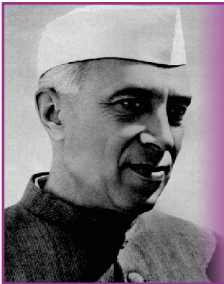




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A University stands for humanism, for tolerance, for reason, for the adventure of ideas and for the search of truth. It stands for the onward march of the human race towards ever higher objectives. If the Universities discharge their duties adequately, then it is well with the Nation and the People.

Jawaharlal Nehru



The symbol is a graphic statement which stands for international academic exchange and onwards search of knowledge for the betterment of human being.

The overlapping circular segments of the design denote global interaction, creating a flame emitting enlightenment, this flame emerges out of the traditional Indian 'diya' (lamp)-a source of Light, Understanding and Brotherhood.

The design is also representative of the rose-bud closely associated with the name of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.



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Vice – Chancellor's Speech.....

Excerpts from Vice-Chancellor's Speech Delivered on December 5, 2016 at the University Court Meeting

On behalf of the University and on my own behalf, I assume great privilege to welcome you all to the 44th meeting of the JNU Court. Our warm welcome to the Chancellor, Professor K. Kasturirangan and the Honourable Members of Parliament who have so graciously spared time out of their busy schedule to attend this meeting. During the year under report, the Chancellor took time to visit various Schools/Centres to meet and interact with faculty and students. At this annual meeting, I would like to welcome all continuing and new distinguished members, my colleagues and staff.

Before highlighting achievements of the reporting period, I would like to introduce my team of officers. Professor Chintamani Mahapatra, a Professor in the Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies, School of International Studies is Rector-I; Prof. S.C. Garkoti, School of Environmental Sciences is Rector-II; Professor Rana Pratap Singh, a Professor in the School of Life Sciences, is the Dean of Students; Prof. Umesh Ashok Kadam, a Professor in the School of Social Sciences, is the Associate Dean of Students-I; Dr. Madho Govind, Associate Professor School of Social Sciences, is the Associate Dean of Students-II; Dr. Buddha Singh, School of Computer & Systems Sciences, is the Associate Dean of Students-III; Professor A.P. Dimri, School of Environmental Sciences is the Chief Proctor; Dr. Pramod Kumar is Registrar; Sh. Rakesh Kumar Verma is the Finance Officer, Dr. H. Sharma is Controller of Examinations; Prof. Milap Punia, Centre for the Study of Regional Studies, SSS, is Director of Admission and Dr. Ramesh Chandra Gaur is the University Librarian.

Now, I would like to apprise the Hon'ble Members briefly of the activities of the period under report.

On behalf of the Executive Council of the University, I have great pleasure in placing before you the **46th Annual Report** for the period, April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 in fulfillment of the requirements of Statute 12(1) of the University's Act and Statutes. The Annual Accounts for the year 2015-16, Revised Estimates for 2016-17 and Budget Estimates for the year 2017-18 are placed on Table for the kind perusal of the Members.

Hon'ble Members are aware that:

- The University is primarily funded by the UGC and receives both plan and non-plan grants.
- The University had requested for allocation of Rs. 1143.99 crores as funds for the XIIth Plan grants but UGC allocated only Rs. 242 crores.
- The University utilized 80% of the 12th 5-Year Plan funds released till March 31, 2016.

- Proceedings of the Executive Council are part of the agenda. Financial Year 2015-16 was the fourth year of the XII Five-Year Plan. As was mentioned last year, we had to cut down our Plans for major expansion and upgradation work due to inadequate grant for the XIIth Plan period.

The major achievements and activities of the University during 2015-16 have been elaborated in the Annual Report. Valuable suggestions of the Members are welcome.

Now, I would like to make a brief presentation of some of the achievements/activities and new initiatives as full details are given in the Annual Report sent to the Members along with agenda papers. Many of our activities and achievements are also put on the website which are updated on a day-to-day basis.

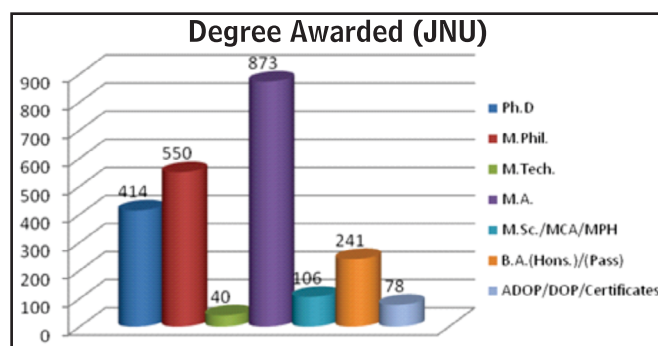
Faculty Output:

The combined output of the faculty during 2015-16 amounted to the following:

● Books	169
● Chapters in books	379
● Papers/Articles in Journals	983
● Participation in Seminars/ Conferences/Workshops	2013
● Lectures delivered (outside JNU)	1047
● Research Projects	475

Degrees / Certificates awarded:

The details on number of Degrees/Diplomas/ Certificates awarded during the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 are given below:



Students: Total students' strength as on 1 September, 2015 was 8432. The strength after this year's admission (2016-17) has gone upto 8732. This figure is after the departure of annual pass-outs.

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Admissions: The JNU entrance examination for admission to various programmes of study for the academic year 2015-16 was conducted at 78 Centres in 52 cities located in 30 States/Union Territories. In addition, the University also conducted the Combined Entrance Examination for Biotechnology for admission to M.Sc. (Biotechnology); M.Sc. (Agri.)/ M.V.Sc. Biotechnology and M. Tech. (Biotechnology) programmes on behalf of participating universities.

LIBRARY FACILITIES

Learning Resources

- The Library subscribed to 376 print and online scholarly journals, 51 print magazines, 44 print newspapers and 56 online databases
- Books received through purchase and gift –
 - 2518 Print books
 - 429 E-books
 - 3391 Gifted books
 - 382 Gifted Braille books
- All the newly procured and gifted books were processed and added to the various collections for use and circulation.

Reader Services

- Total Number of circulation transactions: 1,11,718
 - Check out transactions: 47,772
 - Check-in transactions: 48,196
- Number of registered users: 11,940
- Number of visitors from other universities and colleges: 1007
- Inter Library Loan-
Books borrowed: 786
Books loaned: 608

Plagiarism awareness and Research Support Services: Tools provided

- Turnitin
- Grammarly
- Urkund
- Mendeley
- Endnote

Programmes organized

- Workshops
- Orientation
- Guidelines prepared
- Training Programmes
- Author workshops

Facilities for Visually Impaired students

- Procured 50 laptops along with Jaws software with financial support from RECL.
- Introduced facility to convert text into Braille in different languages.

Communication and Information Services (CIS):-

ICT Infrastructure and Network are available. Implemented data centre services for hosting and maintenance of central ICT Infrastructure applications on **JNU Private Cloud Services**. 24x7 **Website and Intranet Portal** to provide access to IT infrastructure and applications. Laid down **38.4 KMs OFC in RING Mode** across the campus area. One of the crucial & largest projects amongst the central universities/institutes of India. Deployment of WiFi facility in **hostels and strengthening of the existing WiFi facility in the academic complexes**, deployment of the largest WiFi Project of 2000 Nos Access Points among all the institutes/universities of India. Strengthening and expansion of JNU Campus Network (Wired and Wi-fi) in all academic complexes, guesthouses, hostels and offices of the University.

Report on Digital India Week for JNU News:-

Communication & Information Services (CIS), JNU, organized the Digital India Week programme on 3-4 July, 2015. The objective of this programme was to disseminate the information & promotion of digital strength, ICT initiatives of the University and knowledge sharing of digital resources.

Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN):-

Global Initiative for Academic Network operates within a structured framework. Every course has a Course Coordinator. Presently, Funds are provided by MHRD, through IIT, Kharagpur, the National Coordinator of the Scheme:

Global Studies Programme , CSSS/SSS- GSP 2015 activities:

The 2015-16 batch of GSP consisting of 35 students arrived in January 2016, of which 23 have come from Freiburg and 12 from Humboldt. Students come from 18 different countries- Poland, Austria, Germany, Italy, Czech Republic, Singapore, Greece, Chile, USA, China, Denmark, Switzerland, Canada, Argentina, South Africa, Indonesia, Mexico and Russia.

Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study (JNIAS):

It has been an extremely productive year for JNIAS. During the period under report, JNIAS offered 27 fellowships to academics from around 14 countries. The Fellows interacted with various Centres/Schools of the University and also took part in the Seminar Series at the institute. JNIAS also organized 4 Conferences and 2 Workshops/seminar series during the

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period. In a new initiative, JNIAS has begun publishing an E-Newsletter from March 2015 to publicize its activities. JNIAS also organized 2 major conferences and the Fellows' Seminar Series during this period.

