

Dear students, faculty, and staff,

I am delighted to announce the first release of the University Newsletter from the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at Uttaranchal University. This milestone marks a significant step in our commitment to academic excellence and continuous improvement.

The newsletter reflects the collective efforts and achievements of our dynamic community. It showcases the diverse range of activities, events, and research endeavors undertaken within our university. As we strive to foster a culture of innovation and knowledge sharing, this newsletter serves as a platform to celebrate our successes and inspire one another.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the IQAC team, Editorial Board, and all contributors for their unwavering commitment in creating this informative publication. Let's continue this journey together, embracing growth and creating a brighter future for our institution.

Jitender Joshi



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FROM THE PEN OF THE CHIEF EDITOR

Higher education has to scale yet higher heights. The pace with which technology is evolving, the Gen. Z and Gen. Alpha are full of creativity, enthusiasm, and inquisitiveness. To go to a classroom and deliver a lecture is not enough now. Needless to forget that we have to compete Google if we wish to win the faith of our children. This is an era of fusion, not only in music, food, clothing and say, overall culture... but the fusion of subjects and streams of study. Pharmacy students are working on machines, Agriculture student is keen about robotics, Humanities talk about design and patent and Engineering student wants to learn how to become the best-selling novelist.

The role of teachers and guides and above all, the institutions and government become more crucial when the challenges are actually varied. Just by saying 'Study in India', matters don't end. This is just the beginning ...!

Er. Rajesh Deorari
(Director, IQAC)



RENOWNED ACTOR
**MR. ANNU
KAPOOR**
JOINED US
AS PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE



**DR. KIRAN
BEDI@UU**

“ADMINISTRATION THEN
AND
ADMINISTRATION NOW”



Main aim of the conclave was to expose the youth of India to the wisdoms of ancient science along with modern scientific advancements. Concerned with the increasing challenge of sustainability and the security of humanity, 'Sumangalam', an initiative based on Indian thought (भारतीय संस्कृति).

AKASH FOR LIFE: 4 NOVEMBER 2022

"Akash for Life" - a National Conference & Exhibition on "Akash Tattva" was organized in the university in collaboration with Vijnana Bharati a national level Swadeshi Science Movement.



ACHIEVEMENT



**WORLD'S
UNIVERSITIES
WITH REAL IMPACT**

Uttaranchal University has been ranked in the 101-200 band among world's universities with real impact, along with being ranked in the 51-100 band in the 'Student Mobility and Openness' category in the WURI Ranking 2022.

The World's Universities with Real Impact (WURI) Ranking drew attention to and recognized the efforts made by university to develop a future workforce that would be in line with the expanding needs of modern society.

HACK ATTACK Uncover Your Inner Innovator

A 24-hour International Hackathon organized by the university offered cash prizes for different categories worth more than Rs. 2 lakhs. The sponsors of the event were Steel Strong Valves, Matangi Rubber Pvt. Ltd., Vaishnavi Engineering, and the D.V. Singh Foundation for Child Development.



**INTERACTIVE SESSION ON
"STRENGTHENING LEARNING
EXPERIENCE OF STUDENTS AND
FACULTY MEMBERS THROUGH
ONLINE/BLENDED LEARNING TOOL"
USING
LMS BLACKBOARD.**



Knowledge Sharing Session With ISRO Chairman **Dr. S. Somanath**

During the 4-day National Conference on Akash Tattva- "AKASH FOR LIFE" organized by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) & Department of Science & Technology at Uttarakhand University. The ISRO Chairman, Shri S. Somanath interacted with our students & faculty members.

PARAMPARA, PRATISHTHA, ANUSHASAN

THE THREE BASELINES

Shri Jitender Joshi (Chancellor, Uttarakhand University), Prof. (Dr.) Dharam Buddhi (Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand University) and Smt. Anuradha Joshi (Vice Chairperson, Sushila Devi Centre for Professional Studies and Research) had a courtesy meet with the Bollywood Megastar Shri Amitabh Bachchan at his Bungalow in Mumbai on 28 January 2023. The dignitaries discussed the growth and development of the university along with the university's social, economic and innovative contributions towards the state as well the nation.

