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A Historic Day for the University

The Executive Council held an important meeting wherein the names of 11 candidates selected for teaching positions in the Departments of Economics and Defence Studies were approved after opening the envelopes containing the recommendations of the selection committees. The Council also approved the selection of 74 new non-teaching staff in various categories. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has given the university a new lease of life by putting in her best efforts in different spheres of the university.

With 288 teachers and 335 non-teaching staff members, the total number of appointments has crossed the magical figure of 600. A lot more positivity and prosperity to be witnessed under the able guidance and leadership of our honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Sangita Srivastava.



Congratulations
to our visionary Vice-Chancellor
Prof. Sangita Srivastava
for leading her team into shaping a
futuristic university.

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11 NEW FACULTY MEMBERS
288 TOTAL TEACHERS

74 NEW NON-TEACHING STAFF
335 TOTAL NON-TEACHING STAFF
and still counting



Hon'ble VC interacting with non-teaching staff



Group A,B,C

Prof. Shanthy Sundaram (Biotechnology) took charge as 1st woman DSW of AU.

She took charge from Prof. S.M. Prasad (HOD Botany) on 15th March, 2023.



A woman with vision, empowers an empire of women to do more, see more and be more...

Inclusivity and Diversity is now imbibed in the DNA of Allahabad University

A beautiful narrative is unfolding in the Allahabad University, as 300 new faculty members from 25 different states and 15 countries round the globe have joined the workforce. A person could be from a deprived socio-economic set-up or from a far flung north east or a small town of India, a physically handicapped yet mentally more alert faculty member, it could be a woman, who is struggling to break the gender stereo types and paving her way into a work world dominated by men.

But, sitting at the helm of affairs I wish to put forth before all of you that if you have the dream and the perseverance to hold on to your dream, then this is the right place. Honest, dedicated hard work is the only mantra. I, in this University have welcomed diversity and inclusion and this has been a historic and significant initiative. I hope people from various cultures will outperform in the work place.

Our commitment is to foster - Gender equality and diversity, Integration of people with physical disabilities and wish to promote social ethnicity social equality and cultural diversity.

India is a land of diverse cultures. Each state has its own dress and its own food. Each has its set of old traditions. University should become a meeting ground of diverse thinking, from diverse people.

Our job is unique in its way that it has to transform a human being into a more humane, gentle, sophisticated, human being with a strong moral character. While we teach them the core subjects, we must focus on giving back to the community more enriched, grounded, humane and gentle youth, who will hold the reins of tomorrow's nation. These values will hold good with the students only when we practice what we preach. We should be the forerunners of truth fullness and honesty, with a strong commitment for work.

Our nuclei are our student, when he interacts with multicultural, multi linguistic, multinational faculty his horizons will widen. Education has to make a paradigm shift. We have to impart futuristic education. Their degrees should be meaningful in providing them employment.

Our goal is that Allahabad University students should fly high and success touches their feet in all their endeavors. They have to be made future ready global citizens shaped by us.

Best always,

*Prof. Sangita Srivastava
Vice Chancellor
University of Allahabad*

Poem – Prof. Jaya Kapoor

Woman you are beautiful,
Perched there on the swing, deep in thoughts,
Like you move between your worlds
Those inside and those outside.
As you gently rock with the toe hinged to ground,
ripples run into the innermost, with deeply engaged
thoughtfulness.
Woman you are beautiful

When you delve within your depths
Nature uncoil , A new being is infused with life
And when you hold these turmoiled bodies close, each
knotted thread in them unravels, as you infuse them
with your boundless love. When you touch the life
around you Enter the lives of stormy turmoils, they
find roots, find harbour and comfort. When you
whisper soothing words of love, they nourish the soul
forever. Each time, in each life.
Woman, you are beautiful.

Each time You push into dizzy heights,
With the desire to touch the sky,
Stretch and reach out for the stars,
Etch your trail into uncharted lands,
The realms flood with a surge of firm resolve
The palette fills with with newfound shades
Each time, in each endeavour,
Woman, you are beautiful.

When you weave in your hair
The dreams you cherish
In careless loops of the early morning bun.
Or the tales of accomplishments
In the careful whirls tucked by invisible pins.
Or the freedom of an opinion
In the waves let loose just like that
Or the desires untold
In the dark intricate mesh of the plaits.
Each time, in each expression,
Woman, you are beautiful.

“Think like a queen. A queen is not afraid to fail. Failure is another stone to greatness.”

Oprah Winfrey



Being a woman faculty, the University system has given me a chance to prove my challenge, grit and passion to thrive in a patriarchal society. I have been treading a path that no woman dares to. My view of empowerment is the expectation of my institution from me as a decision-maker without requiring the permission of the opposite gender. A female is capable of performing much more than a man. This is very clear and obvious when we take Professor Sangita Srivastava, our Hon'ble V.C. as our exemplary role model.

It is very important for all women to know about themselves, get out of their comfort zones, and set goals, build strong networks of contacts and work on their self confidence. I am and I will be limitless in my efforts and will work fearlessly and tirelessly.

I would like to leave my blazing footprints on my trail for other women to follow. Women who are in sync with their inner power can rule the world.

Prof. Shanthy Sundaram
Dean Student Welfare

International Women's Day, popularized by the United Nations since 1977, is celebrated annually to highlight the achievements of women. And women have achieved a lot in the 21st century, most importantly their visibility in the public sphere. Kudos to all women achievers! And not the least of them is our Honourable Vice-Chancellor who is among the few women heading a Central University. Women are contributing to the nation's development in every sphere - economic, political, literary, cultural, educational and so on . The modern woman has come a long way thanks to the struggles of earlier generations. But she is still seeking social spaces and equality in the private sphere. This too will be overcome gradually and the 21st century will be known for achievements of women. We have miles to go before we sleep but women are covering those miles fast.

- Prof. Anuradha Agarwal

Being a woman!

Ever since my childhood, I have had immense pride in being born a girl... and now a woman. Education is the path through which I learned to dream, create, hope and 'be the change'. My Teacher Dr. S Ananda Lakshmy taught me the subject of child development and, in the process, gave me wings to fly. My journey working with children over the past three decades has been enriching and immensely fulfilling.

As a woman, the one quality I deeply value is my ability to 'feel'. The multitude of emotions I experience daily chisel me to feel for children, fellow beings, plants, and animals. It has been a couple of weeks since I joined this glorious and beautiful University of Allahabad. The immense joy in the company of students at the Family and Community Sciences Department keeps me actively engaged in creative works. The grass, the flowers, the sky and the heritage building they all whisper their stories to me, and many a time, I quietly sit down to listen to those unheard tales!

- Prof. Roopa Shankar
Department of Family & Community Sciences

For me, being a woman is just being human. It's an amazing experience to witness a colourful, cheerful, confident and strong person who can emerge through the gamut of experiences, perceptions, and internalisations which one experiences within and in one's interaction with the environment. I have never felt different being a woman; rather, I have not given it so much thought, even in my work life. I have watched my mother live her life meaningfully with a lot of passion, Late Prof. Girish Rastogi, a distinguished scholar of Hindi literature and theatre personality and understood the essence of womanhood. She would always say "stree nepathya mein hokar bhi pratyaksh hai. It's all about the impact you make". Being vulnerable is the strength and the most fascinating aspect of being a woman.

- Prof. Bhoomika Kar

Every "She" can spin a tale of her wonderful journey to chase the star as she is beauty, she is style, she is love, she is compassion, she is nurture, she is balance, she is an enigma and she is passion. At this juncture of life, I feel a complete woman in me after going through metamorphosis of life with age. Girlhood offered me limited choices, but developing wings in those limitations and flying higher through the different stages of life have been both challenging and phenomenal to me. Today I realise that woman in me has the ability to not just create and nurture, but also to preserve, rescue, and balance. We women are not just powerful, but we sail out through our lives with great responsibility by fine tuning and balancing life events at all points of time, may it be our home front or work place

The letter "she" has "he" in it. He originates from She and "She" encompass He. That's the power of She, and I am in love with this "She" in ME.

- Prof. Vandana Singh

Womanhood is about possessing the qualities of strength, justice and compassion like the Indian Goddess "Durga". To me, women's empowerment does not mean comparing them with men counterparts, rather it is all about realising their positive qualities and giving due regards. Distinguishing women hockey and cricket players by dedicating stadiums after their names, recognizing their contributions and roles in the armed forces, academics and administrative services will be the few steps towards achieving women empowerment in India.

- Prof. Neelam Yadav

For(e) mothers

Stay with me.

See son's shoot up,
board a train,
raise an army in fairwell.

For days, boy's scent,
no detergent washes off,
inhabits your dreamless
nightland.

the secret wait at the
gate for the mailman,
a first letter read, re-read,
memorized; a failed affair
with God to whom you turned
for succour.

at last the truth, plain
as water, a trembling
imaginative pool we dip into
naked, tonsured, shorn,
again, and again, and again ...