Sports Activities:

Accomplishment of students:

JNU students have participated in many competitions outside and have won medals. JNU's visually impaired students namely Nidhi Mishra, and Prince Kumar won gold medals in Delhi State Para Athletics Meet and Chess Tournament respectively. The Sports Office provided them all possible technical and logistic support.

Health Centre:

Specialized OPDs in field of Medicine, Cardiology, Dental, Skin, Orthopedics, Psychiatry, Eye, ENT and Gynecology are run at the Health Centre. Besides this, Homeopathy OPD also functions at the Health Centre. Psychological counseling is also provided by two counselors at the Health Centre to help the patients cope up with stress. The health centre also provides a patient care ambulance to disabled persons for taking them to hospital for treatment and physiotherapy. It provides online appointment system for specialists' O.P.D.'s for the beneficiaries of the Health Centre.

Cultural Activities:

JNU has students from different regions of the country and abroad bringing with them a repertoire of regional cultures and customs. They try to present their indigenous talents, in the various events organized through the year under the aegis of the Cultural Committee of the University. There are nine Clubs: Debating, Drama, Film, Fine Arts, Literary, Music, Nature & Wild Life, Photography and UNESCO.

Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC):-

During the period under report, the Human Resource Development Centre has tried to encourage participants to develop multi-disciplinary approaches and finer understanding and skills. To this end, the Centre organized 5 Orientation Programmes, 9 Refresher Courses and 2 Short Term Courses with 188, 286, 48 participants respectively:

Institutional Ethics Review Board (IERB):

The university has an Institutional Ethics Review Board (IERB) for bringing greater responsibility, transparency and accountability into research involving 'human subjects'. It reviews the research proposals submitted by the faculty members and also the M.Phil/Ph.D research involving human participants. During the year, IERB held and reviewed a total of 28 research proposals. An annual conference was held in Jan 2016 on "Revisiting the Discourse on Duties and Responsibilities in Health Research".

International Collaboration:

A large number of universities from all over the world are seeking academic collaboration with JNU. This is essential for pooling and exchange of information, for sharing of experiences, resources and research findings. With the advancement of communication technology, the global internet exchange provides us a great opportunity to help students better equip themselves with knowledge and skills. During the year under report, 34 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and 13 Agreement of Cooperation (AoC) were signed with various foreign Universities/ Institutions:

Activities of various Cells:-

Activities of IPM, AIRF, Linguistic Empowerment Cell (LEC), Mathematical Empowerment Cell, IQAC etc., are reported every year in this August body. These initiatives can in other words be termed as Skill Development Schemes or Kaushal Kendras because of their significance and the important role these Cells are playing in empowering students. So, I would like to report their activities and achievements to update the members.

I. Intellectual Property Management Cell:-

During the period from 01.04.2015 to 31.03.2016, six faculty members have applied for international patents and Prof. Suman Dhar from SCMM has been granted US patent no 9,375,426.

II. Advanced Instrumentation Research Facility (AIRF):

AIRF provides a central facility of advanced sophisticated state-of-the-art instruments for research in the areas of physical, environmental, biological, allied and interdisciplinary sciences, gives intellectual support/ inputs on data retrieved from analysis, provides assistance to the users for designing future experiments, provides training through short term courses/ workshops/ seminars/ tutorials/ hands on training for the users on the applications of advanced sophisticated instruments, and trains the existing in-house staff members in the latest developments and updates on the application of emerging technologies.

- In the year 2015-16, AIRF has served more than 5,000 users from different parts of India.
- AIRF assisted the research activity of students from the different Science Schools of JNU.
- AIRF has received a grant of Rs. 6 crore under the project entitled "JNU-DBT National Training Facility for state of the art equipment used in Biotechnology research" for the period of four years (May 2013 to May 2017) from the Dept. of Biotechnology, Govt. of India.
- Seven workshops/ training were organized by AIRF on advanced sophisticated state-of-the-art instruments.

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- Electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectrometer was procured through DBT Builder programme and installed at AIRF.
- AIRF received school children, UGC HRDC participants, research scholars, students from different universities/institutes and many delegates as visitors from India & abroad

III. Linguistic Empowerment Cell (LEC):

The Linguistic Empowerment Cell (LEC) is a unique capacity building system evolved by JNU to empower the students. It caters to the linguistic needs of these students who may find it hard to cope with their regular programs in their respective schools and centres primarily for reasons of language. The new initiatives of LEC are

- English Language Courses
 1. Basic Communication Courses:
 2. English for Academic Purposes
- English for Official Communication
- Basic Hindi for Non-native Speakers
- Sanskrit for Beginners
- English Classes for wards of JNU SC/ST Staff

IV. Placement Cell:

Placement Cell is being developed as a decentralized system in coordination with Schools/ Special Centres; An online system is being developed with the help of CIS so that the students as well as interested companies / organizations can register with the placement cell; The main objective of the Placement Cell is to encourage students to develop desired skills as per requirements of industry, etc. Once the online system becomes functional, the activities of the Placement Cell will be further enhanced.

V. Mathematical and Computational Empowerment Cell (M&CEC):

The Cell has been offering intensive courses regularly for students as a fair degree of competence and skill in the application of mathematical, statistical and computational frameworks has become indispensable for pursuing advanced academic research in any discipline. Students have shown great interest in this programme which is offered in each semester. The Mathematical & Computational Empowerment Cell offers courses (Basic & Advance levels) on:

- Mathematics
- Probability & Statistics
- Computational Techniques and Data Analysis

VI. Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC):

The main objective of IQAC is to promote measures for institutional functioning towards quality enhancement through

internalization of quality culture and institutionalization of best practices in the university. To meet this objective, IQAC has been able to focus on the following issues

- Recruitment and promotion related issues.
- API related issues
- Preparation of AQAR and NAAC related activities

I. NAAC Related Activities

During the period, IQAC, collected data from Schools/Centres and prepared the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) report for the period from July, 2014 to June, 2015, collected data for preparation of documents for NAAC Accreditation which is a continuous process. Work for the renewal of NAAC has been initiated. The present accreditation is valid upto July 2017.

VII. National Service Scheme (NSS) Activities:

NSS has been organizing activities related to social problems, such as environment: Plantation activities, cleanliness drive, plastic elimination campaign as well as seminars and workshops by eminent environmentalists are conducted, health & hygiene:- Workshops and seminars by Doctors and Professors are conducted on issues related to various diseases and stress to create awareness. NSS also conducted One-Day Camps:- at historical sites where plays are staged for the public to make them aware of the need to protect their monuments. Cleanliness drives are also part of the camp to protect the historical sites.

VIII. Community Engagement Cell (CEC):

The Community Engagement Cell (CEC, initially called as CDC-Community Development Cell) is a new important initiative of the University. Its objectives include promotion of sustainable development and inclusive growth, establishment of a link between students and the community, extension of learning to situations where it is required, encouragement of a positive lifestyle in the campus and giving students opportunities to develop their interpersonal and social development skills. To begin with, CEC has identified five villages. The entire activity and administration of CEC is being managed by a pool of 74 student and teacher volunteers.

Community Works & Activities:

- The JNU-CEC has targeted literacy training at four levels: (a) extra tutorial help for school going children, (b) bridge schooling for drop-out children, (c) computer literacy for interested adolescents and youth at our (JNU) training centre, and (d) Awareness camps and meetings for health literacy, 3Rs literacy, legal literacy, environmental literacy to interested women.
- A very important arrangement made by JNU-CEC in partnership with CSR Cell of BOSCH India (Bangalore) is the provision of employable skills training for two months to every recurring and regular batch of 25 youth between ages

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18 to 25 years with a schooling experience of at least 09 years, as per details

Community-based Projects:

Community Engagement Cell (CEC) has selected some villages to work towards this end. Ph.D. students are given assignments to visit nearby villages for spreading awareness on:

- Waste materials disposal and re-use.
- Electronic waste or e-waste re-use and disposal techniques.
- Students are encouraged to undertake fieldwork to sensitise local people about the various issues affecting them.

Networking and Partnership:

JNU-CEC has also entered into an informal cooperation with Quest Alliance (Bangalore) and Apna (Community) Radio (Delhi). CEC is venturing out to establish more partnerships with other CSR Cells of various companies.

JNU Alumni Affairs Cell and Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ):

JNU recognizes its alumni as its important stake-holders in its continued quest for excellence in education. In pursuit of this objective, we have established a JNU Alumni Affairs Cell which acts as a conduit to AAJ. AAJ was formed a few years ago with the active participation of the alumni in its activities since its creation. The President of the Association is a Member of the University Court. The Association at present has been taking keen interest in bringing more and more members to its fold who are spread all over the world.

We are proud that in the current Parliament, there are seven JNU alumni. JNU alumni are also holding other high ranking positions in Government, academics, industry, media and in almost all walks of life. We take pride in their achievements.

