former Chairman of Sankrit Dept., M.D. University, Rohtak. As a concluding event, a seminar was organized in collaboration with Haryana Sanskrit Academy, Chandigarh on August 22 in which Dr Sudhir, Director, Public

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Relations, Punjab University, Chandigarh, was the main speaker and Dr. D.D.S. Sandhu, Vice Chancellor, KU was the Chief Guest.

Seminar on challenges that budding journalists face

On November 16 the Institute of Mass Communication & Media Technology (IMC & MT) celebrated the Press Day. On this occasion, a one day seminar was organized on the topic "Changing scenario in media and role of Journalists" at Faculty Lounge of the Kurukshetra University. This event was organized in collaboration with DPRO Kurukshetra and Haryana Patrakar Sangh.



Mr K.B. Pandit, president, Haryana Patrakar Sangh, Sourabh Divedi, News Editor, Danik Bhaskar Chandigarh, Vijay Sabherwal, senior Journalist Times of India, and Prof Rajbir Singh, Director IMC&MT, were present on the occasion. Prof Rajbir Singh highlighted the importance of the celebration of Press Day and informed the audience about various efforts initiated by the Institute for developing the students to face the new challenges of media profession in the emerging scenario.

33rd Inter-Zonal Youth Festival organized at KU

The 33rd Inter-Zonal Youth Festival of Kurukshetra University was organized by the Department of Youth and Cultural Affairs, of the University. Mr. Ajit M. Sharan, IAS, Financial and Principal Secretary to Govt. of Haryana was the chief guest at the concluding function and gave away the prizes and trophies to the winning teams and participants. D.A.V. College for Girls, Yamunanagar won the overall trophy. Prof. Raghuvendra Tanwar, Registrar, Kurukshetra University, Sh. Anoop Lather, Director, Youth and Cultural Affairs and Dr. Sushma Arya, Director, Cultural Council were also present at the concluding function.



70 units collected at blood donation camp

Blood Donation camp was organized by Zoology Department in collaboration with the Red Cross Society. The students participated in the camp with full enthusiasm and showed courage in doing this noble cause of blood donation. Seventy units of blood was collected in this camp, out of this girls' contribution was 45 percent. The camp was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Dr. DDS Sandhu.



and the Award goes to...

Lt. Gen. Dr. D.D.S. Sandhu, Vice Chancellor Kurukshetra University, has been awarded two prestigious awards, Dewang Mehta Award and Ch. Ranbir Singh Hooda Memorial National Award 2010-11 on November 24 in two separate functions held at Mumbai and New Delhi. Both awards have been awarded to Lt. Gen. Dr. D.D.S. Sandhu for his Outstanding Contribution to Education.



Lt. Gen (Dr) DDS Sandhu, PVSM (Retd) receiving Dewang Mehta Award at Taj Lands End, Mumbai

24 under the auspices of Yuva Netritva Jyoti, a social, literary, education and youth promotion organisation, Dr. Sandhu was given the prestigious Ch. Ranbir Singh Hooda Memorial National Award 2010-11 for his significant contribution in the field of Education. Dr Sandhu had the rare honour of receiving this award at the same function in which Sh. Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Chief Minister of Haryana was honoured with Ch. Ranbir Singh Hooda Memorial Award for his outstanding contribution in the field of National service.

Lt. Gen. Dr. D.D.S. Sandhu has been awarded the prestigious Dewang Mehta Award in a glittering ceremony held at Taj Lands End, Mumbai on 24th November. The Trustee of Nasscom Foundation and Chairman & Managing Director of Onward Technology, Shri Harish Mehta presented the award to Dr. Sandhu. The award instituted in the honour of former Nasscom mentor, Sh. Dewang Mehta was given in recognition of leadership, development and innovation shown by Dr. Sandhu in the education sector. On the same day in another award ceremony held at Delhi on November

Dr. Sandhu has held prestigious positions such as Vice Chancellor of Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hissar; Director General of Ordnance, India and Principal, College of Materials Management, Rani Durgawati University, Jabalpur. He has the rare distinction of being the only serving defence officer in the Indian Army on whom D. Litt. Honoris Causa has been conferred by a University.



From L to R: Dr Annu Sharma, Dr Sanjeev Aggarwal, Prof. Shyam Kumar and Prof. Nafa Singh

Frontrunners in Research

A reserach project on 'Ion Beam Facility' worth Rs 9 crores has been sanctioned by Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi to Dr. Sanjeev Aggarwal as the Principal Investigator; Prof. Shyam Kumar, Prof Nafa Singh, Dr . Annu Sharma (all from Department of Physics, K.U.K), Dr. D. Kanjilal and Dr. Sundeep Chopra (both from IUAC, New Delhi) as co-inestigators to set up this unique National Facility for Reserach & Development at Department of Physics. This National Facility at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra will be 'First' of its kind in any University in India.



Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda awarding HCL Laptops to KU student

Laptops for toppers

Five Students of Kurukshetra University has been awarded HCL Laptops by Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda at the Inaugural function of HCL technology Hub in Manesar , Gurgaon. At the prize distribution function HCL president Shiv Nadar, Gurgaon MP Rao Inderjit Singh and Rohtak MP Deepinder Singh Hooda were also present. Savita Singh , Sughandha , Seema Saini ,Madhvi Abhyantrki and Rasvinder Kaur are the students who were awarded laptops by Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda.



Dr Ram Viranjan, Chairman, Department of Fine Arts, Kurukshetra University, was invited by Kamal Nain Bajaj art gallery Mumbai to display his painting at Group Painting Exhibition in Mumbai. only five painters from India were invited to exhibit their work.



Dr M.M Goel of the Economics Department has been selected for teaching assignment on a ICCR chair as professor of Indian Economy at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul.