Sometimes All You Need Is Just A ... **JUMP!**



The Sports Committee organized an Athletic Meet to encourage the vigorous souls to showcase their sportsmanship.



Executive Development Program (EDP) On Price Capping For Delegates From **Republic of Tanzania**

An Executive Development Program (EDP) on 'Price Capping' for Delegates from Republic of Tanzania was organized by Uttarakhand Institute of Management, a constituent faculty of Uttarakhand University. The program focussed on detailing the strategy and price modelling techniques for effective price capping towards sustainable development and growth. The comprehensive EDP emphasized on the pertinent area of price cap modelling with effective implementation strategies conducive for progressive economies.





Inventors get Incentives

Research Publication Incentives were given to faculty members to acknowledge their contribution towards the quality research articles in Scopus & WoS. Around 60+ faculty members

received incentive cheques from Honourable Chancellor Shri Jitender Joshi and Vice Chancellor Prof. Dharam Buddhi. The event was coordinated by Research & Innovation Team.



Building A Brighter Future

64+ Graduates in Judicial Services

Sonam Rawat
B.A.L.L.B. (Hons.)

7th Rank

Uttarakhand Judicial Services
Civil Judge (Jr. Division)
Examination - 2020-21

Anoop Singh Bhakuni
LL.M.

1st Rank

Uttarakhand Judicial Services
Civil Judge (Jr. Division)
Examination - 2020-21

Naveen Rana
B.A.L.L.B. (Hons.)

10th Rank

Uttarakhand Judicial Services
Civil Judge (Jr. Division)
Examination - 2020-21

Tales of Valour

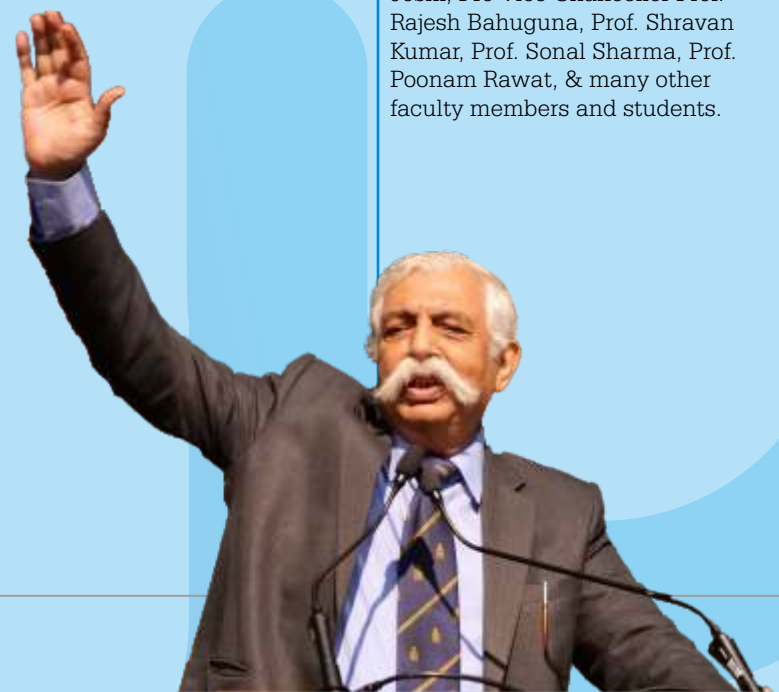
Renowned Defence Analyst Maj. Gen. (Dr.) G. D. Bakshi, SM, VSM (Rtd.) shared his military experience which ignited a sense of patriotism and commitment among UU Students.