Equal Opportunity Office:

Equal Opportunity Office has undertaken several activities like organizing remedial classes, workshops, seminars and lectures, striving to create a barrier free campus for the disabled, setting up of ATMs accessible to the disabled, procurement of wheel-chairs, installation of lifts in various buildings for facilitating the independence and mobility of persons with disabilities, construction of toilets on the ground floor of hostels to make them more disabled-friendly, making blind sticks and mini bus available for physically challenged students, provision of laptop customized software for VH students, etc.

The Equal Opportunity Office has been committed to fulfilling its mandate of maintaining social harmony among various sections of the University community.

Gender Sensitization Committee against Sexual Harassment (GSCASH):

JNU is the only University which adopted GSCASH policy in the country way back in 1999. The University set up a Committee last year to look into the existing provisions and to incorporate new clauses in tune with the new guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the UGC in the form of Saksham, and also as per provisions of Work Place Act (2013). The revised GSCASH rules adopted by the University are in conformity with the Work Place Act (2013). In the year 2015-16, GSCASH conducted 32 orientation programmes as per the mandated GSCASH Rules; and

Recognitions / Awards:

The names of faculty who have been recognized for their contribution and have won awards/ prizes, etc. have been listed in the Annual Report in the activities of respective Centres/ Schools. I am only mentioning a few of them here.

- **Delhi Gaurav Award 2015 to Jawaharlal Nehru University** for special contribution towards the Society of Delhi by Indian Bravehearts (NGO).
- As per THE WEEK- Hansa Research Survey 2016, JNU holds 2nd rank among the top multi-disciplinary universities in the all India level for the second consecutive year, 2015 and 2016.
- The Mongolian State Award, the Nairamdal Medal was conferred on Prof. Sharad K. Soni, Director Area Studies Programme, Centre for Inner Asian Studies, SIS, I on 26.06.2015.
- **Prof. Shiva Prakash, H.S.**, was conferred the MP Prakash National Award for Creative Achievement 2015, by the MP Prakash Foundation, Hoovina Haagali, Karnataka.
- **Inspired Teachers:** Under this Scheme launched by the President of India who is the Visitor of JNU, the University nominated Dr. Happymon Jacob, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, School of International Studies, for the in-residence programme at Rashtrapati Bhavan. He was invited by the Hon'ble President and he spent one week at Rashtrapati Bhavan with more than 32 other teachers from all over India.
- **Prof. Mukesh Jain**, was chosen as Fellow, National Academy of Sciences India (NASI), Allahabad (2015).
- **Prof. Karmeshu**, was the recipient of SSI Lifetime Achievement Award of Systems Society of India (SSI) in December, 2015.
- **Prof. Karmeshu**, was the recipient of Fellowship of Indian Academy for Mathematical Modeling and Simulation (IAMMS) 2015 for his outstanding contribution to Mathematical Modeling and Simulation.

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- **Prof. T.V. Vijay Kumar**, (with Kumar Dilip), received the Best Paper Award for the paper “Multi-Criteria Website Optimization using Multi-Objective ACO”, Fourth International Conference on Reliability, Infocom Technology and Optimization (ICRITO-2015) : Trends and Future Directions, 2–4 September, 2015
- **Prof. Shiva Prakash**, HS., received the Kuvempu Bhasha Bharati Award for Life-time Achievement in the field of Translation 2016 from Kuvempu Bhasha Bharti, Bangalore.
- **Prof. Bhatnagar R.**, received the President's Award 2016 for the Best Innovation for development of a genetically engineered vaccine and a therapeutic antibody against anthrax awarded by Hon'ble President of India
- **Prof. Bhatnagar R.**, received the J.C. Bose National Fellow awarded by Department of Science and Technology.
- **Prof. D. Gaur**, received the Visitors Award for Research instituted by the President of India. He was awarded as part of the JNU Molecular Parasitology Group for Best Research by the Honorable President, Shri Pranab Mukherjee on March 14, 2016.
- **Prof. S. Tiwari**, received the Visitor's Award for 'Research' awarded to the 'Molecular Parasitology Group' (2016).
- **Prof. Brojen Singh**, was awarded Raman Fellowship by UGC for advanced research in USA.
- **Prof. Sudha Bhattacharya** of SES along with a group of faculty members of other Schools of Life Sciences of JNU Molecular Parasitology Group received Presidents Award 2016.
- **Prof. R. Madhubala**, received the Visitor's Group Award 2016 in Research Category for research in Molecular Parasitology awarded by the Hon'ble President of India.
- **Prof. R. Madhubala**, has been elected as Fellow of World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) for advancement of science in developing countries.
- **Prof. R. Madhubala** received UGC-Israel Science foundation Research award 2016-2018.
- **Prof. S. Sen**, received the American Chemical Society Membership Award for three years in recognition of engagement with Society's mission of service to the global community of chemists as frequent author and/or reviewer for ACS Publications.
- **Prof. Jayati Ghosh**, received the Malcolm Adisheshaiah Award for Distinguished Contribution to Development Studies, from the Malcolm Adisheshaiah Trust, Chennai, November 2015.
- **Prof. Amita Singh**, was invited as India's representative to UNESCO Jury for NET-Explo Awards Forum on ICT, Paris, France, 9–11 February, 2016.
- **Prof. Amit Prakash**, was appointed ICCR Chair of Indian Studies at the University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden, 22 February–31 July, 2016.
- **Prof. Amit Prakash**, was invited as DAAD Guest Professor, Südasien Institut, Ruprecht Karls Universität Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany - 15 April - 13 July, 2015.
- **Prof. C.K. Mukhopadhyay**, became the Mentor group member, Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship, Department of Biotechnology, India.
- **Prof. C.K. Mukhopadhyay**, was member of the group that received Visitor's award from the President of India for the best research group.
- **Prof. S.K. Dhar**, was Elected Fellow, Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore.
- **Prof. S.K. Dhar**, was Elected Fellow, Indian National Science Academy, Delhi.
- **Prof. S.K. Dhar**, was the recipient of President's award for excellence in research as part of the Centre of Excellence in Parasitology, JNU.
- **Prof. Girish Nath Jha**, received the “KECSS Felicitation Award-2016” for the revival and development of Sharada script by Kashmir Education, Culture and Science Society (KECSS), 26 February, 2016.
- **Prof. Shashiprabha Kumar**, “Bhāratīya Vidyā Ratna Sammāna” conferred by Viśva Mitra Parivār at Hansraj College, University of Delhi, Delhi, 12 March, 2016.
- **Prof. Shashiprabha Kumar**, “Vaidik Viduṣi Sammāna”, was conferred by D. A. V. Management Committee at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi, 14 February, 2016.
- **Prof. Shashiprabha Kumar**, “Maharṣi Pāṇini Sammāna”, was conferred by Surya Sansthan, Noida at Goa, 27 September, 2015.
- **Prof. Hari Ram Mishra**, acted as a Judge in 2nd International Geeta Chanting Competition at the Chinmaya Mission, 89 Lodhi Road, New Delhi, 4 October, 2015. Wireman security
- **Prof. C. Upender Rao**, received the “Rashtriya Gaurav Award”, in New Delhi, by the Indian Institute of Oriental Heritage, Kolkata (Award received by Prof. Satyanarayana Chakroborthy on behalf of me), 27 February, 2016.
- **Prof. C. Upender Rao**, Appointed as Visiting Professor, in ICCR Chair of Sanskrit and Buddhist studies at the Preah Sihanouk Raja Buddhist University, Phnom Penh, Cambodia on deputation, from February, 2016.

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- **Prof. Dinesh Mohan**, School of Environmental Sciences from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi has been selected for the prestigious “Thomson Reuters 2015 list of “Highly Cited Researchers”.
- **Prof. Rajendra K. Jain** has been appointed to the Jean Monnet Chair, 2010-2015 (awarded by the European Commission).
- **Prof. Gulshan Sachdeva** has been appointed as Erasmus Visiting Professor, University of Warsaw (11 January – 10 February, 2016).
- **Prof. Alok Bhattacharya**, School of Life Sciences, has been selected for the Visitor's Award for Best Research. The Award was presented by the Hon'ble President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- **Prof. Niraja Gopal Jayal** has been selected to receive Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy Book Prize for 2015.
- **Prof. Amit Bhaduri** has been awarded the prestigious Leontief Prize (2016) for advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought.
- **Dr. Sonu Saini**, Centre for Russian Studies, SLL&CS, has been awarded “Laureate” in the International contest. “The Best Teacher of Russian Literature Abroad” in June, 2015. He was also chosen as the winner in the special category titled “Media Technology in Teaching Russian Language and Culture”.
- **Prof. Pramod Talgeri**, Retired Professor, Centre for German Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, was honoured by the President of Germany, Dr. Joachim Gauck, with their Bundesverdienstkreuz (Order of Merit) for his contribution towards promoting Indo-German cultural relations.
- **Prof. Prem Motwani**, Centre for Japanese Studies, SLL&CS was honoured with “Foreign Minister's Certificate of Commendation” for his distinguished service in promoting Japanese studies in India. The award was announced in August in Japan and a special ceremony to felicitate him with the award was held at the Japanese Embassy on 12 Oct. 2015.
- **Prof. Vyjayanti Raghavan**, Centre for Korean Studies, SLL&CS, has been awarded by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Hwang Gyo-ahn, for her contributions to the development of Hangeul (Korean Language) through her research and advancement of the same.
- **Prof. Pushpesh K. Pant**, former Prof. School of International Studies, has been awarded Padma Shri by the Government of India, for his contribution to higher education and academic research.
- **Prof. C. Upender Rao**, Chairperson, Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies has been selected for the ICCR's foreign

chair of Sanskrit and Buddhist Studies at Cambodia for one year w.e.f. 19.02.2016.