- Prof. Smita Agarwal

Womanhood for me is a journey which is much lived with so many passengers. I, as a woman in the field of performing arts, have a rich experience of life. I can write an epic about my observations and experiences. Actually, I never had the time to think much about myself. I was always running short of time and always chasing the time. But one thing I observed very closely is that men usually don't accept any successful, powerful and knowledgeable woman. This enhances the struggle and snatches time from your journey. I have lived many lives as different characters on stage as an actor. As an actor, I feel it's so easy to portray characters and live with and understand them for the performance, but it's difficult to live in the real world and deal with so many real-life characters. I am happy that I have been getting much love as a daughter and as a mother to conquer the world. I have so many loving friends and mentors who love and support me unconditionally. After a long journey, I am now fortunate enough to serve the University of Allahabad, and this opportunity is being given to me by a woman Vice Chancellor Honorable Prof. Sangita Srivastava ma'am. I am determined to fulfill all my duties as a teacher and as an artist with honesty, hard work and loyalty towards my university, society and nation.

- Dr. Vidhu Khare Das
Center for Theatre and Film

Chained

In the 'new world' with blurry visions
and claims of equality,
amidst murmurs, chants, buzz of OUR emancipation,
I spread my wings to fly,
A free bird! Thought I,
But my mother held me tight
and clipped my wings.
I cried hard but
Alas! I failed to fly....
I turned around and saw
an endless chain behind
Of faces resembling mine—
The mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers—
the wingless generation of mother-figures
cutting off the wings of thought
of the generation next.

- Dr. Pratima Chaitanya

ہی حوا کے علاوہ دنیا میں کوئی نفس ایسا نہیں آیا جسے ماں نے جنم نہ دیا ہو۔ اگر ہمارے لیے ماں محترمتین کا احترام دراصل نوح انسانی کے احترام کے مترادف ہے کیونکہ حضرت آدم علیہ السلام اور حضرت بیہم نے تو دنیا کی ہر خاتون محترم ہوتی چاہیے۔۔ یعنی کہ عورت کے بغیر اس دنیا کی تخلیق بھی ممکن نہیں تھی۔ عورت کی اہمیت دنیا کے بننے کے ساتھ ہے اور آج تک قائم ہے۔ کائنات کی تخلیق سے آج ۲۱ ویں صدی تک کے لیے اور مشکل سفر میں عورت نے کئی مشکل راہیں پار کیں اور کئی دقتوں کا سامنا کرتے ہوئے ساج میں اپنا مقام بنایا۔ زندگی کا ایسا کوئی حصہ نہیں جس میں عورت نے اپنی قابلیت نہ ثابت کی ہو۔ عورت نے باورچی خانہ سے لے کر بچوں کی پرورش تک، اسکول کالجوں سے لے کر سرکاری دفتروں میں نوکری تک، بزنس سے لے کر سمندر کی تہ میں جانے تک، اور آسمانوں میں پرواز کرنے سے لے کر سرحد کی حفاظت تک ایسا کوئی شعبہ نہیں جہاں اپنا وجود کو ثابت نہ کیا ہو۔ علاوہ ازیں عورت ہر روپ اور ہر رشتہ میں عزت و وقار کی علامت، وفاداری اور ایثار کا پیکر بھی جاتی ہے۔ انسان کسی بھی منصب اور حیثیت کا حامل ہو زندگی کے سفر میں کسی نیکسی مرحلہ پر کسی خاتون کا مربوب منت ضرور ہوتا ہے۔ بار بار یہ سننے میں آیا ہے کہ ہر کامیاب انسان کے پیچھے کسی عورت کا ہاتھ ہوتا ہے۔ اگر میرچ ہے تو اس کا مطلب یہ ہوا کہ صنف نازک کی شخصیت میں کہیں نہ کہیں ایک نا قابل تسخیر طاقت ضرور موجود ہے۔ لیکن ان سب کے باوجود اس مشکل ڈگر پر دنیا کی دقتوں کا سامنا کرنے کے لئے حوصلہ بنانے رکھتے ہوئے عورت کو کئی ایسی منزلیں پار کرنی ہیں کئی شعلوں سے بچ کر نکلنا ہے کئی دریا اور سمندر پار کرنے ہیں اور بہت دور تک جاتا ہے تاکہ اُنے والی نسلیں بھی اسی راہ پر چلیں جو آج کی عورت ان کے لئے بنا کر جاتی ہے۔

وجود زن سے ہے تصویر کائنات میں رنگ

(اس کے ساز سے ہے زندگی کا سوز دروں) اقبال

دیکھ کر شاعر نے اسے تکیہ حکمت کہا

(اور ہے سوچ زمانے نے اسے عورت کہا) شاد عارفی

دنیا کے لئے تحفہ نایاب ہے عورت افسانوی ہستی کا حسین باب ہے عورت

(دیکھا تھا جو آدم نے وہی خواب ہے عورت ہے شل ہے آئینہ آداب ہے عورت) ربیر جو پوری

بنایا ہے مصور نے حسین شہکار عورت کو الگ پہچان دیتا ہے کہانی کا روعورت کو

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We are in a celebratory moment right now as women are leading the world of visual media, sports, academics, literature, governance, the fashion industry, and administration and what not. Women are affirming their places. It's been a few weeks since Kartiki Gonsalves won an Oscar for her short documentary, the producer of the film Guneet Monga received an award with the words "Tonight is historic as this is the first-ever Oscar for an Indian production. India's Glory with two women..". Indian women had already proven that they are equally capable of playing traditional and non-traditional roles. In this moment of pride and honor, we should also consider that in India, each day 86 rape cases are reported. Each day, on average twenty women lose their lives due to dowry, and 6900 cases of domestic violence have been filed by women victims in 2022. Moreover, our country has the highest rate of female foeticide in the world in the year 2022.

As a woman in contemporary India, we have a difficult road ahead against institutions of patriarchy and technologies of gender. The global feminist movement is fighting for gender equality, empowerment, sexual and reproductive health, and human rights in contemporary times. The feminist movement in India is also working for the same, but the path is still grim. The movement has yet to understand whether it wants to fall into the neoliberal trap, or it wants to fight against problems like the intersectionality of caste, gender, class, sexual violence, gender sensitization, and other important issues as such. Patricia Hills and Dorothy Smith argue that we can only do that by creating the standpoint of women and creating women's worldview by experiencing the world from the woman's perspective. In other words, we need to create a feminist epistemology for making the world a better place for women.

- Dr. Smriti Suman
















"Don't let anyone tell you you're weak because you're a woman."

-Mary Kom

Dept. of Geography




New Faculty Members

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name & Designation</u>	<u>Educational Qualification & Work Experience</u>	<u>Photograph</u>
1.	Dr. Kiran Kumari Singh <i>Associate Professor</i>	Ph.D.in Geography from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. Worked as Assistant Professor at Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Worked as Assistant Professor at Central University of Punjab, Bathinda. Worked as Associate Professor at Central University of South Bihar,Gaya.	
2.	Dr. Pawan Sharma <i>Associate Professor</i>	Ph.D.in Geography from University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. Worked as Assistant Professor in the Department of General & Applied Geography, Dr.Hari Singh Gour Central University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh Principal Investigator of UGC Start-up Project and the Project Director of ICSSR Major Research Project.	
3.	Dr. Arti Kumari <i>Assistant Professor</i>	M.A. and Ph.D .in Geography from Patna University, Patna. Worked as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Geography, Munger University ,Munger,Bihar for 2.5years.	
4.	Dr. Arti Singh <i>Assistant Professor</i>	M.A. & Ph.D. from the Department of Geography Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.	
5.	Dr. Arun Mondal <i>Assistant Professor</i>	M.Sc. (1 st) in Geography, University of Calcutta. M.Sc.(2 nd)in Geoinformation Science and Earth Observation ,IIRS ,Dehradun under ISRO, India and University of Twente, Netherlands (Joint). Ph.D.in Water Resources Development and Management,IIT,Roorkee. Research Associate in Water Resources Systems Division at National Institute of Hydrology(NIH), Roorkee .Post-doctoral Research Associate in School of Earth, Ocean and Environment, University of South Carolina, U.S.A.	
6.	Dr. Desh Deepak Singh <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Ph.D. from Department of Geography, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj. Worked as Guest Lecturer in the Dept. of Geography,University of Allahabad and Ewing Christian College, Prayagraj. Worked as Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography, Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar.	
7	Dr. Farhana Khatoon <i>Assistant Professor</i>	B.A., B.Ed. and M.A. from Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. M.Phil. & P h.D. from Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Worked as PGT (Geography)Kendriya Vidyalaya, Andrews Ganj, New Delhi from 2012 to 2015 Worked as an Assistant Professor(Stage-II) at the Department of Geography, Vivekananda College, Kolkata from 2015to 2023.	
8.	Dr. Kavita Mishra <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Ph.D .from Department of Geography, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. UGC Post Doctoral Fellow at Banaras Hindu University,Varanasi Worked as an Assistant Professor(Contractual)at Mahila Mahavidyalaya Banaras Hindu University. Worked as an Assistant Professor(Guest) at Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya affiliated to Banaras Hindu University,Varanasi. Worked as Assistant Professor at PG Department of Geography, Kolhan University, Chaibasa ,Jharkhand.	
9.	Dr. Koyel Paul <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Ph.D. and M.A.in Geography from Vidya Bhavana, VisvaBharati, Santiniketan. Worked as Assistant Professor for almost8 years in Department of Geography, Birbhum Mahavidyalaya, an affiliated college under University of Burdwan, West Bengal.	

