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इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय में सुर संगम दीपों के साथ

दीपावली की पूर्व संध्या पर केंद्रीय सांस्कृतिक समिति, इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा 'सुर संगम' का आयोजन निराला आर्ट विलेज (मुकांगन) में आयोजित किया गया। इस कार्यक्रम के अध्यक्षता माननीय कुलपति प्रो.संगीता श्रीवास्तव ने की। सुर संगम के मुख्य अतिथि श्री विजय विश्वास पंत, मंडलायुक्त, प्रयागराज व विशिष्ट अतिथि श्री रमित शर्मा, पुलिस कमिश्नर, प्रयागराज थे।

इस कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत दीप प्रज्वलन के साथ हुई। कुलसचिव महोदय ने आगंतुक अतिथि व कलाकारों का स्वागत पुष्पगुच्छ व स्मृति चिह्न देकर किया।



गायक आशुतोष श्रीवास्तव व उनके साथी कलाकारों ने 'जय गणपति वंदन गणनायक' गणेश वंदना से सुर संगम में मंगलाचरण करते हुए शाम को यादगार बनाया।

**'हुजूर आपका भी एहतराम करता चलूं।
इधर से गुजरा तो सोचा सलाम करता चलूं ॥**

इस गज़ल की प्रस्तुति ने श्रोताओं को मंत्रमुग्ध कर दिया। गीत की प्रस्तुति ने श्रृंगार रस से पूरे मुकांगन को सराबोर कर दिया। श्रोताओं की करतल ध्वनि कलाकारों की हौसला अफजाई कर रही थी। मखदूम मोहिद्दीन रचित गज़ल ने मुकांगन में मौजूद श्रोताओं को खूब गुदगुदाया।



हरिवंश राय बच्चन द्वारा लिखित 'मधुशाला' से पंक्तियों को गाया गया तो दीपोत्सव की शाम संगीत के सुरों के साथ संगत करती हुई प्रतीत हुई। संगीत एवं प्रदर्शन कला विभाग द्वारा 'समूह नृत्य' व 'समूह गान' प्रस्तुत किया गया। निर्देशन डॉ.विशाल जैन ने किया। 'समग्र भारत' थीम पर दृश्यकला विभाग के 170 विद्यार्थियों ने 27 रंगोली बनाई। 250 विद्यार्थियों ने तीन हजार दिए जलाकर दीपोत्सव को यादगार बना दिया। इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय के कुलसचिव ने धन्यवाद ज्ञापित किया और संचालन डॉ. शेफाली नंदन ने किया। इस अवसर पर शिक्षकगण एवं छात्र-छात्राएं मौजूद रहे।

स्मार्टफ़ोन वितरण कार्यक्रम

इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय के तिलक सभागार में, उत्तर प्रदेश में अध्ययनरत युवाओं के तकनीकी सशक्तिकरण हेतु स्वामी विवेकानंद युवा सशक्तिकरण योजना तथा डिजी शक्ति के अंतर्गत आयोजित स्मार्टफ़ोन वितरण कार्यक्रम में बोलते हुए इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय की माननीय कुलपति प्रो. संगीता श्रीवास्तव जी ने कहा कि शैक्षिक उन्नयन, आनलाइन शिक्षा की सर्वसुलभ उपलब्धता और नवोन्मेष की दृष्टि से आज छात्रों को प्राप्त होने वाला स्मार्टफ़ोन महत्वपूर्ण साधन बनेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि आज लर्निंग प्रोसेस में तकनीकी, स्मार्टफ़ोनों का अत्यधिक महत्व बढ़ा है। छात्रों को स्वयं को जानना चाहिये और अपने भविष्य निर्माण के लिए अनवरत प्रयत्न करना चाहिए।



कार्यक्रम में मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में बोलते हुए सांसद श्रीमती केशरी देवी पटेल जी ने कहा कि इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय की गौरवशाली परंपरा रही है। उन्होंने छात्रों से इस गौरवशाली परंपरा कायम रखने का आग्रह करते हुए कहा कि आज प्राप्त होने वाले स्मार्टफ़ोन का प्रयोग उन्हें देश, समाज और अपनी शैक्षिक प्रगति हेतु करना चाहिये।



आज के स्मार्टफ़ोन वितरण में कुलपति महोदया और सांसद महोदया द्वारा तीस स्मार्टफ़ोनों का वितरण किया गया और बाद में बचे हुए स्मार्टफ़ोनों का वितरण प्रो. शांथी सुंदरम, प्रो. बेचन शर्मा, प्रो. एस.आई.रिजवी, प्रो. शिवमोहन प्रसाद, प्रो. आर.के.सिंह, प्रो. के.एन.उत्तम द्वारा किया गया।