- **Prof. N.J. Raju**, School of Environmental Sciences has been selected as IAMGIGC councilor, International Association for Mathematical Geosciences (IAMG). The nominating Commission has elected “Prof. N. Janaradhana Raju as special IGC Councilor for the 2016-2020 IAMG council body”. The International Geological Congress (IGC) will be held in India in the year 2020.
- **Prof. Joy L.K. Pachuau**, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, was awarded the Sneh Mahajan Prize for the Best Book in Modern Indian History published during the years 2012-14, for her book “Being Mizo: Identity and Belonging in Northeast India” (OUP:2014), by the Indian History Congress at their 76th Session held at the University of Gaur Banga, Malda, 27 – 29 December, 2015.
- **Dr. Deepak Gaur**, Associate Professor, School of Biotechnology, has been elected as a member of the prestigious Guha Research Conference (GRC), GRC is an esteemed scientific conference series that has as its members many noted Indian scientists whose membership involves a stringent and competitive process.

Distinguished Visitors / Visiting Teams to the University:

Several distinguished dignitaries, Ambassadors of Countries, scholars and personalities visited the University as illustrated in the Annual Report.

Other Events:

- President of India held discussion with students and faculty of Central Universities on 10.01.2015 through Video Conferencing.
- JNU conferred an honorary doctorate to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in International Relation on 11.12.2015.
- **Hon'ble Sh. M. Hamid Ansari** graced the special Session of the Annual International Studies Convention 2015 (AISC) being the Chief Guest, SIS.
- **Prof. K. Kasturirangan**, Chancellor JNU, visited the University on April 1, 2015 to inaugurate an International Conference on Multi-disciplinary Approach towards Globalization, Climate Change, Disaster Mitigation, governance and Human Wellbeing jointly organized by CSL&G and SIS.
- **World Environment Day:** A tree Plantation drive was held, followed by an exhibition of paintings and posters made by the children of the campus on the occasion on June 5, 2015 for promoting awareness regarding conservation and protection of our environment.

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- **Anti Terrorism Day** was celebrated by JNU on 20.05.2016 and an awareness meeting was held and made the staff aware about the importance of the anti-terrorist activity. A pledge was also administered.
- **Sanskrit Week 2015 on Yoga: Theory and Practice:** The Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies organized a five-day long Sanskrit Week programme on the theme “Yoga-Theory and Practice” on 25 August, 2015.
- **First International Yoga Day:** A 5-day special camp entitled: 'Tanaav Mukta Jeevan Yog Ke Saath' was organized in JNU Yoga Kendra from 15 – 19 June, 2015, in which, around 200 participants from different age groups, including students, faculty, staff and residents enthusiastically participated.

Engineering & Infrastructure: During the year under report, the status of works completed and those in progress is as under:

Projects Completed during above period:

1. Construction of Fellow`s Block for JNIAS at JNU.
2. Construction of Dormitory at old CRS, Tefla to accommodate 200 students.
3. Construction of Warden flats& dining hall Yamuna Hostel at JNU.
4. Expansion of Hostel Block for Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) (formerly Academic Staff College).
5. Construction of 24 Type-III flats for staff at Paschimabad.
6. Installation of 20,000 LPD capacity switch for Koyna, Shipra & Godawari Hostels at JNU.
7. Completed the project on laying on PNG connection almost in the entire campus.

Project in Progress:

1. 500 KLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) near Saraswatipuram.
2. Fire Alarm & Protection System for Central Library, School of Environmental Sciences & School of Life Sciences.
3. Installation of barrier free lifts in Academic & Hostel Buildings.
4. Horizontal extension of Hostel block at Old CRS Building, JNU.
5. Vertical expansion of Study Block to convert into the hostel at Old CRS (Old SPS) in JNU.
6. Construction of footpath on right hand side from East Gate to North Gate at JNU.
7. Construction of parking & footpath in Poorvanchal Hostel Block, Widening & strengthening of road from Poorvanchal Bus Stand to IIMC Gate, Internal roads of Mahanadi

Hostel Block and Poorvanchal Hostel, DP, Ultrakhand & Paschimabad are of JNU.

8. Vertical expansion of SPS Building.
9. Construction of Temporary dormitory (Pre-Engineered Structure) near Tefla, Narmada and Lohit Hostel.
10. 100 KWP Solar Photo Voltaic Power plant for Admn. Block & SSS-III.(In-Progress)

New Construction Projects awaiting approval/ pending from Local Authorities:

1. Construction of New Hostel (Shipra-II) to accommodate 752 Students.
2. Construction of Trans-disciplinary Academic Building.
3. Expansion of Advance Instrumentation Research Facility building.
4. Construction of North – East Hostel to accommodate 419 (approx.) Students with the monitory support of North East Ministry.

New Initiatives:

- JNU has applied for 'Atal Incubation Centre'.
 - Ministry of New and Renewable Energy sanctioned 200 solar street lights to be installed in JNU.
 - Recognized Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) Mussoorie, for award of their 2-year Master of Arts degree in Public Management under Section 5(13) of the JNU Act.
 - University shall explore all possibilities for award of Joint Degrees under MoUs in terms of UGC/CMHRD regulations in this regard.
 - Prof. Krishnamurthy Natarajan, School of Life Sciences, has been permitted to function as Co-founder and non-Executive Director, to form a Biotechnology start-up company with the aim to identify therapeutic molecules for skin disorders such as Vertigo as per Ministry of Science & Technology guidelines.
 - Waste-water purification by Graphene – based nano-composites.
 - Nanostructure Photo-voltaic or Nano PV.
 - Nanostructures for Energy Storage, i.e, batteries, super-capacitors.
 - **Industry-academia inter-linkages:** The following three MoUs have been signed between JNU and industry in the presence of the Hon'ble President of India during the Central Universities Vice-Chancellors' Conference held during 16-18 Nov. 2016 at Rashtrapati
- (1) Eurofins Clinical Genetics India Pvt. Ltd. on “Development of Single-cell derived clonal spheroids as a tool for drug discovery in cancer research”

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- (2) Dr. Lal Pathlabs limited, New Delhi on “Development of the Nano-Electronics-Biosensors based low cost point of care multipurpose DNA detection platform”
 - (3) Shamukha Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore on “Optofuidics based Point-of-Care (POC) Diagnostics for Infectious Diseases”
- Research & Development, the Nodal Office is to act as interface between University and Industry.
 - Setting up of a supercomputing facility / Centre in JNU campus under the aegis of Supercomputer Education and Research Centre. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. This system will be connected through the existing National Knowledge Network (NKN). Prof. Anirban Chakraborty, Dean School of Computational & Integrative Sciences, has been nominated as 'Nodal Coordinator' from JNU in this regard.
 - Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between two esteemed institutions i.e National Institute of Disaster Management and Jawaharlal Nehru University for the purpose to enhance the scope of the subject “Disaster Management” by bringing expertise of these two institutions in the area of disaster management as well as research.
 - Memorandum of Understanding signed between Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) Mussoorie and Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi for granting recognition to trainees of the Indian Administrative Services.
 - Signed a MoU with National Institute of Animal Welfare, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change for transfer of operation and management of academic activities of National Institute of Animal Welfare, Faridabad, including the training courses of animal welfare.
 - 153rd Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and National Youth Day, were celebrated at Convention Centre, JNU with fervor and gaiety. Several events were conducted based on Swamiji's ideas and teachings.
 - Organized a Panel Discussion entitled “Swamiji's Idea of Acceptance and Message for Youth” on January 12, 2016 by Vivekananda Study Circle, JNU and the NSS, JNU, jointly
 - JNU has launched a “Distinguished Lecture Series”- 1st Lecture was delivered by Prof. Javed Iqbal, Founder & Chairman, Cosmic Discoveries, Hyderabad.
 - Set up a Committee for instituting Annual Alumni Award to honour distinguished alumni of Jawaharlal Nehru University.

- JNU held its first ever “Open Day” on November 21, 2016 to showcase the academic achievements of the University to School children in order to inspire them.
- Providing cycles to common users on the campus through a private agency to be located in a suitable area on the campus for operation of this Scheme.
- Several other ideas are being initiated after due processes which would be reported to this House.