10.	Dr. Mahvish Anjum <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Ph.D. in Geography from Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. ICSSR Post Doctoral fellow from Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh for 2years. Worked as an Assistant Professor at Prof. Rajendra Singh (Rajju Bhaiya) University, Prayagraj and Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow. Research Project Co-investigator at PRSU, Prayagraj for 2 years.	
11.	Dr. Nitin Mishra <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Ph.D. in Geography from Department of Geography, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. Worked as an Assistant Professor at Department of Geography, Kartik Oraon College, Gumla (Ranchi University). Worked as an Assistant Professor at PG Department of Geography, Kalahandi University, Bhawanipatna, Odisha.	
12.	Dr. Ruchika Singh <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Ph.D. in Geography from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Worked as Assistant Professor at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur from 2018 to 2023.	
13.	Dr. Tania Debnath <i>Assistant Professor</i>	M.Phil. and PhD in Economic Geography from JNU, New Delhi. Worked as Research Associate in NIUA, New Delhi from 2019 to 2020 and worked as Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in project SHLC, University of Glasgow and NIUA, New Delhi.	

Centre of Environmental Studies

New Faculty Members

S.No.	Name	Educational Qualification & Work Experience	Photograph
1.	Dr. Puneeta Pandey <i>Associate Professor</i>	Ph.D. from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. Academic Diploma in Geographic Information Systems (UNIGIS Professional) from Salzburg University, Austria (2009), and GIS Development Pvt. Ltd., Noida M. Phil (2005-2007): 'Assessment of Organochlorine Pesticide residues in the Yamuna river sediment', Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), CGPA 8.41 out of 9. M.Sc. - Environmental Sciences (2003-2005), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi B. Sc. (Botany, Zoology and Anthropology): University of Allahabad, Allahabad, 2003	
2.	Dr. Pankaj Srivastava <i>Assistant Professor</i>	PhD Worked as Assistant Professor (GITAM Deemed to be University)	
3.	Dr. Jitendra Ahirwal <i>Assistant Professor</i>	MSc (Tech), Ph. D. Worked : CAS- PIFI Postdoctoral fellow, Beijing; Research Associate, Mizoram University, Aizawl	

रंगों का इंद्रधनुष –रंगसंगम

इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय की केंद्रीय सांस्कृतिक समिति ने होली मिलन समारोह का आयोजन विज्ञान संकाय के ऐतिहासिक विजयनगरम हॉल के सामने वाले परिसर में आयोजित किया। कार्यक्रम में विश्वविद्यालय की माननीया कुलपति प्रो.संगीत श्रीवास्तव के आगमन ने पूरे आयोजन को उदात्त गरिमा प्रदान की। केंद्रीय सांस्कृतिक समिति के अध्यक्ष प्रो.अजय जैतली ने इस कार्यक्रम की मुख्य अतिथि कुलपति महोदया का पुष्पगुच्छ देकर स्वागत किया।



प्रो.प्रेमकुमार मलिक के शास्त्रीय चैती गायन ने फाग के उल्लास को जब वाणी दी तो स्वरों की भावधारा में सभी दर्शक गुनगुनाने लगे। संगीत विभाग के विद्यार्थियों के समूह गान में ब्रज और अवध प्रान्त की पारंपरिक होली और नृत्य की प्रस्तुति ने हुरियारे की लहर को तरंगायत किया। थोड़ी देर को अबीर तरंगायत होकर फिजा में तैरने लगा। संगीत विभाग के सह आचार्य डॉ. सुरेंद्र कुमार की गायकी में सोहर,होली,कजरी और बनारसी दादरा ने सावन और फागुन को संयोजित कर शाम की मधुरिमा को और मधुरित कर दिया।



सांस्कृतिक समिति के सभी सदस्यों ने स्मृति चिह्न देकर कुलपति महोदया का सम्मान किया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन प्रो.जया कपूर ने किया और धन्यवाद डॉ. प्रिया केशरी ने दिया। दृश्य कला विभाग के शोधार्थी और विद्यार्थियों ने रंगोली में रंगों की छटा उकेरी। इस अवसर पर विश्वविद्यालय के कुलसचिव व सभी शिक्षक उपस्थित रहे।



Dept. of English & MEL

The Department of English and MEL organized a special lecture on 20th March 2023. The eminent resource person for the event was Prof. Banibrata Mahanta from the Department of English, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. His lecture was titled “Changing the Narrative: Re-examining Disability Identity, Reframing Disability Discourse”. Prof. Sonjoy Dutta Roy, Head of the Department of English and MEL, welcomed the resource person.



Dr. Mahanta centered his talk on his encounter of disability stereotypes, prejudices and their circulation in cultural spaces with reference to various literary texts and television serials. The lecture was followed by discussion on the topic. On this occasion, Prof. S.K. Sharma, Prof. Sarvajit Mukherji, Prof. Indrani Mukherjee, Prof. Jaya Kapoor and other faculty members along with research scholars of the department were present.



Department of Ancient History, Culture and Archaeology

The Department of Ancient History, Culture, and Archaeology organized a national seminar on “Indian Historical View: Multiple Dimensions” on the 25th day of March 2023 under the directions of Prof. Harsh Kumar and the convenorship of Dr. Ramakant. The seminar was inaugurated by offering flowers to Maa Saraswati and lighting of the lamp by the chief guests, Prof. N. R. Farooqi (former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Allahabad), Prof. Harsh Kumar (Head of the Department), and Shri Chandra Prakash (I.G. of Prayagraj range). Eminent scholars, including Prof. Heramb Chaturvedi (Former Dean, Faculty of Arts, UoA), Prof. Pravesh K. Srivastava (Dept. of A.I.H.C. & Archaeology, B.H.U.), Prof. J. N. Pal, Prof. A.P. Ojha, Prof. O.P. Srivastava, Prof. Prakash Sinha (retired professors of the department), Prof. Anamika Roy, and Prof. Suniti Pandey, also graced the occasion. Prof. Harsh Kumar gave the welcome address; Dr. Ramakant introduced the seminar theme; Prof. N.R. Farooqi delivered the keynote address; subsequently, the chairperson, Prof. J. N. Pal, addressed the gathering. A total of three technical sessions were conducted in the seminar. In these sessions, three special lectures and forty-two research presentations by scholars from different institutions across India were held.



The eminent scholars shed light on different dimensions of History writing and related aspects such as religion, art & architecture, and Archaeology in different technical sessions of the seminar. The contributions of the “Allahabad School of History” were also highlighted by different scholars. The seminar was ably coordinated by Dr. Sarvesh Singh, Dr. Suchitra Majumdar, and Dr. Shailesh K. Yadav. Faculty members of the Department Dr. Raghavendra P. Singh, Dr. Mukesh K. Singh, Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Dr. J. S. Naulakha, Dr. Amit Singh, Dr. Mohana R., Dr. Gargi Chatterjee, Dr. Reema, Dr. Ashutosh Singh, Dr. Atul Narayan Singh, Dr. Arvind, Dr. Ajay, Dr. Ravindra, Dr. Ratnesh K. Singh, and Dr. Satya Prakash, the research scholars and P.G. students of the department and Principals, teachers, research scholars and P.G. students of various other institutions graced the seminar with their presence.

Centre for Women's Studies



International Women's Day falls on 8th March. However, due to the Holi revelry, the Centre for Women's Studies, the University of Allahabad, decided to celebrate Women's Day by organizing two functions on March 14 and 15, 2023.

On 14th March, the students recited self-composed poems on "Nari Sabla hai Abla Nahin." This function was held in Gandhi Bhawan, and Akanksha Bundela, Shreya Rakesh Shukla, Anushka Pandey and Sumaya Srivastava (students) were awarded first, second, third, and consolation prizes, respectively. This program was judged by Dr. Pratima Chaitanya and Dr. Vinamarsen Singh, and it was chaired by Prof Santosh Bhadauria. On 15th March, two short films, 'Juice' and 'Listen to her,' were screened in the Auditorium of the Institute of Professional Studies. Both films focused on the double work done by women, the patriarchal expectations of the masculine gender, women's multi-tasking, and their unspoken frustration. The films ended with a positive message urging women to take an independent stand. The event was followed by a panel discussion by Prof. Anamika Roy (Department of Ancient History), Prof. Jaya Kapoor (Department of English), and Dr. Vidhu Khare Das (Centre for Film & Theatre).