Prof Smita Chaudhary, Director, Institute Of Environmental Studies was nominated as fellow of National Institute of Ecology.



University Ex student Rajinder Kumar won gold medal in wrestling at Common Wealth Games.



Dr Pawan Sharma, Associate Professor, Chemistry Department, Kurukshetra University, had been selected to read a research paper at International round table Conference on Nucleosides, Nucleotides and Nucleic Acids, held at Lyon in France.



Ex student of University Mrs Krishna Punia won gold medal in discuss throw at Common Wealth Games.



Asst Prof of Fine Arts Mr. Rakesh Bani participated in Print Exhibition in Australia and International Print Exhibition in China.



Prof Shri Krishan Sharma of Sanskrit Department, Kurukshetra University, was honored with Mahakavi Banbhatt award by Haryana Sanskrit Academy.



Kuldeep Bhatnagar, student of M.Phil, Music Department, Kurukshetra University, had been selected for the opening ceremony of Common Wealth Games, to play Sitar



Dr Mishra of Sanskrit department has been recently awarded Sayana Puraskar by Uttar Pardesh Sanskrit Sansthana, Lucknow on account of his contribution in the field.

Two CWG gold winners KU pass-outs



Students from various universities participating in Inter University Sports meet at KU

When the country basked in the golden glory of the medals won by our players in the Commonwealth Games, some reflected beams of the glory made Kurukshetra University aglow with a sense of justified pride. For, two players, Mr Rajender Kumar (wrestling) and Mrs. Krishna Punia (discus throw) who won Gold medals, were products of the Sports Department of the university. They have indeed done the department, the university and the country proud.

Kurukshetra University ranks among the leading universities in the Country, providing facilities to its sportspersons and financial incentives to outstanding sportspersons for winning medals at north zone/ north-east zone/ all-India inter-university tournaments and international tournaments.

So far, 9 KU players have been conferred the Arjuna Award for their contribution at the international level. The Sports Department has produced more than 120 global standard players who have represented India in various international tournaments i.e. Olympics, World Cup, Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games.

The Sports Department of the university which has made us feel proud, has Dr Dalel Singh, an Arjuna awardee, as its

Director. He is also ex-officio secretary, Kurukshetra University Sports Council.

University coaches impart training to the students in their respective disciplines and help organise inter-college and inter-university tournaments. The department has brought laurels to the university in various sports activities.

It organizes about 71 (38 for men and 33 for women) Inter-college tournaments in different games and sports every year on the university sports complex and in different colleges of the university. Various coaching camps ranging in duration from 7 to 31 days, are also held. The department also organizes two to four inter-university tournaments (north zone/north-east zone/ all India) every year. About 25 to 30 universities participate in the all-India inter-university tournaments. The department enjoys the distinction of organising women's hockey test match between China and India in November, 1985.

The department is equipped with facilities for its budding students. These include standard swimming pool; gymnasium hall; six tennis courts; and two volleyball courts etc.



Major Gen (retd) Kuldeep Singh Bajwa addressing the students of IMC&MT in workshop at KU

Major Gen (retd) Kuldeep Singh Bajwa visited the IMC&MT Kurukshetra and gave lecture on India in 21st century and also discussed about communication skills. In an interactive session with the students he stressed the need for communication by narrating his own experience in the army.

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister Bansi Lal, Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda announced to institute a development chair at K U. This Chair will be part of the Economics department. It will work to promote the study of development economics in the perspective of Haryana state.

CEO of INSTECH INDIA COMPANY, Mr. N.K. Gulati visited the Kurukshetra University and delivered lecture on the topic of environment management and industrialization. The programme was organized by the Environmental Society and Training & Placement cell. Addressing the students Mr. N.K. Gulati stressed that today environment management was very much required not only to safeguard

the human life but also to persist with the industrial development. Environment is a uphill task for which today's industries require trained professionals.

The department of Sanskrit organized a lecture of Prof Hans Baker, lecturer at Institute of Indian Studies Granjjan University Netherlands. He Gave presentation on "Shilalekh" of Narsing Temple" situated on Ramtek hill.

An Extension lecture on the topic Sanskrit in Ireland by Mr Rutger Korten Horst, professor from Ireland was organized by Research Association of the department of Sanskrit, Pali & Prakrit.

The Vice Chancellor of Kurukshetra University, Lt Gen (Retd) DDS Sandhu presented a cheque of Rs 25000 to boxer Rajinder Kumar a Gold medal winner in Common Wealth Games. The ceremony which was organized at the Vice Chancellor office was also attended by the Registrar, Prof Raghvender Tanwar.



Vice chancellor of KU giving cash prize to Ex student Rajinder Kumar CWG Gold Medalist

Placements

Seven students of Kurukshetra University have been selected by J.K Technology, Noida, for the post of Software Engineers. Interviews were organized by the placement cell in association with the department of Computer Science and U.I.E.T. The selected students have been offered annual salary package of Rs 2.6 lakh each.

ITL and CH Company Patiala visited the Kurukshetra University and held interviews in the environmental science department. The company selected 5 students from M.Sc and 7 from M.Tech for the posts of Project Manager and Trainee. Selected students after completion of their degrees will join the companies and have been offered salary package ranging from Rs 3.5 lakh to 4 lakh.

13 students of Kurukshetra University have been selected by the NIIT Technologies Ltd for the post of software engineer. Selected students have been offered the salary package from Rs 3.2 to 3.5 lakh. In another placement drive three students have been selected by Nagaro Systems. The students have been offered salary package of Rs 3.5 lakh.

Two students of University School of Management have been selected by Engineers India Ltd. Selected students have been offered an annual salary package of Rs 7 lakh. Engineers India Ltd. has selected only seven students of M.B.A from all over India, out of which two are from Kurukshetra University.