Ranking:

- Ranked Number 3 amongst Universities in India Rankings: National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), MHRD
- Ranked in top 100 in Times Higher Education Asia and BRICS ranking.
- Ranked #1 in India's premier multidisciplinary university league (Education World India Ranking 2015).
- Ranked #3 in Nelson Ranking.
- JNU stood 3rd in the Country in NIRF ranking.
- JNU has stood in top 100 University in BRICS ranking
- Two of our Centres, Centre for English Studies and Centre for the Study of Social Systems are ranked among the top 100 Departments in the Times Higher Education Rankings.

It is our endeavour that JNU continues to achieve greater intellectual eminence in its journey. In this, we should recognize and appreciate the work done and initiatives taken by my predecessor. A transparent administration is our focus and we are committed to providing an enabling work culture.

I would like to thank the Chancellor for all the creative guidance and support since I assumed charge, the Honourable Members of Parliament for their understanding and recognition of University's positions on various matters and for valuable suggestions, distinguished members for their inputs, all my colleagues, officers, students and support staff for their cooperation and support. I would like to put on record my thanks and appreciation for the contribution of my predecessor Prof. S.K. Sopory.

In the end, I would say, we should realize our potential of what we, as an institution, can do to achieve the objectives of this University because what we can do for standardization of education and raising the level of research activities is only what we know. Therefore, vigorous efforts are needed at all levels to make us proud by contributing to the growth and development of this institution of higher learning. It is literally in our hands how to chase the unchaseable and be in the group of the best universities not only in the country but in the world at large.

Thank you all, once again.

Movements & Appointments

New Appointments/Deans/Directors/Chairpersons

- ◆ Prof. Ajay Kumar Dubey, Centre for African Studies, School of International Studies as Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study, for a period of two years.
- ◆ Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan as Chairperson, Centre for Persian and Central Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies, for the period of two years.
- ◆ Prof. Meeta Narian as Chairperson, Centre for Russian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Cultural Studies, for a period of two years.
- ◆ Dr. Lata Singh as Chairperson, Centre for Women Studies, School of Social Sciences, for a period of two years.
- ◆ Dr. Heeraman Tiwari, Associate Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences as International Students Advisor, for a period of two years.
- ◆ Karunakar Kar as Assistant Professor, School of Life Sciences.

Retirements & Resignations

- ◆ Prof. Akhtar Mahdi, Centre for Persian and Central Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies.

- ◆ Prof. H.S. Prabhakar, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies.
- ◆ Prof. R.N.K. Bamezai, School of Life Sciences
- ◆ Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences.
- ◆ Prof. Badri Narayan Tiwari, Centre for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, School of Social Sciences.
- ◆ Dr. Suresh K. Abraham, UGC Research scientist 'C', School of Life Sciences.
- ◆ Shri Girdhari Lal, Senior Assistant, Mahi Mandvi Hostel.
- ◆ Smt. Sunita Sharma, Senior Assistant, Admission Branch-II.
- ◆ Shri Puran Singh Negi, Junior Assistant-cum-Typist (Caretaker) School of Computer and System Sciences.
- ◆ Smt. Laxmi Devi, Office Attendant, Centre for Russian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Cultural Studies.
- ◆ Shri Jagdesh Prasad Badola, Khalashi, (Civil) Engineering Branch.
- ◆ Shri Rachhpal Singh, Driver, Security Office.
- ◆ Shri Ram Phal, Security Guard, Security Office.
- ◆ Shir Prem Ballabh, Security Guard, Security Office.

The Following faculty members are appointed as Wardens in the hostels with effect from the date mentioned against each for further period

S. No.	Name & Designation	School/Centre	Name of Hostel	Date of Joining from to
1.	Dr. Gopal Lal Meena	Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies	Brahmaputra Hostel	15.11.2016 to 14.11.2018
2.	Dr. Pijus Kumar Sasmal	School of Physical Sciences	Damodar Hostel	11.11.2016 to 10.11.2018
3.	Dr. Shailja Singh	Special Centre for Molecular Medicine	Chandrabhaga Hostel	For period of two years
4.	Dr. Rajan Kumar	Centre for Russian & Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies	Narmada Hostel	1.11.2016 to 30.10.2018
5.	Dr. Arnab Bhattacharjee	School of Computational & Integrative Sciences	Sutlej Hostel	7.11.2016 to 6.11.2018

Achievements/Awards



- ◆ Prof. SP Das, School of Physical Sciences, has been elected as a Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy at the Annual General meeting on October 18, 2016.
- ◆ Prof. H.B. Bohidar, School of Physical Sciences and Special Center for Nanosciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi has been selected for Bharat Vikas Award for the year 2016. Prof. Bohidar has been selected by the Institute of Self Reliance for excellent contribution made to the field of Science education, and Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, in particular. The award was presented on the occasion of World Human Rights Day on 10 December, 2016 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Achievements/Awards



INC-IAH awards 2016 are given by INC-IAH for outstanding work in Indian Hydrogeology. The award is based on Excellence in Groundwater Science which has been awarded to **Prof. Saumitra Mukherjee**, Dean & Professor of Geology and Remote sensing, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Professor Saumitra Mukherjee has done extensive work in Groundwater Science and Hydrogeology since 1985 when he joined in Central Groundwater Board, Eastern region, Kolkata to explore Groundwater in Sikkim, Himalayas, Andaman Nicobar Islands and Sundarvan Delta. Till 1989 he worked in CGWB, in 1989 he joined as Scientist in Groundwater Exploration Division of Remote sensing Applications Center, where he

worked extensively in the entire Buldelkhand terrain. In 1992 he joined JNU as Assistant Professor to initiate the teaching of Hydrogeology and Remote sensing in the School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University. In JNU besides teaching and guiding he implemented the concept of Rainwater harvesting in JNU, RR Hospital, IGNOU and various other places of Delhi to solve the Drinking water problem and Eco conservation.

Prof. B R Deepak appointed Visiting Professor at School of International Studies, Beijing Language University, China

School of International Studies, Beijing Language University has appointed Professor B R Deepak of Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, JNU as visiting Professor on 17 November, 2016. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Cao Zhiyun conferred the appointment certificate in the presence of Professor Hua Xuecheng, Dean, School of Humanities, Prof. Jia Lieying, Dean School of International Studies, Professor Yu Meiyang, Director International Collaboration and others besides a hall full of audience that included a dozen students from JNU and other Indian universities.



The ceremony was followed by a special lecture by Professor Deepak titled 'China Studies in India.' The School of Beijing Language University was founded in 1962 under the guidance of Premier Zhou Enlai and Mao Zedong wrote the name of the institution in Mao Freehand Calligraphy in 1974. In 1996, the name was changed to Beijing Language and Culture University and more recently to Beijing Language University. School of International Studies was established in 2014. The university enrolls over 10,000 foreign students from over 200 countries, and sends over 500 of its own students abroad every year. It has collaborated with over 300 universities worldwide, and many of its alumni have become heads of many states across the continents.



- ◆ **Prof. Chaman Lal**, Retired Professor from School of Languages, Literature and Culture has been nominated as member of Panjab University Chandigarh for four years by Honorable Vice president of India as Chancellor of Panjab University for four years from 1st December, 2016.



- ◆ **Dr. Tulika Prasad**, Assistant Professor, School of Advanced Instrumentation Research & SCNS awarded Best Hall Presentation in Young Scientist Conclave of India International Science Festival (IISF) - 2016, an initiative by Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India under Swastha Bharat Category for "Combating Multi Drug Resistance in Candida: a nano-based approach".



- ◆ **Dr. Kavita Arora**, Assistant Professor, School of Advanced Instrumentation Research, awarded Best Poster Presentation in Young Scientist Conclave of India International Science Festival (IISF) - 2016, an initiative by Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India under Swastha Bharat Category for "Early diagnosis of lung cancer in patient's sera: targeting MAGE-A2 using nano- & bio- molecular immunosensor".

Campus Activities

The Table Tennis Training cum Talent Identification Camp

The Table Tennis Training cum Talent Identification Camp began on 24 October and ended on 11 November, 2016. It was held at Teflas Badminton Hall, every evening from 5 PM to 7 PM. Organized by the Sports Office, provisions were made for introducing, explaining and training the participants for the sport; for which tables were moved in, equipment was procured and necessary arrangements were made.

Around 22-24 students registered for the camp and most of them are beginners. Out of 22, some 12-14 players have been regular and some players have shown tremendous development.

The club is looking forward to participating in the extramural sports tournament which will take place next year



in January-February. We are also planning to make TT camps an annual sports affair. The university TT tournament is also on the cards.