Incubation Centre



The Incubation Centre, the University of Allahabad, organized STARTUP MELA on 27th March to provide a platform for showcasing innovative products/services and promoting business networks. The Mela was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University of Allahabad, Prof. Sangita Srivastava. On this occasion, she said that the Incubation Centre would provide guidance to entrepreneurs seeking support in sync with the vision of the New Education Policy and Make in India. She added that it was important to encourage startups to develop businesses and motivate students to initiate their own startups and become self-reliant. More than 36 startups running innovative ventures related to Apparel and Clothing, Handicrafts, Millet based products, Cow dung items, Pickles, Wellness care, Digital Consultancy, Digital marketing, Books, Paintings, Financial services, spices, and event management showcased their products and services. The event was organized under the banner of Navkalpana Innovation and Entrepreneurship Foundation under the tutelage of Prof. N. K. Shukla, Prof. S. I. Rizvi, Prof. A. K. Singhal (Chairman, Incubation Cell) along with Directors of the company incorporated in the Incubation Centre. The Mela was attended by a large number of students and faculty members of the university.

Prof. Shanthi Sundaram coordinated the event, and Dr. Shefali Nandan was the co-coordinator. The other members of the organizing committee were Dr. Himanshu, Dr. Archana, Dr. Ekta, Dr. Rohit, Dr. Panda, Dr. Charita, Dr. Rajesh, Dr. Sandeep, Prof. Neelam Yadav and Dr. Simant. There was an excellent response to the Startup Mela both in terms of registrations and footfall. Students showed a keen interest in learning about different processes and initiatives. The young entrepreneurs were encouraged by the response to their ventures and products.

गांधी विचार एवं शांति अध्ययन संस्थान

संस्थान में आयोजित दो दिवसीय किशोर विद्यार्थी कार्यशाला के उद्घाटन-सत्र में वक्ताओं ने बच्चों की भाषा में बच्चों की तरह सरल सहज ढंग से गांधी जी को याद किया। संस्थान के निदेशक प्रो. संतोष भदौरिया स्वागत वक्तव्य देते हुए कार्यशाला के उद्देश्यों और इसकी पूरी प्रक्रिया से अवगत कराया। उन्होंने कहा कि विश्वविद्यालय की कुलपति माननीया प्रो. संगीता श्रीवास्तव जी की मंशा एवं प्रोत्साहन से गांधी भवन 'आउटरीच' कार्यक्रमों की शुरुआत कर रहा है। भविष्य में हम ग्रामीण इलाके में जाकर गांधी के ग्राम-स्वराज के कार्यक्रमों से विद्यार्थियों को परिचित कराने का कार्य भी करेंगे। उद्घाटन सत्र के बाद सुपरिचित मनोचिकित्सक मालविकाराव ने 'सकारात्मक सोच और तनाव प्रबंधन' विषय पर प्रतिभागी बच्चों से बातें साझा की। बच्चों की प्रतिक्रिया सुनी और उन्हें तनाव मुक्त रखने के कई तरीकों से परिचित कराया। पावर प्वाइंट प्रजेंटेशन के जरिए मालविका राव ने किशोर विद्यार्थियों की तमाम जटिलताओं को सुलझाया। इस सत्र का संयोजन और संचालन डॉ. अमृता ने किया। इस कार्यशाला में प्रयागराज के लगभग दस इंटर कॉलेज के 25 विद्यार्थी प्रतिभाग कर रहे हैं।



भोजनावकाश के बाद प्रतिभागियों ने दृश्य कला विभाग के वरिष्ठ शोधार्थी श्री धर्मेन्द्र कुमार के निर्देशन में किशोर विद्यार्थियों ने 'गांधी के सपनों का भारत' विषय पर पोस्टर निर्माण प्रतियोगिता में अपनी कला का प्रदर्शन किया। पोस्टर निर्माण के बादल घुफिल्म प्रदर्शन और बच्चों के बीच समूह चर्चा आयोजित की गई। इस सत्र का संयोजन हिंदी एवं आधुनिक भारतीय भाषा विभाग के डॉ. सुनील कुमार सुधांशुने किया। कार्यशाला के उद्घाटन-सत्र में गांधीवादी चिंतक डॉ. कृष्ण स्वरूप आनंदी ने कहा कि गांधीजी के सत्य, सत्याग्रह और जनसिद्धांतों के विविध आयामों को सबसे अधिक किसी को जानने की जरूरत है तो वह किशोर और युवा हैं। युवाओं से बड़ी उम्मीदें हैं। हम सबको गांधीजी के जीवन से जुड़े झूठ, मिथक और भ्रांतियों को खारिज करना होगा। मुख्य अतिथि प्रो. सैयद इब्राहिम रिजवी ने कहा कि इस कार्यशाला में शहर के विभिन्न इंटर कॉलेजों से उपस्थित यह 25 बच्चे देश के सुंदर गुलदस्ते हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि हमें सोचना है समय के बारे में, समाज के बारे में। इस कार्यशाला में अनुवाद अधिकारी हरि ओम

Dept. of English & MEL



A two-day National Seminar was organized by the Department of English and MEL from 24 to 25 March 2023. It began with the lighting of the lamp by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sangita Srivastava, in the presence of eminent dignitaries and scholars from across the country. Dr. Mrityunjay Rao Parmar delivered the welcome address and extended warm regards to everyone. The Head of the Department, Prof. Sonjoy Dutta Roy, gave the inaugural speech, which was about the rich history of the department. The Keynote Speaker, Prof. Makarand Paranjape, delivered an extensive lecture that was divided into three parts: India's history of wars, the rasas of history and the confluence of time, and itihassamimamsa. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of such conferences as they add to the critical discourses in the realm of literary historiography.

Thereafter, all the dignitaries were felicitated by the faculty members of the department. The Guest of Honour, Prof. Harish Trivedi, delivered a lecture on the topic "Literature and History: East and West." He began his lecture by giving references to the Keynote Address delivered by Prof. Makarand Paranjape. Being an alumnus and a former faculty member of the Department of English of the University of Allahabad, Prof. Trivedi shared his nostalgic experiences in the university. The inaugural session was concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Vivek Dwivedi. The programme was emceed by Dr. Sadaf Siddiqui. Some retired faculty members of the department graced the event with their presence.

Day 2 of the two-day National seminar started with a session graced by the presence of eminent dignitaries and scholars from across the country. Prof. Prakash Joshi was the moderator for the first round of the panel discussion by Prof. Neelum Saran Gaur, Prof. Prakash Sinha, Prof. Baran Farooqi, and Prof. Smita Agarwal. Prof. Neelum Saran Gaur elaborated that history speaks through episodes of literature. Prof. Baran Farooqi began by expressing her delightful nostalgia for her earlier days at the University of Allahabad. The next speaker, Prof. Prakash Sinha, began his talk with the concept of reconstructing history and questioning the purpose behind revisiting it. Following this was a lecture by Prof. Smita Agarwal, who started with the idea that intentionally personalized poetry can also be a medium to revisit history. Thereafter, the panelists were felicitated, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Prashant Pandey.

The second session of the day included a lecture on "Revisiting the Political History of the Indian Struggle for Independence through Political Novels" by Prof. Hitendra K Patel. The talk addressed gaps in the historiography of India's struggle for Independence. The session was chaired by Prof. Susheel K Sharma, who also shared his ideas on the topic.

The third session constituted a distinguished lecture titled "Disaster Flows: Historical Legacies and Continuing Vulnerability in the Contemporary Hydro novel" by Prof. Pramod K Nayar. By illustrating the example of "The Water Knife" by Paola Bacigalupi, he talked about the revival of oceanic humanity. The Chairperson for the session was Prof. Sonjoy Saxena. Prof. Ashish Saxena also delivered a lecture on "Towards Subaltern History and Social Transformation: Re-examining Identity and Justice for Tribes in India" in the second session.



Each time a woman stands up
for herself, without
knowing it possibly,
without claiming it, she
stands up for all women.