Uttarakhand University organized the fourth edition of "A Talk from an Expert" series on 18 April 2023. Renowned Defense Analyst Maj. Gen. (Dr.) G. D. Bakshi, SM, VSM (Retd.), was the chief guest and expert interlocutor. He spoke about the past, present, and future of the Indian Army, linking it to his own life journey. He was felicitated by the Chancellor of the University, Mr. Jitender Joshi, and Mr. S. K. Mehta. He shared his experiences of participating in the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971 and Kargil War. He shed light on his experience dealing with terrorists in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir. He also discussed the use of artificial intelligence in Russia-Ukraine war and the military power of neighbouring countries.



Those present on the occasion were Chancellor Shri Jitender Joshi, Vice Chairperson Smt. Anuradha Joshi, Vice President Prof. Satbir Sehgal, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dharam Buddhi, S. K. Mehta, Executive Directors, Dr. Abhishek Joshi and Ankita Joshi, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Rajesh Bahuguna, Prof. Shравan Kumar, Prof. Sonal Sharma, Prof. Poonam Rawat, & many other faculty members and students.



Empowering Women, Celebrating Strength 'Uttaranchal Naari Shakti Sammaan' on International Women Day



Uttaranchal University celebrates Naari Shakti Sammaan on the occasion of International Women Day, 2022-23 with great zeal and intent in cognizance of the theme 'Gender Equality today for a sustainable tomorrow' under the aegis of Uttaranchal University's Women Cell.

According to Prof. Bahuguna, this award is given to those women who have done exceptional work or have exceptional achievements in different spheres or whose works have brought socio-economic

transformations or laurels to Uttarakhand in the country and the world.

The university has announced a cash prize of one lakh rupees, a citation and a shawl for the same. In furtherance, he announced that Padma Shri Basanti Devi was selected for this year's "Uttaranchal Naari Shakti Sammaan" by the Chairperson of the Selection Committee and read the citation and conferred the award in the presence of a distinguished gathering.

Hon'ble Chancellor of the University, Shri Jitender Joshi honoured the social activist, Padma Shri Basanti Devi with a sum of 1 lakh rupees.

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Body and Mind, None Should Be Left Behind!

Bringing healthcare to the doorstep of the community - Uttaranchal Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences took the lead with a successful Free Eye and Health Camp in collaboration with Daffodils Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Titan Eye +, and Titan World in Aamwala village.

World Book Day: Donation Drive

Organized by Central Library, UU



The Knowledge Resource Centre, Uttaranchal University, celebrated World Book Day and Copyright Day with students and staff of Govt. Junior High School, Kolhupani Premnagar, as one of the schools adopted by Uttaranchal University under its ISR for the social upliftment and awareness of knowledge among society.

As a gesture of goodwill, the library staff, Dr. Ramveer Tanwar (University Librarian), and his team members, Mr. Arun S. Thakur, Mr. Mukul Rawat, Dr. Rakhi Sharma, and Mr. Jai Prakash, distributed registers, notebooks and pens among the students and staff members.

Pro Bono

Certificate course on Legal Aid & Its Ecosystem in India

Law College Dehradun, faculty of Uttaranchal University organizes a certificate course on Legal Aid and its Ecosystem in India (Legal Aid, Pro bono Lawyering and Alternative Dispute Resolution) for Nyaya Bandhu under the aegis of Pro Bono Club and Legal Aid Centre on 11 February 2023. Justice R. Basanth, Former Judge of Kerala High Court, was the chief guest and Dr. Anju Rathi Rana, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, presided as the special guest on the occasion.



Justice R. Basanth, the keynote speaker of the training program, explained the concept of Pro Bono Legal Services and how it is related to serving the downtrodden and destitute people of the society through advocacy. Dr. Anju Rathi Rana, explained various schemes of Government of India related to Nyaya Bandhu and Pro Bono Legal Services and the government's plan to set up an arbitration center in every district of the country. More than 300 law students from various universities and colleges across the nation participated in this training programme.

Roll camera, set scene and ACTION!!!