Jatin Kumar, PhD
Centre for West Asian Studies, SIS

Seminars/Conferences

International Conference 'Material Culture and Pre-Colonial and Early Colonial India'

The International Conference 'Material Culture and Pre-Colonial and Early Colonial India Organized by Prof. Suraiya Farouqi (Visiting Professor, Bhagat Singh Chair, CHS) and Prof. Vijaya Ramaswamy (Professor of Ancient Indian History) on 3 – 4 November, 2016. This two-day conference which has been a pioneering effort to map the biographies of material objects, was extremely well-attended by both Indian and foreign scholars. It focussed on the material object – the trope could cover food grains and spices or opium to textiles, metals, fire arms and children's toys in Harappan culture. The specialists who had been invited for this conference wove their narrative around material objects, bringing in both the producers and consumers of that object/objects. These material objects ranged from ceramics in Indian archaeology (on which Dr. Supriya Varma from CHS and Jaya Menon from Shiv Nadar University spoke) and to objects like stone and bronze. While Prof. Sharada Sreenivasan from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, looked at the historical

tradition of making bronze icons at Svamimalai, Prof. Chandrasekhar and Dr. Pratyay Nath spoke of fire arms as objects of material culture. Dr. Najaf Haider spoke on the value of coins both in material and cultural terms. The presentations by Prof. Vijaya Ramaswamy (Conference Organizer and Chairperson, CHS) was on the Cultural Life of Textiles while the other organizer of the conference Prof. Suraiya Farouqi from Bilgi University, Istanbul spoken on 'Making and Marketting Rough Woolens in Istanbul shops of the Ottoman Empire, Turkey. In the section on 'Food Culture', Prof. Bilgin from Turkey spoke on the food culture in the Ottoman Empire while Prof. Amar Farooqui spoke on opium as a material object and its connection with colonization. Finally, Prof. Rajat Datta of CHS spoke on circulation of trade of material objects.

Vijaya Ramaswamy
Conference co-organizer and Chairperson
Centre for Historical Studies, SSS

International Forum “Russian Education as a Space for Opportunities”

An International Forum “Russian Education as a Space for Opportunities” was organized by the Tomsk State University, Russia in cooperation with the International Collaboration Office, Jawaharlal Nehru University and the Department of Slavonic & Finno-Ugrian Studies, University of Delhi.

The proceedings of the Forum were held at the Jawaharlal Nehru University on 2 – 3 November and in Delhi University on 4 November, 2016. About 200 students, scholars and teachers participated in this event.

The Forum was inaugurated by the Dean of Philology faculty, TSU, Prof. Tatyana Alekseevna Demeshkina, the Director, ICO, JNU Prof. Girish N. Jha, the president of INDAPRYAL, Prof. R. Kumar, the former HoD of the Dept. of SFUS and General Secretary INDAPRYAL, Dr. Ranjana Saxena, Prof. Ranjana Banerjee, JNU in the presence of the delegation from Tomsk, Tyumen, Russia, the delegation from the Embassy of Russia in India Ms. Yulia Evgenevna Areva, Ms, Nana Mgladze, the delegation from Russian Centre for Science and Culture, Ms. Tatyana Shipilova and Mr. Arseny Starkov, teachers, scholars and students from Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Delhi, Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, BPS Mahila Vishwavidyalya, Sonipat, Amity University and others.

The first four sessions were held in the Convention Centre, JNU on 2nd and 3rd November, 2016. There were papers presented on the theme of Indo-Russia relations in literature such as “Image of India in Russian literature of XVIII-XX centuries”, “Image of India in West-European culture in XVIII-XIX centuries” by Professor Irina Anatolevna Poplavskaya. The interactive master classes on “Understanding the literature: step by step” by Dr. Girish Munjal and “The Russian club as platform of formation of language and sociocultural competences” by Prof. Natalya Nesterova Georgievna were conducted in the forum. The Round table discussion on innovative technology and tools in the field of Russian studies looked into the latest development in teaching methodologies in India and Russia. In this session, papers were presented on “Modern teaching tools based on technology- as medium and instruments in teaching Russian language

and literature” by Prof. Tatyana Anatolvena Kostyukova, “Using technology in teaching Russian language, literature and culture” was presented by Dr. Sonu Saini, “Issues in using technology in B.A. first year course at JNU” was presented by Dr. Ajoy K. Karnati, “Technology as medium in teaching Russian language” by Dr. Manuradha Chaudhary, “Information technology in teaching Russian language and literature” by Mr. Subhash Kumar, “Role of Internet in teaching Russian as foreign language” by Mr. Hawa Singh Yadav and “Innovative methodologies in teaching Russian language case system” by Dr. Girish Munjal.

There was a master class on the theme “Russian culture in the Eurasian context” conducted by Yulia Antonovna Emer and Anna Aleksandrovna Stroiteleva. In this session, students were introduced to some aspects of Russian folk culture and dance.

The next session was held on November 4, 2016 at the Dept. of SFUS at the University of Delhi. Prof. Natalya Georgievna Nestereva gave a lecture on “Massive open online course (MOOCs) on Russian language and literature”.

The concluding remarks at the closing were given by the Dean of Philology Department, TSU, Prof. Tatyana Alekseevna Demeshkina and the coordinator for the event at the University of Delhi Dr. Ranjana Saxena. The certificates of Professional Development were awarded to the teachers and scholars. Certificates of participation were awarded to students.

The Forum in the field of Russian studies was one of its kind of a meta-university event where three Central universities i.e. Tomsk State University (TSU), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and the University of Delhi (DU) participated in organizing the activities of the Forum. The active participation of the delegation from Russia, teachers, scholars and students from various universities and assistance of volunteers from JNU and DU made this forum a success.

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Centre of Russian Studies, SLL&CS**

साहित्य और दर्शन का सम्बन्ध



सत्यपाल गौतम हिंदी के एक महत्वपूर्ण कवि होने के साथ—साथ जे एन यू के सामाजिक विज्ञान संस्थान में दर्शनशास्त्र के प्रोफेसर है। इस बार पढ़े पेन ड्राइव में उनके लेखन संबंधी विचार

साहित्यिक रुचि विकसित होने के पीछे मेरे पारिवारिक माहौल की अहम भूमिका रही है। मेरे ननिहाल पक्ष में नाना, मामा सभी शिक्षक थे और साथ ही साथ वे लोग साहित्य में भी रुचि रखते थे। उनकी

पंजाबी भाषा में रचनाएं भी प्रकाशित होती थीं। इसी प्रकार मेरे पिताजी के परिवार में भी प्रशासनिक सेवा से जुड़े लोग थे जिनकी साहित्य में रुचि थी। इस मामले मेरा सौभाग्य था कि मुझे बचपन से ही अध्ययन—अध्यापन का माहौल मिला। इसी कारण मेरे अन्दर भी साहित्य के प्रति एक रुचि जागृत हुई। हालांकि मैंने अपनी पहली कविता 7 वी कक्षा की परीक्षा में लिखी और उसी दौरान कविता सम्बन्धी बातचीत के सिलसिले में मेरे पहले साहित्यिक मित्र सुरेन्द्र मोहन से मेरा परिचय हुआ। हमारे विद्यालय में यूं तो कई साहित्यिक रुचि रखने वाले लोग थे परन्तु मैं सबसे अधिक मेधावी और प्रतिभाशाली सुरेन्द्र मोहन को मानता हूँ। मेरी साहित्यिक रुचि के विकास में रवीन्द्र कालिया का भी अप्रत्यक्ष योगदान रहा है। जब उनके पिता रघुनाथ सहाय कालिया मेरे दादाजी के मित्र थे और रवीन्द्र कालिया उस समय धर्मयुग नामक पत्रिका निकालते थे। हमारे घर पर भी धर्मयुग आती थी और मैंने अपने अध्ययन के आरम्भिक दौर में प्रेमचन्द, अज्ञेय आदि जिन रचनाकारों को पढ़ा वह धर्मयुग में ही पढ़ा। इसमें कहानियाँ, उपन्यास, कविता—संग्रह आदि होते थे। इसी कारण मैं यह जरूर कहूँगा कि रवीन्द्र कालिया का मेरे साहित्यिक विकास में अप्रत्यक्ष और महत्वपूर्ण योगदान रहा है।

अब यदि ऐसे किसी रचना की बात की जाए जिसने मुझे अपने आरंभिक दिनों में सर्वाधिक प्रभावित किया तो वह हैं— राजकमल चौधरी का उपन्यास 'नदी बहती थी'। उस समय घर के अध्ययन—अध्यापन माहौल के कारण मैंने शुरू में ही कामू के तीनों उपन्यास तथा और भी कई साहित्यिक कृतियाँ पढ़ दी थी। इसी के साथ ज्ञानोदय, सारिका, धर्मयुग आदि पत्रिकाओं को पढ़ने का सिलसिला शुरू हो चुका था। इसी क्रम में मेरा साहित्यिक रूझान बढ़ता गया।