- Maya Angelou



SKILL CARNIVAL 3.0

A two-day exhibition-cum-sale, Skill Carnival 3.0, was organized by the Department of Family and Community Sciences on 20th and 21st March 2023. The exhibition was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sangita Srivastava, in the presence of Registrar, Deans, Heads, and other Faculty members. The exhibition showcased the creativity and imagination of students enrolled in various courses in the Department. Kalamkari paintings, Gond artwork, Jharokhas prepared by Phad art, various Home Decor items made of terracotta, Craft items, Mural art, Lippan art, and Cross-stitch were the major attractions at the Carnival. The budding artists and entrepreneurs of the department garnered praise and encouragement from the faculty members, parents, and students of various other departments. The long-cherished idea of Skill Carnival-3 could become a reality through the joint efforts of the teaching staff, non-teaching members, and students of the Department of Family and Community Sciences.

'Cultivating Joyous Mindset'

A workshop entitled 'Cultivating Joyous Mindset' was organized at the Early Childhood Care Centre, Department of Family and Community Sciences, on March 17, 2023. The workshop was organized by the faculty members of the Department of Family and Community Sciences with the objective of cultivating positivity and joy in the participants through various mind-stimulating and thought-provoking activities. The first activity focused on identifying and keeping all that is nourishing while the letting go of the clutter we have been holding onto be out. In this activity, the participants had to draw their favourite vacation destination, favourite food item, and favourite Nature object. The next activity was based on Gestalt theory. The participants were provided pieces of a puzzle that they had to arrange in an organized manner. The theory is based on the fact that the 'organized whole is greater than the sum of its parts.' This validates the understanding that while challenging circumstances are perceived as negative, they have a meaning in the larger, organized whole of our lives. The third activity instilled in the participants' minds the importance of gratitude by holding on to a gratitude pebble. They were asked to feel thankful and show their gratitude to the universe for the positive and good things that make life worth living. The last activity focused on strengthening the belief system of the participants through repetition. They were made to strengthen the belief that 'life is good,' 'I am confident,' 'I am happy,' 'My life is joyous.' Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of UoA, Prof. Sangita Srivastava, inaugurated the workshop. She expressed her thoughts in the workshop and said we must always maintain an optimistic mindset and attitude. In the process, we would see amazing changes around us. She also highlighted that a positive attitude helps us to live our life cheerfully and to forget all our worries and negative thinking. We should speak good things about others with a positive frame of mind. All the respected Heads and Women faculty members of the Science Faculty also graced the workshop with their participation.

Centre of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences



The Centre of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences (CBCS), University of Allahabad, conducted a four-day workshop on Cognitive Neuroimaging: Experimental Design and Analysis from 16th to 19th March 2023, with intensive training in data acquisition, design, and analysis using functional MRI. Prof. Bapi Raju from IIIT Hyderabad and Dr. Srikanth Padmala, and Mr. Sahithyan S from Centre for Neuroscience, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, were the resource persons for the workshop. A total of 9 faculty and 12 senior doctoral and Postdoctoral scholars from various institutions like IIT Roorkee, IIT Kanpur, IIIT Hyderabad, IIT Madras, IIT BHU, NIMHANS Bangalore, Thapar University, Symbiosis Institute of Operations Management, Dept of Zoology and CBCS, the UoA, participated in the workshop. The sessions were conducted at the Centre's National Neuroimaging Facility, established in 2019 with a large-scale grant from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, dedicated to research and accessible to scholars from institutions across the country.

This workshop helped in facilitating potential collaborations on research works like the effects of aging and blood glucose levels on brain function, Stroke, Autism, consumer neuroscience of buying-shopping disorders, language comprehension, and Motor-Memory consolidation using TMS and fMRI. The workshop concluded with networking and collaboration sessions with CBCS faculty, Prof. Bhoomika Kar, Dr. Amrendra Singh, Dr. Shiv K. Sharma, and Dr. Jayprakash, who discussed the ongoing studies at the National Neuroimaging Facility. Such studies include investigating the effect of various conditions, such as aging, bilingualism, socioeconomic status, literacy, obesity, and neuroaesthetics, on brain structure and function. The possibility of collaborations with cognitive neuroscience experts at CBCS with Machine learning and computational neuroscience experts from technical institutions was also discussed.

Dept. of Zoology



In view of National Science Day 2023, the Department of Zoology organized a one-day symposium on Human Health and Diseases with special reference to the Reproductive Health of Young Women on 15th March 2023. The Chief Patron of the symposium was Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sangita Srivastava, and the Patron was Prof. Bechan Sharma. Prof. R. S. Verma, Director of MNNIT, graced the function as the chief guest. The other eminent dignitaries were Prof. Jagdamba Singh, Convenor of ISCA Allahabad Chapter, Prof. Bechan Sharma, Dean of Faculty of Science, Prof. K. P. Singh, Head of the Department of Zoology, the UoA, and faculties from various departments of the University. The keynote lecture was delivered by Prof. S. I. Rizvi, Dean of Research and Development, on the topic Biology of aging. The programme was continued by the next talk delivered by Dr. Naina Kapoor, DNB, Obstetrics Gynaecology, Artemis Hospital, Gurugram, on menstrual health and hygiene. In this talk, she discussed abnormal menstrual cycles, PCODs, the role of stress, diet, and exercise in maintaining reproductive health. The last talk of the symposium was delivered by Dr. Neeraj Kumar, Executive Secretary, NASI, Prayagraj. His talk was on under nutrition. He discussed malnutrition and Diseases. Prof. S. I. Rizvi, Dean R&D, Prof. K.P. Singh, HoD of Zoology, Prof. B. Mohanty, Prof. V. Tripathi, Prof. Bhoomika Kar, HoD of CBCS, Dr. Niraj Kumar, E.S. of NASI (Prayagraj), Prof. I. R. Siddiqui, Prof. S. M. Prasad, HoD of Botany, were the advisory committee members for this symposium. Prof. K. P. Singh and Dr. Ritu Mishra were the convenors; Dr. Manish Sharma and Dr. Anusha Singh were co-convenors; Dr. Kapinder, Dr. Prateek Kumar, Dr. Arup Acharjee, Dr. Rajesh Kumari, Dr. Gaurav Majumdar were organizing secretaries. A number of undergraduate, postgraduate, and research scholars participated in the symposium by making/presenting posters on the theme "Global Science for Global Wellbeing."

Department of Sociology



On 27th March 2023, a fourteen-day online interdisciplinary Refresher Course on Advanced Research Methodology & Technical Writing was inaugurated under the directions of Prof. Ashish Saxena, Director, UGC-HRDC, the UoA, and patronage of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sangeeta Srivastava, UoA, Prayagraj. This course is an initiative of UGC-HRDC, Allahabad University, with the motive to enhance the understanding of recent and advanced methodology in academia. Prof. Surinder S. Jodhka, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, JNU, was the Chief Guest, and Prof. S. I. Rizvi, Dean, R&D, the UoA, was the Guest of Honour over there during the inaugural ceremony. In this program, participants were from different subject disciplines and from across the country.

Prof. Ashish Saxena, Head, Department of Sociology & the Director, UGC-HRDC, the University of Allahabad, expressed his views on the necessity of 'advanced research methodologies and technical writing' in the changing world. While delivering the inaugural address, Professor Surinder S. Jodhka (Professor, School of Social Sciences, JNU, Delhi) discussed the Practice of Science: A Sociological Imagination. He emphasized that the students of science should learn from the students of social sciences, and the students of social sciences must learn from the students of science.

Thereafter, Prof. S. I. Rizvi, Dean, R&D, the UoA, a veteran Biochemist, shed light on the phases of research over the past fifty years and looked at the advent of artificial intelligence as a boon in the domain of research. His emphasis was also on the interdisciplinary approach in academics as he himself comes from a natural science background and enthusiastically contributes to literature and philosophy.

During the second session of the day, two speakers, namely, veteran sociologist Professor Ashok Kaul (Emeritus Professor at BHU, Varanasi) and Professor Debal Singha Roy (School of Social Sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi), chaired the session. Professor Kaul gave a magical description of the Rise of Capitalism along with the rise of social science. Professor Debal Singha Roy delivered a lecture on the questions related to research which was much needed, viz., What it is?; how is it?; why is it? He briefed on the historical, contemporary, subjective, and objective basis of research.

Dr. Deborah Darlianmawii, Department of Sociology, UoA, moderated the session. Then at the end of the session, Course Co-ordinator Dr. Keyoor, as well as the faculty in the Department of Sociology, the UoA, offered a formal vote of thanks to the speakers and participants. The course program continued till 9th April 2023.

Dept. of Education

The annual function of PG Association, Abhivyaakti, was organized on 24th March 2023 by the M.A. and M. Ed. Students and Ph.D. scholars of the Department. The Chief Guest of this function was Prof. P. K. Sahoo, Former Head, Dept. of Education. In his address, he talked about the importance of cultural activities for all-round development of students. The Head of the Department, Prof. Dhananjai Yadav, welcomed the guests. Association, Dr. Saroj Yadav, along with Dr. Sonia Sthapak and Dr. Devi Prasad Singh directed and guided the students in various activities. All the faculty members of the Department were present at the function to encourage the students. A vote of thanks was given by an M. Ed. Student, Shiv Singh.