The Abhivyakti, the Theatre Club of USJMC and Dhad Natya Mandal performed two plays on the occasion of World Theatre Day on March 27, 2023.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Computational & Mathematical Methods in Applied Sciences (CCMAS-2023)



Two days international conference on "Computational & Mathematical Methods in Applied Sciences (CCMAS-2023)" was organized by School of Applied and Life Sciences, Uttaranchal University from 30-31 March 2023. The conference was inaugurated by Honourable Chancellor Shri Jitender Joshi, Vice President Prof. Satbir Singh Sehgal, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dharam Buddhi, Prof. Ajay Singh, Dean and convener of the conference, Dr. R. P. Singh, Director IIRS (Chief Guest) and Prof. R. C. Ramola (Guest of Honour). Prof. Ajay Singh in his address briefed about the

objectives of the conference and how the mathematical and computational science has revolutionized every aspect of life. Prof. Dharam Buddhi in his address emphasized on importance of interdisciplinary research to provide solutions to several issues concerning society and environment. Prof. R. C. Ramola in his talk emphasized how innovations and advancement in computational/statistical science have contributed to present era of technology. Dr. R. P. Singh in his talk elaborated how new mathematical science has acted to be the backbone of other scientific studies.



Chandan Chaube student of School of Journalism & Mass Communication has been awarded with 'Pride of India Award' by Social Point Foundation, approved by Niti Ayog, Govt of India in Feb, 2023.

Chandan Chaube is an avid writer who writes articles and poetry for various books and newspapers regularly. Earlier too, he has been awarded by various organizations for his writings.

BACHELOR OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT NIKHIL DHASMANA

Batch 2019-23

40.2 LPA

Placed at
Garamond
Innovation
Hotel, United
Kingdom



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Innovation in Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences



The Uttarakhand Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Uttarakhand University, organized a two-day international conference on "Innovation in Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences: From Discovery to Practice" from April 21 to April 22, 2023. The conference was inaugurated with a lamp lighting ceremony and the University Anthem (Kul Geet) by Honourable Chancellor Shri Jitender Joshi, Dr. Durgesh Pant, Director General, UCOST, Vice President Prof. (Dr.) Satbir Singh Sehgal, Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Dharam Buddhi, Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Bahuguna, Prof. (Dr.) Vikash Jakhmola (Dean and Convenor of the Conference), Dr. Tarun Parashar (Co-Convenor), and Dr. Nidhi Nainwal (Organising Secretary).

The gathering was addressed by eminent keynote speakers, eight technical keynote sessions were addressed by dignitaries, and Day 1 ended with cultural events with various folk dances.



PIONEERING ONLINE EDUCATION

UGC Entitled Online Degree Programs Launched at Uttarakhand University

Uttarakhand University launches the UGC Entitled Online Degree Programs in the esteemed presence of the Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand, Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh (Retd.). Speaking on the occasion, Sh. Jitender Joshi, Chancellor, Uttarakhand University emphasized that University is committed to offer world-class quality education with globally

accepted curriculum at affordable cost to the students, so that they become successful in their life. The Vice President, Uttarakhand University said that the traditional learners encounter several obstacles after graduating, including career disorientation, a lack of industry knowledge, and a lack of hands-on experience in the employment sector in which they wish to work. These specially designed online degree programs offered by Uttarakhand University are a perfect solution for the youth of India to build fulfilling careers. Uttarakhand

University will offer Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Computer Applications (MCA), Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) and Bachelor of Arts (BA) programs under Online Learning Mode. Learners can visit www.onlineuu.in for more information. As per UGC's latest notification, Degrees awarded through Online mode by Higher Educational Institutions, recognised by the Commission shall be treated as equivalent to the corresponding awards of the Degrees offered through conventional mode. During the launch ceremony, Dr. Dharam Buddhi, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rajesh Bahuguna, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dr. Abhishek Joshi, Executive Director (SA & IT Services) were also present.



INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA TIE-UP



Law College of Uttarakhand University formed an Industry-Academia tie-up. Under this unique alliance, industry and academia have come together in accordance with the spirit of the current National Education Policy. The Academic Council of the University passed a resolution recommending the appointment of eminent law firms and retired judicial officers as 'Professor of Practice'. In line with this resolution today, the University's Chancellor, Mr. Jitender Joshi, appointed Mr. Vikrant Rana, partner of Delhi's renowned law firm S.S. Rana & Associates (SSRANA & Co.), Mr. Sonal Verma of Dhir & Dhir Associates, and retired judge Mr. G.K. Sharma as Professor of Practice in Law College Dehradun.

Prof. Rajesh Bahuguna, Dean of Law College, stated that the appointment of Professor of Practice will create an unprecedented alliance between the legal industry and academia. Industry experts will prepare

students who aspire to enter the industry, while students eager to enter the judicial services will receive guidance from retired judicial officers.

Mr. Vikrant Rana, who was appointed as Professor of Practice, expressed his pride in being a professor at a prestigious university like Uttarakhand University. He described this effort by the university as a revolutionary step that will help prepare law students according to industry demands and create industry-oriented legal practitioners.

The occasion was graced by Chancellor Shri Jitender Joshi, Vice President Prof. Satbir Sehgal, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dharam Buddhi, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Rajesh Bahuguna, Head CRC Mr. Iqbal Singh, and Mr. Vibhum Agarwal.



Uttarakhand School of Computing Sciences (USCS), Uttarakhand University organized an IT-UTSAV on April 12th 2023. It was a State Level Technical Competitive Event in which more than 1000+ students from reputed institutes of Uttarakhand had participated.

IT-UTSAV

UTTARANCHAL SCHOOL OF
COMPUTING SCIENCES (USCS),
UTTARANCHAL UNIVERSITY

BREAK TO BNTAA HAI

A trip to the High Altitude Plant Physiology Research Centre (HAPPRC) Chopta (Rudraprayag)



was organized by the School of Agriculture from 13th -16th April 2023



WHERE DOES THOU HEART MELTS?

The heart throb of whole young generation, **Jubin Nautiyal** mesmerised the audience while performing in "Naad- the symphony of Uttarakhand" an extravaganza organized in Uttaranchal University.



Mr. Ashutosh Sharma, Asst. Professor, School of Liberal Arts, Uttaranchal University was invited for deliberations in the **India-Chile Youth Dialogue 2023** on 20th May 2023 by the Confederation of Young Leaders, Embassy of Chile, New Delhi.

DEPARTMENT OF AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, UIT ORGANIZED A SHOOT YOUR PARACHUTE COMPETITION



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RECENT TRENDS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN LIBRARIES

Around 200 participants from 11 states of India participated in the International Conference on "Recent Trends, Challenges and Opportunities in Libraries" held during March 24 - 25, 2023.



The School of Agriculture in collaboration with Bee Ready Harvesters LLP, conducted an Experiential Learning Programme (ELP)/Agri-Entrepreneurship in beekeeping for UG students in April 2023.



"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart."

Nelson Mandela

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS CELEBRATED INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY ON 21ST FEBRUARY, 2023 WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

UNLEASH THE VE

A foundation stone was laid in August, 2002 to mark the beginning of a phenomenal era. With a vision of scaling great milestones in academia and to embark a journey towards nation building; the foundation of a college known to be the Law College Dehradun; the LCD was laid by the worthy hands of His excellency Mr. Surjit Singh Barnala, the then Governor of Uttarakhand. Law College Dehradun, a flagship institution of Uttaranchal University came into establishment as the first independent Law College of Uttarakhand.

The very first class where students were taught was of 'Jurisprudence' held on 1st August, 2002 and the first faculty member was none other than Prof. Rajesh Bahuguna. And just like the nation got freedom on 15th August, 1947 but the formal constitution came into being on 26th January, 1948; the college was formally inaugurated on 8th October, 2002.