साहित्य सृजन में दोनों का प्रभाव रहता है। मैंने हायर सेकेंडरी विज्ञान विषय से किया है। इसके बाद मुझे घर वालों ने प्री—इंजीनियरिंग करने का सुझाव दिया परन्तु मेरी रुचि फिलोसोफी विषय को पढ़ने में थी इसलिए मैंने घर वालों के सुझाव को अस्वीकार कर दिया। अब बी.ए. में प्रवेश लेने के लिए मेरे पास पैसे नहीं थे अतः मैंने ट्यूशन पढ़ाना, प्रूफ रीडिंग करना शुरू कर दिया। इसी के साथ मुझे मालूम हुआ कि हमारे शहर में भी कॉफी—हाउस है तो मैं वहीं जाकर पढ़ने लगा। वहाँ मेरे कई दोस्त भी बन गये। जिनमें एक थे—कपिल मल्होत्रा। इनसे जुड़ी एक वारदात का जिक्र करना चाहूँगा कि—कपिल ने उस समय दो कहानियाँ लिखी थी जो उस समय अत्यंत प्रसिद्ध हुई थी। इनकी कहानियों की आलोचना करते हुए इन्द्रनाथ मदान ने कहा था कि अगर तुम तीसरी कहानी भी इतनी ही अच्छी लिखोगे तो तुम हिन्दी साहित्य के चन्द्रधर शर्मा गुलेरी बन जाओगे। यहाँ काफी हाउस में कपिल के साथ ही साथ मेरे और भी मित्र बने जिनमें रमेश कुन्तल मेघ, सन्त सिंह शेख, पाश, अमरजीत चन्दर आदि थे। आरम्भ में जब मैंने कविता लिखनी शुरू की तब मेरे कई दोस्तों ने मुझसे कहा कि तुम फिलोसोफी पढ़ो कविता रहने दो। इस कारण मैंने कविता करनी छोड़ दी। लेकिन जब मैं जे.एन.यू. आया और यहाँ कैम्पस से बाहर जब एक कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता करने का प्रस्ताव मिला तब वहाँ मैंने यह बात रखी कि बौद्धिक कविता भी कविता होती है। यह 2013 की बात है। इससे पहले जब मैंने अपने दोस्तों से कहा कि मुक्तिबोध को पढ़ो वे बौद्धिक कविता लिखते हैं, तो उनका जवाब था कि नहीं कविता में अमूर्तता

नहीं होती। कविता में ले, गीतात्मकता होनी आवश्यक है। लेकिन 2013 से मैंने फिर से कविता लिखनी शुरू कर दी और अब लगातार लिख रहा हूँ।

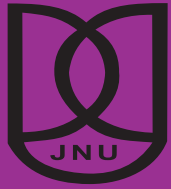
एक बार जे.एन.यू. में एक कार्यक्रम के दौरान वयाम जी से मुझे मेरे कविता लेखन की प्रशंसा मिली थी। उन्होंने अपने एक परिचित से मेरा परिचय दे रहे थे तो उन्होंने कहा की ये तनखाह तो फिलोसोफी से लेते हैं लेकिन हैं हमारे साहित्य के आदमी। जालंधर में नामवर जी से भी मेरा परिचय था। रमेश कुन्तल मेघ उन्हें बुलाया करते थे। उनके सुझाव के कारण ही मैंने सागर विश्वविद्यालय से फिलोसोफी में बी.ए. करने का विचार छोड़ दिया। इसके बाद पंजाब विश्वविद्यालय से ही मैंने अपना अध्ययन आगे बढ़ाया।

एक साहित्यकार जो कि रचनात्मक कार्य कर रहा है, वह किसी विचारधारा से प्रतिबद्ध भी हो सकता है अथवा सिर्फ प्रभावित भी हो सकता है, अथवा सिर्फ रुचि ही रख सकता है ये सभी अलग—अलग कसम के दृष्टिकोण हैं। अलग—अलग रचनाकारों की रचना—यात्रा की भी अपनी अलग—अलग विशेषताएं होती हैं। विचारधारा, साहित्य और दर्शन इनके पारस्परिक सम्बन्धों में विविधता है, बावजूद इन विविधताओं के मेरा मानना है कि हमारी रचनाओं, विचारधारा और जीवनकर्म में विसंगतियां नहीं होनी चाहिए। इनमें परस्पर सामंजस्य होना चाहिए।

हां, साहित्य के माध्यम से दर्शन किया जा सकता है। इस सन्दर्भ में मेरे प्रिय दार्शनिक हैं— इनका मानना है कि सबसे बढ़िया दर्शन तब होता है जब वह कविता बन जाता है। जस्टिन गार्डर नार्वे में फोलोसोफी पढ़ाते थे। वे जिन बच्चों को यह पढ़ाते थे उन बच्चों का कहना था कि यह विषय कठिन है, जटिल है, अमूर्त है, इसे पढ़ने में हमारा मन नहीं लगता, हमें रहस्यात्मक उपन्यास पढ़ना अच्छा लगता है। इसके बाद जस्टिन गार्डर ने निश्चय किया कि मैं दर्शनशास्त्र के इतिहास पर उपन्यास लिखूँगा जो *mystery novel* होगा। इनके इस उपन्यास का नाम है—*sofi's world*। यह उपन्यास नार्वे में इतना प्रसिद्ध हुआ कि इसकी लगभग सत्तर हजार प्रतियां बिक गई। इस उपन्यास का कई भाषाओं में अनुवाद किया गया है। मैंने भी हिन्दी भाषा में इसका अनुवाद किया है 'सोफी का संसार' नाम से। साहित्य और दर्शन के सम्बन्ध में मेरा कहना यही है कि असल में साहित्य और दर्शन का लक्ष्य एक ही है। वह लक्ष्य है— जीवन को समझना। कोई भी साहित्यिक कृति जब हम पढ़ते हैं तो वह जीवन के किसी न किसी पक्ष को उजागर अवश्य करती है। इसी के साथ नैतिकता साहित्य का अभिन्न अंग है। उसकी सार्थक अभिव्यक्ति साहित्य के माध्यम से ही सम्भव होती है। दर्शन और साहित्य में कोई बहुत बड़ा अंतर नहीं है। दर्शन में हम तर्क के माध्यम से अपने विचारों को अभिव्यक्त करते हैं और साहित्य में कथानक के माध्यम से वही बात कहते हैं। दोनों में अभिव्यक्ति के माध्यम का ही अन्तर मात्र है।

जब तक इंसान है, उसका अस्तित्व है, उसमें सबसे पहले हमारी सीमा है कि हम मरणशील हैं। हम बहुत अधिक ज्ञान प्राप्त कर लेने के बावजूद भी हम सर्वज्ञ नहीं हैं यह हमारे ज्ञान की भी सीमा है। इस प्रकार की कई सीमाएं हमारे जीवन में मौजूद हैं। जब तक मनुष्य की सीमाएं हैं तब तक हमें साहित्य और दर्शन दोनों की आवश्यकता रहेगी। इसलिए हमें कभी भी निराश नहीं होना चाहिए पूर्णतया आश्वस्त रहना चाहिए। जीवन की विभिन्न परिस्थितियों के संदर्भ में जो समझ साहित्य और दर्शन देते हैं वो विज्ञान या नये विषयों से नहीं मिल सकती। इसके पीछे कारण है कि मनुष्य की लालसा है जीवन को समग्रता में देखने की। इसी समग्रता हेतु वह प्रयासरत रहता है और इसी समग्रता हेतु रचनाकार रचता रहता है। आज कई बार हमें कहा जाता है कि इंसानियत की कोई जरूरत नहीं है, इसे म्यूजियम में रख दो। आज की शिक्षा—प्रणाली पर भी इसी प्रकार का संकट दिखाई दे रहा है। इन सब स्थितियों के बावजूद भी हमें निराश नहीं होना चाहिए। जब तक मानव में उत्कृष्टता को पाने की लालसा है, जब तक वह जिन्दा है, तब तक जीवन की आलोचना भी होती रहेगी और नया सृजन भी होता रहेगा।

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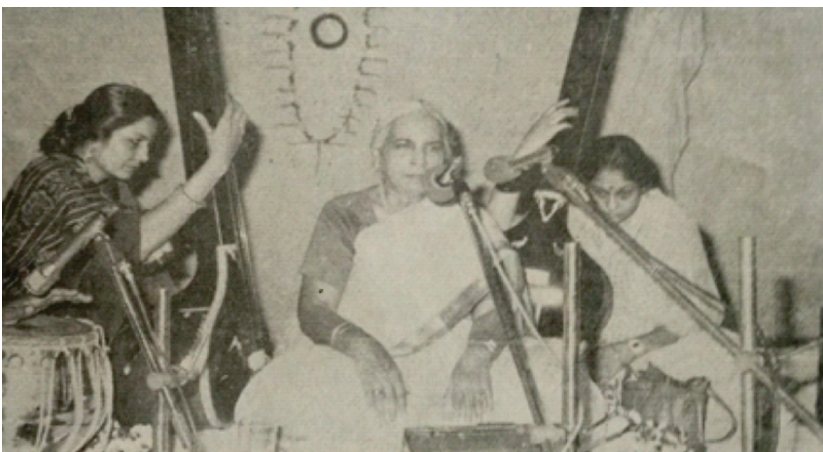
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A concert by Kumar Gandarv in the School of Social Sciences Auditorium on October 11, 1990



A classical vocal recital on November 12, 1990 by Ms. Veena Sahasrabuddhe who comes from a family of musicians.