CSR Cell

"Mahindra Pride Classroom-Employability Skill Training for Women" was organised from 23rd February 2023 to 2nd March 2023. CSR Cell, UoA in association with Naandi Foundation (project implementation) organised "Mahindra Pride Classroom-Employability skill Training for women" for the students of Centre for Fashion Design and Technology, University of Allahabad.

Centre of Experimental Mineralogy and Petrology & the Dept. of Earth and Planetary Sciences

On March 16, 2023, an invited talk was jointly organized by the National Centre of Experimental Mineralogy and Petrology (NCEMP) and the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences (DEPS) at the University of Allahabad. The invited speaker, Dr. Ludovic Ferrière, Chief Curator (Impactites and Meteorites Collection; Natural History Museum Vienna, Austria), spoke on "How and why to look for new meteorite impact craters on Earth?". He emphasized the role of impact processes, shock metamorphism, and the identification of shock-diagnostic metamorphic features in impactites to discover a new meteorite impact structure on Earth. The Director, NCEMP, Professor Jayanta Kumar Pati, welcomed the guest and delivered keynote address. Prof. Pati thanked the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the UoA, for her encouragement and support in organizing this invited talk. On the successful completion of the event, the Head, DEPS, Professor Jayant Nath Tripathi, proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and all the attendees for making the session dynamic.



Towards the end of the program, there was a free and frank interaction between Dr. Ferrière and the enthusiastic students. For more than two hours, numerous interesting scientific questions were taken up by the speaker. This program was attended by all the faculty members, scientists, research scholars, and graduate and post-graduate students of DEPS and NCEMP, the University of Allahabad.



Purpose of this present visit to India: This is the first visit of Dr. Ludovic Ferrière to India. He was exposed to all three confirmed Indian meteoritic impact structures (Lonar Crater, Maharashtra; Dhala Structure, Madhya Pradesh; Ramgarh Structure, Rajasthan) with the help and support of two Ph.D. students (Mr. Anuj Kumar Singh and Mr. Shivanshu Dwivedi) of Prof. Pati. They helped him to explore, locate, and collect the best impactites samples in these impact structures for the impactites collection of the Natural History Museum Vienna (Austria). The main objective of Dr. Ferrière's visit to India is to further confirm the impact origin of the Ramgarh structure. Dr. Ferrière's visit to the UoA is likely to initiate future research collaborations.

Invited Lectures/Awards

Prof. Dhananjai Yadav and Dr. Ruchi Dubey from the Dept. of Education delivered a lecture. They were Keynote speakers in the Seminar on New Education Policy held on at DIET, Prayagraj, on 29th March 2023.



Prof. A. R. Siddiqui received Bhugol Shashtra Bhushan Award 2023. The Deccan Geographical Society of India awarded the very prestigious award 'Bhugol Bhushan National Award' to Professor A. R. Siddiqui, former head of the Department of Geography, the University of Allahabad, for his contribution to the field of Geography during XVII DGSi International Conference, organized by the Department of Geography, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, during 25-27 February 2023.



इलाहाबाद केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय में इतिहास विभाग के अध्यक्ष प्रो. आलोक प्रसाद ने दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के इतिहास विभाग में आयोजित अंतरराष्ट्रीय कांफ्रेंस में तथाकथित जरायम समुदायों (criminal tribes) के संघर्षपूर्ण इतिहास पर दुर्लभ और अनच्छुप स्रोतों और पहलुओं पर प्रकाश डाला। कांफ्रेंस इतिहास विभाग (दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय) के शताब्दी वर्ष पर आयोजित हुई। प्रो. आलोक ने बताया कि अंग्रेज कई समुदायों को बहादुर क्रौम (martial race) के रूप में देखते थे परंतु उन पर नियंत्रण नहीं कर पाये। उदाहरण के लिए अवध में पासियों ने अंग्रेजों का मुखर विरोध किया जिससे क्रोधित हो कर अंग्रेजों ने उन्हें जरायम क्रौम घोषित किया।



संस्कृति मंत्रालय भारत सरकार की अधीनस्थ संस्था ललित कला अकादमी नई दिल्ली एवं दृश्यकला संकाय राजस्थान विश्वविद्यालय के सानिध्य में 6 दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय कला शिविर 14-19 मार्च में डॉ. संदीप कुमार मेघवाल का चयन हुआ। इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय के दृश्यकला विभाग के सहायक आचार्य डॉ. मेघवाल ने 6 दिन के राष्ट्रीय कला शिविर फोक फ्यूजन नामक कलाकृति का निर्माण किया। इस चित्र के द्वारा भारतीय लोक परम्परा की देशज कला एवं आधुनिकता का फ्यूजन किया है। इस शिविर में देश के 15 नामचीन कलाकारों का चयन किया गया। जयपुर के कलाकार एवं कला रसिकों ने शिविर का अवलोकन का लुप्त उठाया। इस हेतु डॉ. मेघवाल को तीस हजार रूपए एवं प्रशस्ति पत्र देकर सम्मानित किया। राजस्थान विश्वविद्यालय के विद्यार्थियों के सामने चित्रण कर डिमोस्ट्रेशन देकर बारीकियों को समझाया।



सेन्टर फॉर डेवलपमेंट स्टडीज तथा राजनीत शास्त्र तवभाग

भारत की G20 अध्यक्षता मानवता और वैश्विक श्वकास के श्विए मीि का पत्थर साश्वित होगी - डॉ. प्रदीप शमासेन्टर फॉर डेवलपमेंट स्टडीज तथा राजनीत शास्त्र तवभाग के साझा प्रयास से 22/03/2023 को राजनीत शास्त्रतवभाग के सेतमनार हाल में Thematic Talk: India's G-20 Presidency: Hope for the Future का आयोजन तकया गया। इस मौके पर डॉ प्रीप कुमार शमा, समन्वयक, तवकास अध्ययन केंद्र, डॉ अजन कुमार साहू, एसोतसएट प्रोफेसर, राजनीतशास्त्र तवभाग, डॉ तनहारका ततवारी, एसोतसएट प्रोफे सर, राजनीत शास्त्र तवभाग मुख्य वक्ता रहे। पांतडत उपाध्यायपीठ के अध्यक्ष प्रोफेसर मधुरेन्द्र कुमार की अध्यक्षता में यह कायाक्रम सांपन्न हुआ। तवषय प्रवेश करतेहुए डॉ तनहारका ततवारी नेअन्तराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर भारत की अग्रणी भूतमका पर तवशेष जोर तिया और यहभी कहा तक G-20 की अध्यक्षता करना भारत के तलए तवशेष अवसर है। इस मौके पर डॉ अजन कु मार साहू ने G-20 के भारत के अध्यक्षता वषा में होने वाले प्रमुख घटनाओ एवं आयोजनों पर प्रकाशडाला।



कायाक्रम के तवतशष्ट अतततथ प्रोफे सर पांकज कु मार ने कहा वैतिक पटल पर भारत की सामर्थ्ा कोरोना काल में तसदध हो चुकीहै और यह भतवष्य में भी जारी रहेगी। अध्यक्षीय भाषण िते हुए प्रोफे सर मधुरेन्द्र कु मार ने कहा तक शल्कक्त एवं शांतत अन्तराष्ट्रीय सांबंधो के यथाथाहैएवां भारत हमेशाशांतत का सशक्त पक्षधर रहा है तजसकी आज अग्रणी भूतमका एवं आवश्यकता भी है। इस आयोजन को सफल बनाने में तवकास अध्ययन केंद्र तथा राजनीत शास्त्र तवभाग के तशक्षकगण का तवशेष सहयोग रहातजसमेप्रोफे सर पांकज कु मार, प्रोफे सर अनुराधा अग्रवाल, प्रोफे सर सूयाभान, डॉ स्मृतत सुमन, डॉ अपणा चौधरी, डॉ सुतमतसौरभ श्रीवास्तव, डॉ अांगीरा सेन समा,डॉ आशीष धर तिपाठी, डॉ कातताके य तमश्र , एवं तवभाग के अन्य तशक्षकगणरहे। इस कायाक्रम में वक्ताओं का पररचय तथा स्वागत डॉ अांगीरा सेन समा द्वारा तकया गया तथा धन्यवाि जापन डॉ सुतमत सौरभश्रीवास्तव द्वारा तकया गया। इस अवसर पर राजनीत शास्त्र तवभाग एवं तवकास अध्ययन केंद्र एवं तवितवदयालय तथा कालेजो के स्नातक, परा-