WORKSHOP ON MEXICAN CUISINE

ORGANIZED BY SCHOOL OF HOTEL & HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

SHING ILS

Foundation of Law College Dehradun

Within a short span of time, the college registered its reckoning presence, becoming one of the most sought-after destinations in the field of legal education. The college which was initially affiliated to Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna, Garhwal Central University became a top-spot, producing a series of gold medalists and university merit holders.

On 19th June, 2003 the first approval of affiliation was accorded by the Bar Council of India vide letter No. BCI:D:69/2003 (LE:Mtg). And it

was the fateful day of 13th April, 2004 when the ceremonious Bhoomi Pujan of New Campus of Law College Dehradun was organized and on 1st August, 2005, after three years' short span of time Law College Dehradun shifted to a New Campus.

Within a period of a few years the college had started unfurling its wings. On 26th November, 2009 the very 1st Issue of Dehradun Law Review: A Journal of Law College Dehradun, Uttaranchal University was launched with ISSN. This journal is a UGC Care Indexed Journal, till date and the chief editor of the journal is Prof. Rajesh Bahuguna himself. Under the leadership of Prof. Bahuguna, the LCD got its first Govt. Project 'Development of Uttaranchal University Campus as Green Campus under 'Development of Solar Cities' programme by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (Solar Cities and Green Building Division)', Govt. of India vide letter no. 02/27/2015-16/SC approved on 30th March, 2016.



Dreams were bigger so our efforts became harder!!!

The Law College Dehradun expanded and a university came into being, the Uttaranchal University Dehradun. Our LCD gracefully became a faculty of Uttaranchal University in 2013 with the passing of Uttaranchal University Act, 2012. Slowly and steadily, the university started paving its way towards excellence 'The Excellence Within You' or say 'within UU' as its motto. New schools and disciplines started sprouting with the motivation of great personalities of the times.

Continuing with the etymology of the law college here, on 24th November, 2017 the Great Wall of Fame was established in the remembrance of the martyrs of the nation and the great flag of India, with a height of 131 feet was added as a part of the infrastructure on 16th March, 2018.



The First Lecture being delivered by Prof. Rajesh Bahuguna



The college was inaugurated by the worthy hands of the then Governor of Uttarakhand, His Excellency

Mr. Surjeet Singh Barnala along with Dr. Adish Chandra Aggarwal, the then Vice-Chairman and Mr. Baburam Tiwari the then Member, Bar Council of India. Education Member and the then Minister of Uttarakhand Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.

OUR TERRIFIC TRADE SECRETS

RESEARCH
FROM
JANUARY TO
MAY 2023

483 Total No. of Scopus
Indexed Papers

03 Total No. of Government
Project Grants

186 No. of Patents Filed

10 No. of Copyrights Filed



PROF. (DR.) AJAY SINGH
DEAN, SALS

Prof. Ajay Singh (Dean, Research and Applied Sciences - SALS) has published more than 10 papers in 2023 to achieve a milestone of 101 papers in SCOPUS indexing so far with H-index of 26 and more than 2740 citations. He has published more than 25 patents out of which 3 are also granted. Earlier he received an 'Award of Excellence in Research' in 2022 by the CM of Uttarakhand Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami Ji. Two Ph. D Scholars are awarded Ph. D under his guidance in Feb 2023.



PROF. (DR.) VIKASH JAKHMOLA
DEAN, UIPS

Prof. Vikash Jakhmola, Dean UIPS received the 'Best Researcher of the Year' from Uttarakhand Pharmacy Council, APTI Uttarakhand & IFA Uttarakhand. He has published more than 20 patents out of which two are granted till date and he has published more than 15 articles in the SCOPUS, SCI indexed journals. He has also received grant from UCOST for his project entitled 'Conservation of Some Medicinally Important Endangered Plants from Uttarakhand Himalayas: By Micropropagation Methods'.