संपूर्ण कार्यक्रम का आयोजन अधिष्ठाता, छात्र कल्याण, प्रो. शांथी सुंदरम के कुशल निर्देशन में सम्पन्न हुआ।

कार्यक्रम प्रारंभ होने के पहले कुलपति महोदया एवं सांसद महोदया द्वारा सेल्फी पॉइंट्स का फ़ीता काटकर उद्घाटन किया गया। जिसमें फ़ोन प्राप्त करने वाले छात्रों ने अपनी सेल्फी खींची। कार्यक्रम में सत्र 2022-23 के स्नातक छात्रों को कुल 196 स्मार्टफ़ोनों का वितरण किया गया।



Centre of Fashion Design & Technology

The Centre of Fashion Design & Technology organized a two days exhibition of Khadi products named "Festive Khadi" while inaugurating the exhibition the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Sangita Srivastava threw light on how khadi has been instrumental in empowering women. She also reiterated that nothing can substitute hard work and dedication. She said that we must learn from the skilled people and learn with perfection paying attention to trivials because trivials bring perfection. The students must acquire skill through hard work and years of said that the centre was created to skill up the girls but they can use this skill only if they are competitive in the markets. She explained that Khadi was a fabric for empowerment and women can use Khadi for their empowerment if they learn the right skills to keep it relevant in contemporary times.



The inaugural event was hosted by the centre manager Ms. Mitali and vote of thanks was delivered by the coordinator of the Centre Dr. Monisha Singh. The registrar Prof Narendra Shukla, the P.R.O. Prof. Jaya Kapoor, DSW Prof. Shanti Sundaram, the Director IPS Prof. Ashish Khare and many other prominent teachers and office bearers of the university were present at the event.



The exhibition will remain open to all on Tuesday. The range of products of includes Kurtas, Stoles, Tops, Jewellery, Sarees, Home Decors etc.

Visit of Hon'ble VC to various Departments

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Allahabad, Prof. Sangita Srivastava visited Department of Sanskrit, Department of Medieval and Modern History, Department of Psychology, and Department of Law. Hon'ble VC interacted with faculty on teaching methods, innovative research, regular symposia, moot courts, and feedback from the students. The interaction was with faculties who have recently joined the work force.



Department of Sociology

On the eve of Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and also in compliance with the Central Vigilance Commission, the Department of Sociology, University of Allahabad celebrated the Vigilance Awareness Week and National Unity Day. Prof. Ashish Saxena, Head, Department of Sociology, University of Allahabad has administered the integrity pledge to a large number of students of the department, faculty members and staff. While addressing the gathering, Prof. Ashish Saxena appealed to the students to uphold the social values of integrity, honesty and transparency in all walks of their public life. He also said that corruption is a social evil which exploits the poor; therefore it needs to be eradicated from the society.



The faculty members of the department namely Dr. Keyoor, Dr. Deborah Darlianmawii, Dr. C. Sathish and Dr. Muneer Illath also undertook the integrity pledge.



The Department of Sociology, University of Allahabad organized a special lecture on the topic entitled “Decoding Public Sociology: Prospects and Concerns” on 30th November, 2023. While delivering the welcome address, Prof. Ashish Saxena, Head, Department of Sociology, University of Allahabad briefed the relevance of ‘public sociology’ in the contemporary society; also emphasized that since the public sociology is of utmost importance so it may be incorporated in the sociology syllabi. Prof. Madhu Nagla, Former Head, Department of Sociology, Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana deliberated on the topic *Decoding Public Sociology: Prospectus and Concerns*. While referring to Michael Burawoy, she said public sociology not only comprehends inequality but also focus on the modern societies challenges namely violence, marginalization, environmental issues, movements and refugees; hereby public sociology is reflexive rather than instrumental. She reiterated that public sociology looks from the perspective of an actor without sliding towards state nor public, it attempts to maintain neutrality stands for the voiceless people in the society.



Dr. Vijaylaxmi Saxena, Dr. Deborah Darlianmawii and Dr. Muneer Illath honoured Prof. Madhu Nagla with a bouquet and memento. Dr. C. Sathish, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Allahabad moderated the entire event while Dr. Keyoor, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Allahabad proposed the final vote of thanks.

Department of Mathematics

The Department of Mathematics proudly hosted a significant event on 3rd November 2023 as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2023. The event, themed "Say No to Corruption, Commit to the Nation," aimed to raise awareness about the detrimental effects of corruption on our society and encourage a commitment to honest and ethical practices.

The event commenced with a formal inauguration by Saraswati Vandana. The esteemed Chief Guest, Prof. Bechan Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Science, delivered an inspiring lecture. Sir highlighted the significance of vigilance and the role each individual could play in combating corruption. This set the tone for the event, emphasizing the importance of ethical conduct.