सेन्टर ऑफ मीडिया स्टडीज

24.3.2023 डा0 धनंजय चोपड़ा की पुस्तक 'गणेश शंकर विद्यार्थी' का जनापर्ण। पदमश्री विजयदत्त श्रीधर ने नेशनल बुक ट्रस्ट, भारत द्वारा प्रकाशित डा0 धनंजय चोपड़ा की पुस्तक 'गणेश शंकर विद्यार्थी' का जनापर्ण किया तथा इस पुस्तक को पत्रकारिता की पढाई करने वालों के साथ नई पीढी के लिए अत्यन्त उपयोगी बताया। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता करते हुए वाणिज्य संकाय के पूर्व अधिष्ठाता प्रोफेसर प्रशांत घोष ने कहा कि अपने जीवन में विद्यार्थी बने रहने की सीख गणेश शंकर विद्यार्थी जी से ही मिलती है। सेन्टर के कोर्स कोआर्डिनेटर डा0 धनंजय चोपड़ा ने कहा कि विद्यार्थी जी के सानिध्य में प्रताप अखबार का दफ्तर किसी पत्रकारिता विश्वविद्यालय से क नहीं था



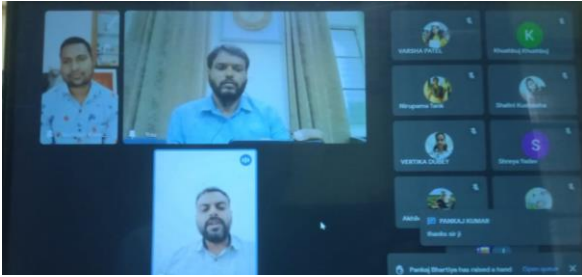
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दिनांक 25.03.2023 को शंकरगढ़ फार्मर प्रोड्यूसर कंपनी लिमिटेड के निदेशक मंडल के सदस्यों एवं मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी का तीन दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम का आयोजन इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय के वाणिज्य और व्यवसाय प्रशासन विभाग में शुभारम्भ हुआ। इस प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम का उदघाटन मुख्य अतिथि श्री अनिल कुमार शर्मा, सहायक महाप्रबंधक , नाबाई प्रयागराज, द्वारा दीप प्रज्वलित कर किया गया। एफपीओ के डायरेक्टर एवं मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी के प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम के उद्देश्य, कंपनी के शेयरहोल्डर्स के जुड़ाव एवं उनके फायदों के बारे में विस्तृत जानकारी सचिव ग्रामीण विकास समिति श्री एस.बी पांडेय जी द्वारा प्रदान की गई। डीडीएम नाबाई ने ग्रामीण विकास में एफपीओ की भूमिका एवं किसानों की आय को कैसे एफपीओ के मध्यम से दोगुना किया जा सकता है पर विस्तृत चर्चा की।



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दृश्यकला विभाग इलाहबाद विश्विद्यालय में 'नेचुरल कलर पिगमेंट' विषय पर ऑनलाइन विशेष व्याख्यान का आयोजन हुआ। विषय विशेषज्ञ के रूप में किशनगढ़ राजस्थान के परम्परागत लघुचित्र शैली के कलाकार श्री महेश कुमावत रहे। श्री कुमावत ने चित्रकला में अजंता, एलोरा, मुगल, राजस्थानी, पहाड़ी शैली में प्रयुक्त प्राचीन रंग पद्धति के नेचुरल कलर पिगमेंट के बारे में विस्तारपूर्वक व्याख्यान दिया। इन रंगों कि उपलब्धता, प्रयोग एवं लम्बे समय तक रंगों कि शुद्धता के सुखद परिणाम पर विस्तारपूर्वक चर्चा की। इस मौके पर विभाग अध्यक्ष प्रो. अजय कुमार जेटली ने महेश कुमावत का स्वागत किया एवं इस विषय कि वर्तमान समय में कला विद्यार्थियों एवं आमजन में उपयोगिता पर प्रकाश डाला। दुर्लभ होते नेचुरल कलर पिगमेंट पर चिंता व्यक्त कि गई। के इस व्याख्यान में भारी संख्या में विद्यार्थी, शोधार्थी जुड़कर व्याख्यान का लाभ उठाया। इस व्याख्यान का संयोजन डॉ. संदीप कुमार मेघवाल ने किया एवं धन्यवाद ज्ञापन डॉ. सचिन सैनी ने किया। विभाग के सदस्य डॉ. सौमिक नंदी एवं डॉ. अदिति पटेल एवं शोधार्थी धर्मेन्द्र कुमार, मंजू यादव, सप्तमी, पूजा कुशवाहा, रेणु, मल्लिका, चंद्रकला मौजूद रहे।



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हिंदी विभाग द्वारा आयोजित 'भारतीय स्वतंत्रता आंदोलन जन चेतना को निर्मिति और हिंदी पत्रिकाएँ' विषयक राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी का दिनांक 23 मार्च 2023 को शुभारंभ हुआ। आयोजन के संयोजक आशुतोष पार्थेश्वर ने कहा कि इस आयोजन का उद्देश्य पत्र-पत्रिकाओं के जरिए अपने इतिहास, ज्ञान और विरासत से परिचित होना है। उद्घाटन सत्र में श्री विजयदत्त श्रीधर, राजमणि, प्रो० प्रणय कृष्ण और आशुतोष पार्थेश्वर रहे। अपने वक्तव्य में पार्थेश्वर ने कहा इस आयोजन का उद्देश्य पत्र-पत्रिकाओं के जरिये अपने इतिहास, ज्ञान और विरासत से परिचित होना है। श्री राजमणि ने उद्धरणों एवं चित्रों के जरिए स्वाधीनता आंदोलन के दौरान विभिन्न पत्रिकाओं की भूमिका को रेखांकित किया। श्री विजयदत्त श्रीधर ने उन्नीसवीं सदी से लेकर स्वाधीनता आंदोलन तक के विभिन्न संपादकों, पत्रकारों का उल्लेख करते हुए यह जोर देकर कहा कि आजादी के आंदोलन में संपादकों के पास नैतिक बल था। इस सत्र की अध्यक्षता प्रो० प्रणय कृष्ण ने की। अपने संबोधन में उन्होंने राष्ट्र, पत्रकारिता और हिन्दी के विभिन्न पत्रों के स्वरूप को स्पष्ट किया।



हिन्दी विभाग द्वारा आयोजित 'भारतीय स्वतंत्रता आंदोलन, जन-चेतना की निर्मिति और हिंदी पत्रिकाएँ' विषयक राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी के दूसरे दिन विचारों और बहसों का सिलसिला चलता रहा। दूसरे सत्र के वक्ता प्रो. हितेन्द्र पटेल ने कहा कि 'असली भारत का इतिहास साहित्यिक स्त्रोतों पर लिखा जाएगा।' डॉ. सुनंदा पराशर ने 'राष्ट्रीय आन्दोलन में स्त्री लेखन के प्रति आलोचकों की दृष्टि' पर वक्तव्य दिया। डॉ० प्रभात कुमार ने पत्रिकाओं में छपे कार्टून का विश्लेषण किया। इस सत्र की अध्यक्षता प्रो. आलोक प्रसाद तथा संचालन डॉ० अंशुमान कुशवाहा ने किया। तीसरे सत्र की वक्ता प्रो० प्रजा पाठक ने 'हिंदी पत्र पत्रिकाओं की एक प्रखर आवाज- उमा नेहरू' पर अपना वक्तव्य दिया। चौथे सत्र में वक्ता प्रो. समीर कुमार पाठक ने '19वीं शताब्दी में हिंदी उर्दू क्षेत्र: नवजागरण की राष्ट्रीय निर्मिति और पत्रकारिता' पर विस्तार से वक्तव्य दिया। डॉ० सुजीत कुमार सिंह ने 'ब्रिटिश राज में रेल स्त्री' तथा प्रो. आनंद शुक्ल ने 'प्रताप' पर अपना वक्तव्य दिया। इस सत्र की अध्यक्षता प्रो० चन्द्रा देवी तथा संचालन डॉ० अमरजीत राम ने किया।

पाँचवें और अंतिम सत्र में वक्ता डॉ० बृजेन्द्र अग्निहोत्री ने 'चाँद' और 'माधुरी' की भूमिका पर बात की। डॉ० मरेश कुमार ने नवजागरण कालीन पत्रिकाओं में

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Time Poverty: Hindrance to Women's Rights & Health

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Every day, all over the world, women and girls perform countless hours of work without pay. Girls are socialized to be caretakers from an early age. Girls spend 50% more time helping around the house than boys. By adulthood women spend an average of 2-3 times as many hours per day as men on unpaid work like shouldering the heaviest burden of cooking, cleaning, and caring for children and the elderly. Even as female participation in the paid workforce grows, women continue to provide the majority of unpaid care work. When all types of work (paid and unpaid) are considered, women work longer days than men on average.