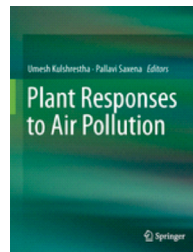


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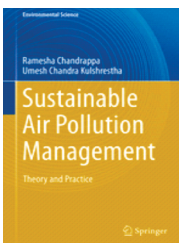
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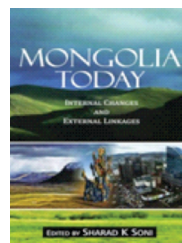
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Alumni Corner

Interview with Dr. Ramesh Babu Batchu, Director, Division of Surgical Oncology & Developmental Therapeutics, Wayne State University, USA



JNU News: How and when did your association with JNU begin and what was your first impression of JNU campus

Dr. Batchu: After my Master's degree from Central University of Hyderabad (HCU), I visited JNU as some of my immediate seniors were already enrolled here for PhD.

Regarding, first impressions of JNU, apart from a couple of years of intense studies at Hyderabad, my exposure prior to JNU was limited to my hometown, a small village in Andhra Pradesh. I didn't have any comparison to form an immediate first impression about JNU. But looking back after a quarter of a century, I can honestly tell that the JNU days of my life created my personality and defined who I was to become.

Something else I want to add here - and often it is considered a stigma. I had polio when I was a kid and I limp when I walk. Often differently abled individuals do not talk about their problems as they want to be considered 'normal'. I cannot speak for others, but for me, most of my thoughts throughout my entire childhood were confined to disability. I was ashamed of walking in front of people, so I quit intermediate education and spent a year at home. No one at home knew why I had quit even though I was one of the best

students in high school. Psychological problems associated with disabled children is often overlooked or under estimated. They develop low self-esteem and often get abused and/or abandoned. But the intellectual atmosphere and the kindness of JNU students and teachers helped me forget my disability and I gained confidence. The JNU period was the beginning of my journey to focus on other things rather than pondering over my disabilities.

JNU News: How did you come to know about JNU and how was the JNU of your time in aspects of culture, politics and study?

Dr. Batchu: As I said, I came to know about JNU through my immediate seniors from HCU who were doing PhD here and were my close friends. I had heard about many Universities and visited some of them. However, things appeared different here. Friendly students, representing every corner of India, polite and respectful interactions among students representing different political parties and a unique study curriculum that nurtures curiosity were some of the highlights that defined JNU of those days.

JNU News: What has been the trajectory of your career since you left JNU?

Dr. Batchu: My training as a biochemist/cancer biologist led me to seek post-doctoral studies in 'cancer gene therapy' in USA. Over the years, I made much progress, understanding the

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immune aspects of cancer and developed various technologies to combat the disease. This has allowed me to pursue the translation of my laboratory discoveries into clinical trials in India, which I hope to achieve in the next few years.

JNU News: As a scientist, what role did JNU play in developing your thought processes and how is it different from other institutions?

Dr. Batchu: Just to put it simply, I owe everything to JNU; not only the scientist in me but also the person that I became. Before coming to JNU, I was like a blank paper and the days at JNU scripted my entire life that was to come. Most educational institutes prepare a person for career goals and better employment. JNU makes one think beyond career goals and jobs.

JNU News: You have been residing in US for nearly 25 years and presently you are serving as a faculty and Director in academic institutions. How does it feel today?

Dr. Batchu: Yes, it's been quarter of a century since I left JNU in 1992 and I fondly remember my days at the School of Environmental Sciences, Brahamaputra Hostel and the entire campus. Apart from all the fancy titles that I may have today; essentially I have two laboratories with half a dozen people working in each of them. My projects are related to cancer gene and immunotherapy. I have also designed various bio-generic drugs and new cell-based therapies for cancer that I am pursuing to bring them to clinical trials in India.

JNU News: How do you connect yourself between the country that nurtured you and the country that endorsed you?

Dr. Batchu: I apologize if I sound strange; my personal belief is that the entire world is one country and one people. The day will soon come when we realize that we live in a small world. I took up many tasks to contribute to India's development, because it costs much less to do things in India than in the USA. I run an organization called 'Batchu Foundation' that distributes 20 breakfasts for the homeless daily in front of houses of worship, and provides groceries to orphanages and old age homes twice every month. Further, I constructed an old age home in my father and mother's names that houses at present 10 elderly people. These social activities in India are the direct

result of the education I got in JNU. You may find them at <http://www.facebook.com/foundations.batchu>. As a scientist, I feel the need to introduce cutting edge therapies in India that most developed countries have today. Towards this end, I set up a small cell culture unit at Guntur, where I am training several people and collaborating with bigger institutes to bring cancer therapies to clinical trials in India.

JNU News: Any special memory associated with JNU that you would like to share with the readers?

Dr. Batchu: Along with my Brahamaputra colleagues, Bhupendra Yadav and Manoj Joshi, I started a literacy campaign at JNU juggis (behind SSS building) in 1989. Apart from teaching the juggi kids, we arranged for vaccinations, health camps from AIIMS and we negotiated payments to the workers from contractors. This was the time I interacted with two great JNU martyrs, Chandrasekhar and Naveen Babu, who advised me on how to run the literacy campaign. We arranged for ration cards for all the Juggi families. My happiest moments that relates to JNU were when I heard that all these families were given plots near Kashmiri gate when they were moved out of JNU, because they had ration cards.

JNU News: Any message that you would like to give to our readers, specifically to the student community of JNU?

Dr. Batchu: It broke my heart to see some negative news about JNU in the recent past. JNU has a rich tradition of respecting every political view and violence was unheard of in my days. I request students to remember that JNU was a torch bearer and remained the voice of reason for generations to come and they are the inheritors of this great tradition. Dissent among various political views is common; but JNU always found a dignified way to express this dissent without harsh words or violence. Do not let political activities hurt your future career and always try to be the best student in your own class.

Corrigendum

In the Movements & Appointments section of JNU News (2016-5), page no. 4. Prof. Edward Rodrigues name has been inadvertently mentioned as the Chairperson of the Centre for the Study of Social System, SSS. Prof. Nilika Mehrotra has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Centre. Error is regretted.



Shri Dinesh Kumar Mehto, Mess Helper, Tapti Hostel, passed away on 29 November, 2016

We extend our condolences to the bereaved family.

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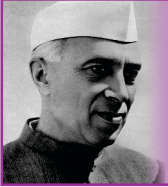
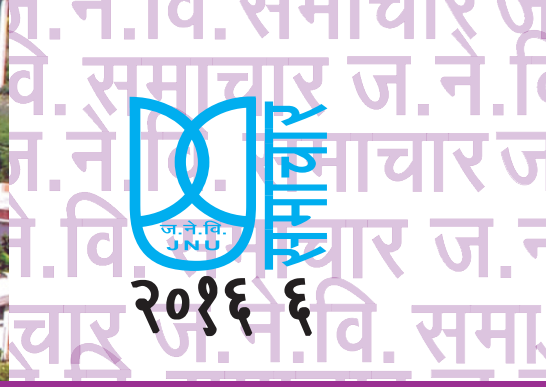


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1. The Pledge Ceremony organized on 31st October, 2016 in Room No. 225, Administration Building. Photo shows: Prof. M Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor with others university officials and staff members.
2. "Vigilance Awareness Week" was observed by the University Community from 31st October to 5th November, 2016. Photo shows: Prof. Suman K. Dhar, Chief Vigilance Officer with other university officials.
3. Centre for English Studies, SLL&CS organized "The meaning of India" A Round-table discussion to Commemorate Raja Rao's 108th Birth Anniversary on 8th November, 2016. Photo shows: Prof. Rekha Rajan, Dean, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies; Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor and Ambassador Ashoke Mukherji, India's Former Representative to the UN.
4. A delegation from Jordan visited JNU on 10th November, 2016 to meet Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor. Photo shows: Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor and HE Hassan Mahmoud Mohd Al Jawarneh, Ambassador of Jordan with other officials.
5. A delegation from European Commission, Brussels Visited JNU on 11th November, 2016 Photo shows: Prof. Ummu Salma Bava, (Coordinator & Director, EU Marie Curie ITN Project); Prof. Satish Chandra Garkoti, Rector-II; Prof. Bhaswati Sarkar, Chairperson, Centre for European Studies, SIS; Prof. Gulshan Sachdeva, Centre for European Studies, SIS; Dr. Rupesh Chaturvedi, Director, Research and Development & Acting Director, IC with Members of European Commission.
6. Alumni Association of JNU organized AAJ Annual Events 2016 AAJ Writers' Meet on Why I Write? on 27th November, 2016. Photo shows: Prof. Rakesh K. Tyagi, Special Centre for Molecular Medicine; Prof. Devendra K. Choubey, Centre for Indian languages, SLL&CS; Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor; Prof. Meeta Narain, Centre of Russian Studies, SLL&CS.



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