Prof. R. P. Shukla, Head of the Department of Mathematics, delivered a keynote speech on various aspects of corruption and its impact on society. Prof. P. K. Singh shared his views on the theme of the event. A pivotal moment of the event was the pledge-taking ceremony. Faculty members, students, and staff came forward to take an oath, in the presence of the Dean, Faculty of Science, to uphold the values of integrity and honesty, promising to resist corruption in all forms.



The active involvement of undergraduate, postgraduate students and research scholars made the event "Say No to Corruption, Commit to the Nation" a dynamic and insightful experience.



The event ended with a vote of thanks and chanting of the National Anthem. It is worth mentioning that the whole event was anchored by Dr. Anup Kumar Singh and Dr. Biswajit Mallick.

Department of Family & community Sciences

As patronized by Government of India, International year of millets IYOM-2023 was celebrated under the aegis of University of Allahabad under which various knowledge imparting and awareness creating activities were organized in this year.

In continuation of this "Millet Bazar-2023" was jointly organized by Centre of Food Technology, Association of Food Scientists & Technologists (AFSTI) Allahabad chapter and Department of Family & community Sciences, University of Allahabad on 8th November, 2023 from 11 am. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Bechan Sharma, Dean Science, University of Allahabad. The faculty members, Heads of Departments, Honourable Deans of the University, Food Business Entrepreneurs etc. and around 300 people attended the event.



Key highlights of the event were- exhibition and sale of millets along with millet based food products like Ragi Pasta, Browntop Noodles, Finger millet cookies followed by Foxtail millet processed chakli and Pearl millet laddoo, jowar cake etc. that were prepared by the scholars and students of Centre of Food Technology. Food business operators like Grandma Millets, Simply Superb, Blu Foods co-participated in the Bazaar and exhibited wide range of millet based products such as- flours, ready-to-eat premixes, cookies, bars, fermented drinks, brownies, savory items, etc.



The UG and PG students of the organizing departments showcased millet-based recipes to promote incorporation of

AWARDS/ HONOURS/ LECTURES

Dr. Maharajan K, Assistant Professor in the Department of Zoology, participated in the International Conference on Alternatives to Animal Experiments & 6th Annual Meeting of the Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments-India (SAAE-I AC6), organized by the Department of Pharmacology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh held on 20-21 November, 2023. Dr. Mahajan K won the second prize in the Best MatTek Prize oral presentation and the award was provided by MatTek Life Sciences, France and the Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments-India.

UoA Anthropologist Dr. Khirod Chandra Moharana, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology was felicitated during World Anthropology Congress-2023.

On the occasion of the World Anthropology Congress (WAC)-2023 organized by United India Anthropology Forum (UIAF) and hosted by the Kalinga Institute of Social Science (KISS), Bhubaneswar, it was decided to recognize those anthropologists who have made/are making significant contributions to the discipline of Anthropology in India. The WAC-2023 Special Committee recognized and felicitated Dr. Khirod Chandra Moharana, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Allahabad for his contribution to the discipline of Anthropology during the UIAF World Anthropology Congress, Bhubaneswar held on 9-14 August 2023. Dr. Khirod was awarded with a certificate of felicitation, an angabastram, a pattachitra and a memento. Dr. Khirod Chandra Moharana has been teaching in the Department of Anthropology, University of Allahabad since 2013. He is a Gold Medalist from University of Hyderabad and has a PhD on Ethnography of Mental Illness from IIT Delhi. His research interests include Medical Anthropology and Anthropology of Climate Change. He loves to teach Anthropological Theories and Research Methodology.



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- ARISTOTLE

INTERVIEW SKILLS (Verbal Communication)

Dr. Monisha Singh, Assistant Professor
Department of Family and Community Sciences

An interview is a formal meeting to ascertain and evaluate the qualifications of a person to fill a particular job situation. It is the only chance for a candidate to present himself/herself to their potential employer. The candidates have limited time to convince and present himself/ herself as the most suitable candidate for the required job. It is a vital step for obtaining a career position and often depends on your skills in marketing your positive potential. Preparation is the main ingredient of the interview. It is important to work on some of the key interview skills to get the desired job. The interview is a mode of interaction which involves both **Verbal** and **Non-verbal communication**. A harmonious blend of both Verbal and Non-verbal communication assures a chance of success in interviews.

The verbal communication refers to the usage of words. Some interview skills related to verbal communication are:

Know your Language: Language proficiency is very necessary in an interview. Do the interview in the language you have command. If your job profile demands any particular language, then prepare and practice that language.

Correct use of grammar: Language must be grammatically error free. Interviewee must work on grammar if he or she finds it a troubling area. Moreover, one should be specific about the sentence construction and the choice of words. Simple sentence formation is relatively helpful and gives fluency.

Avoid jargon and technical vocabulary: To make an impression, the candidates employ heavy and complex words many times. Jargon and complex words impact on the process of communication which might affect the interpersonal understanding of the context.