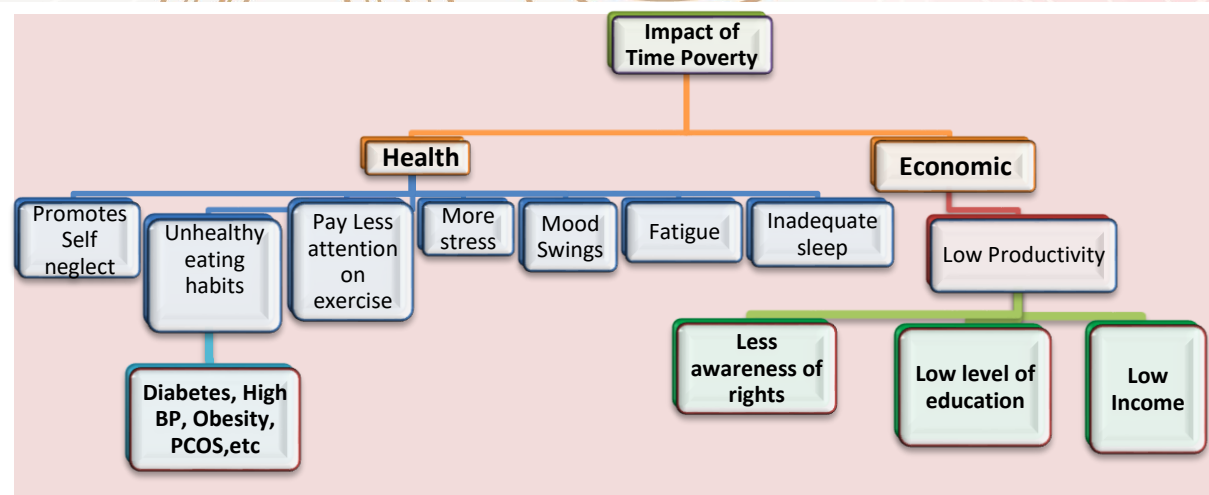
This inequitable gender-based allocation of unpaid domestic work, representing “double-duty” for women who enter the workforce, often leaves women with little or no discretionary time. This is known as **time poverty**. Time poverty has important repercussions for women's economic opportunities and health, and is a manifestation of the systemic oppression of women via gender inequality and restrictive gender norms. For women time poverty affects their capacity to participate in education and to enjoy good health, rest and leisure, thereby depleting their capacities.

The redistribution of unpaid care and domestic work does, however, present challenges. Low-income households do not often have the option to reduce and outsource their unpaid care and domestic work through market substitutes, such as by purchasing ready-made foods or hiring care workers. Because of the application of discriminatory social norms and gender stereotypes, those tasks cannot be easily redistributed from women and girls to men and boys. The intensity of unpaid care and domestic work undertaken by women and girls in poor families can create a poverty trap. As a result of the time and energy spent on unpaid responsibilities, women are constrained in their capacity to seek income-generating opportunities, and, because of their income poverty, they are unable to afford a reduction in the time and drudgery associated with unpaid care and domestic work.

It is often assumed that households, and in particular women in the household, will continue to provide care to their members through whatever socioeconomic and demographic changes may come. Women's time is not infinitely elastic, however, and coping strategies can produce unintended outcomes. In the context of health crises, for example, girls can miss out on school because of time spent fetching water and looking after bedridden family members. When caring for elderly relatives, women may be obliged to reduce their income-earning work or forgo promotions and training opportunities.



Myth: Two years ago, when lockdown began, it was a safe assumption that a lack of commuting and in-office interruptions would free up time for remote workers. The pandemic only exacerbated these existing issues, leading nearly 3 million women to leave workforce. While some women reaped the benefits of work from home, 80% of those surveyed in Deloitte Global's 2021 report, *Women @ Work* said their workloads increased due to the pandemic and nearly half adapted their working hours to accommodate increased caregiving duties, which hampered their relationship with their employer.

Impact of Time Poverty on women's health & economic prospects:**Conclusion:**

Unlike other resources, time is finite. All responsibilities and tasks must fit within the 24 hours in a day. The concept of time poverty, therefore, is not defined by taking away or adding hours but by how such a finite resource is used. Women and girls are time-poor leaving little or no time for rest or leisure. For women and girls who bear the responsibility of paid and unpaid care and domestic work, time poverty often forces them to make harsh trade-offs, including having less time for self-care, which can have adverse impacts on their health and well-being.

- Protecting women's income security is essential for promoting the health, nutrition and well-being of both mothers and infants, longer-term strategies are also needed to transform the stereotypical gender roles that assign the bulk of childcare to women.
- To effectively reduce income and time poverty among women, they must be accompanied by large-scale investment in time-saving infrastructure, such as water, electricity and transport, as well as public services that reduce and redistribute unpaid care and domestic work.
- Evidence from diverse settings indicates that increasing women's control over resources translates to greater investment in children's nutrition, health, and education. A multi-country study revealed that increasing female representation in parliaments results in greater spending on education as a percentage of GDP.
- In one analysis conducted in low and middle income countries, women's decision-making power and education were found to correlate strongly with improved outcomes across multiple sectors, demonstrating that expanding women's agency broadly improves health and development for women, their families, and their communities.

The issue calls for systemic restructuring- changes in the status quo.

Amazing World of Crab Spiders in the Science Campus, UoA

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Abstract

The crab spiders, which belongs to the family Thomisidae (genus *Thomisus*) commonly, is known as flower spiders or flower crab spiders because of their crab-like appearance. Now, the crab spider's family is the seventh largest family with 2155 species and 170 genera known. However, the Indian record is only 9.7% of the world's Thomisidae fauna (WSC, 2021). In India, Stoliczka (1869) was the first to describe the species of crab spiders.

Many seasonal flowers like Marigold (genus *Tagetes*) are the center of attraction on the Science campus. Variations of flowers helped the crab spiders to survive. Varieties of seasonal flowers are found on the Science campus and prey are attracted to them. Although spiders are more in number, they are not easily found in the flowers. They are cryptically colored and usually 4-12 mm in length. Crab spiders are usually short and broad. They have cephalothorax and abdomen in the structure. It has eight homogeneously colored eyes arranged in two transverse rows of four each. The crab spiders have larger and stronger front legs than the other six, which are held sideways, and hold on to while paralyzing the prey with a venomous bite.

The crab spiders are not very active hunters but they sit and wait patiently to hunt prey in flowers, leaves, foliage, or leaf litter. They remain placid until the prey arrives and catches it. They are sexually dimorphic. Most of the species of Thomisidae males are sometimes much smaller than females. Few crab spiders hunt in the crevices of tree trunks or shelter under crevices by day and come out to hunt prey. Crab spiders are a very important fauna and maintain the ecosystem of the science campus.

Sites of study are selected based on crab spiders diversity and Most of the surveys were conducted in the science campus, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj, U.P., India.



Figure 1: Marigold flowers in the Science campus.

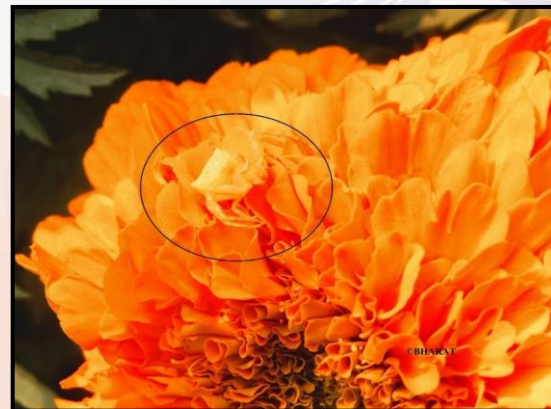


Fig 2: The cryptic coloration by the female crab spider



Fig 3: Courtship behavior by the male and female crab spiders *Thomisus* sp. on the Marigold flower. (Science campus)



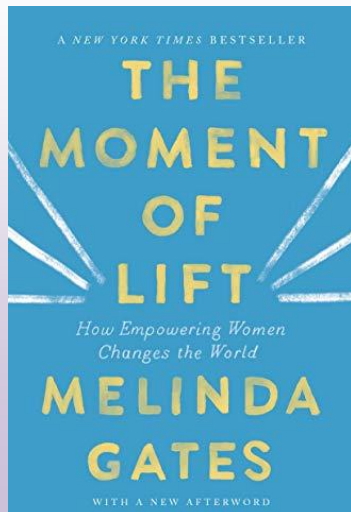
Fig 4: Showing structure of the female crab spider

Conclusion:

Due to habitat destruction by development activities in urban environments, we need to pay attention to our ecosystem by planting varieties of flowers. Therefore, seasonal flowering plants are not only fascinating but also conserve tiny creatures like spiders. However, careful planning and proper maintenance of flowering plants on the science campus provide the opportunity to increase the diversity of crab spiders but also their conservation status. Thus, the flowers and Eco-friendly green Campus attract arachnologists to work on a variety of spiders.

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