Usage of appropriate pitch and volume: Speaking tone and volume can help create a positive first impression. Maintain a medium volume, not loud enough to be perceived as irritating or arrogant and not soft enough to be viewed as timid. A pleasantly pitched voice of medium volume can show etiquette.

Be clear and concise: Give answers to the point. Be clear and concise with the answers. Try to express the knowledge with the fewest words.

Active listening skills: For proper answering, firstly it is important to listen well. Pay attention to the words of the interviewer and stay focused. Selective listening or listening out of context may distort the entire communication. Listening does not mean to jump over the answer immediately after the interviewer half finishes his or her question.

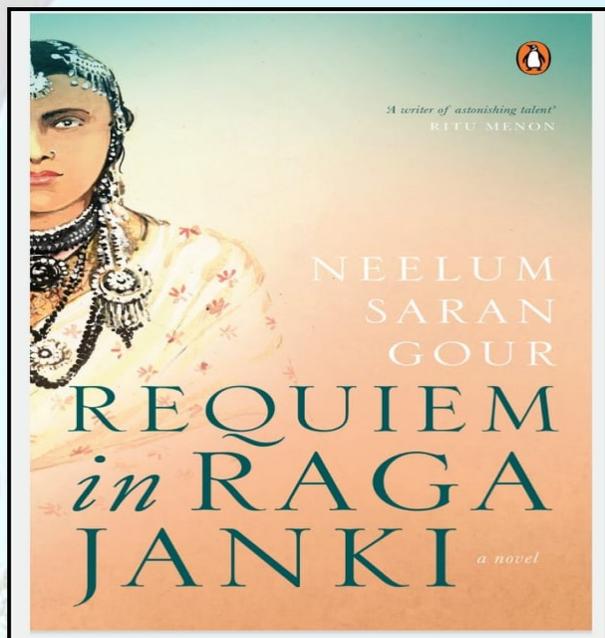
Effective use of presentation/visual aids: These days interview processes are highly professional and technical. In addition to the common practice of discussion and subject interaction, the candidates are mandatorily asked to make formal presentation using latest or existing technology. Skilled communication is also fundamental for proficient presentations.

Do not argue: Never try to mislead the interviewers, if you don't know the answer; apologize for that and move forward. One should avoid displaying any form of anger or discontentment for not knowing the answer or any concept.

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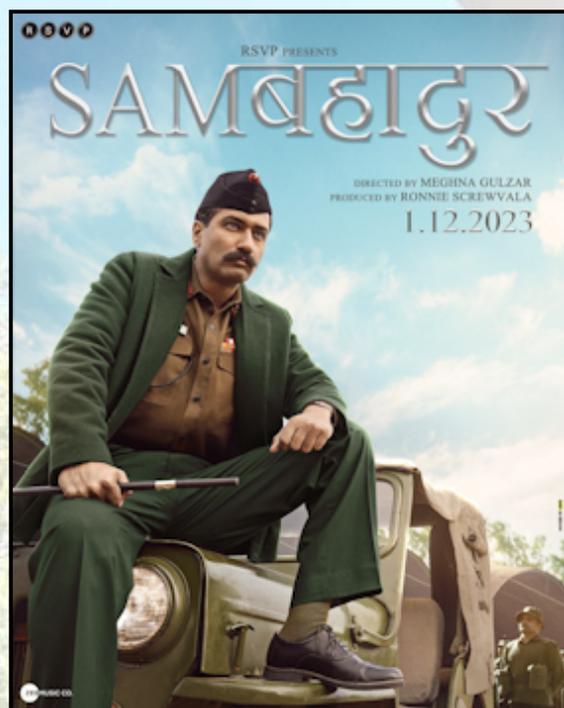
REQUIEM in RAGA JANKI

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MOVIE OF THE EDITION

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Some Important Instructions for AU TALK

AU Talk is a monthly digital newsletter of the University of Allahabad that shares latest curricular and extra-curricular activities of the university. It seeks to enhance the perception of the university by highlighting its accomplishments in diverse fields of undertaking. Please note that

- AU TALK publishes news about seminars/workshops/conferences that have taken place at any Department or Centre of the University. A piece of news along with a **photograph of the organizers** should be emailed at vizianagramcurator.au@gmail.com
- The magazine publishes informative articles also. Articles should aim to bring out important scientific, ethical, and environmental issues and must be lucid in their message to society. They can be written in Hindi or English. In one edition, the magazine can publish up to four such articles.
- **Do not send pictures capturing garlanding or shawl/memento-giving moments.**
- The magazine should be widely circulated among students and faculty and on all social media platforms so that the excellent work done under the auspices of the University of Allahabad reaches far and wide and benefits all.

For any query feel free to contact the Editorial Board.