DR. MINAKSHI MEMORIA
HOD-CSE, UIT

Dr. Minakshi Memoria is honoured as the Chair of Subsection Uttarakhand coordination, Outreach and Strategic Planning Under IEEE UP Section. She is the recipient of the Best Volunteer Award in Annual General Meeting of IEEE UP held in SRCCEM, Lucknow. She has also received Research Excellence Award and HOD of the year award by Institute of Scholars. She has published one chapter, 11 research papers, 3 copyrights and 4 patents in 2023. Currently she is working on a Research Project funded by the Uttarakhand Council of Science and Technology. She has also convened IEEE SIGHT twice.



DR. VAIBHAV UNİYAL
LCD

Dr. Vaibhav Uniyal was earlier awarded as the National "Best Inspirational Teacher of the Year" on 27th February, 2022 and currently awarded as the "Best Nation Builder Teacher" on 8th March, 2023 by the Avishkar Foundation, Solapur, Maharashtra.



DR. GAURAV JAIN
SOA

Dr. Gaurav Jain is the recipient of total 11 academic awards including Young Scientist Award by Agriculture Meet Foundation 2023. He had also received National Fellowship (MANF) by University Grants Commission. He coordinated the activities organized by NSS, Uttaranchal University. He is an active researcher.



MR. AMIT RAWAT
UCN

Uttaranchal College of Nursing signed an MoU with Youth Red Cross Society and the Uttarakhand Disaster Management Department with the initiative of Mr Amit Rawat, Associate Professor, UCN.

COMPETITION & CAMARADERIE MAI **Toh** **KHAIKAUN..?**



DEVENDER SINGH
UIT

- Has participated and won various Hackathons.
- Four Patents Published.
- 15+ Patents submitted for approval.
- Two Research Articles Published.
- Two Prototypes developed.
- One project submitted to the Central Scientific Instruments Organization (CSIO).



VAIBHAV CHAUHAN
SLA

The President of the Literary Club, SLA Vaibhav has brought various laurels to the university. He is the winner of:

- First prize in Inter University Quiz at Doon University.
- First Prize in Inter University Group Discussion & Extempore Competition at Tula's Institute.
- Silver Medal for Second Position at National Literature Competition at UPES and from being president at literary club, School of Liberal Arts to authoring a book for the first time. Vaibhav has rich exposure of national/international conferences and being MoC of many university events.



MOHD. ABRAR
UIM

- Participated in various arm-wrestling events.
- Won six gold medals.
- Won two gold medals and the title of 'Champion of Champions (COC)' in March 2023.
- Secretary of Dehradun district's Arm-wrestling wing of IAF.



SHATAKSHI SHARMA
LCD

Winner of various elocution competitions

- Kamalnayan Bajaj National Elocution at Shiksha Mandal, Wardha.
- Sardar Gurcharan Singh Memorial National Debate Competition at Sardar Bhagwan Singh University.
- Shri Nandlal Gadiya Memorial National Debate Competition at Mewar University.
- Samanvay: A National Elocution Competition at UPES.
- Clash of Certitude: An Inter University Debate Competition at DIT University.



PRADEPTO PAL
SOA

- Has participated and won various Hackathons.
- Six Patents Published.
- 40+ Patents submitted for approval.
- Two Research Articles Published.
- Two Prototypes developed.
- Completed 5 certificate courses.
- Student ambassador of Pusa Krishi-ICAR, New Delhi.



UTTAKARSH TRIVEDI
UIPS

- 1st position in international conference on "Medicinal Plants, Health & Quality -Life" at Graphic Era Hill University.
- Patent published on "Herbal nutritional supplement from ordinary weed with extraordinary properties".
- Titled student of the Year by "Uttarakhand Pharmacy Council, APTI Uttarakhand & IF Uttarakhand".
- Got placed in Pyramid, IT, New Delhi.



YOGITA PAL
UCN

- Health Education Campaign In Coronation Hospital, National TB prevention day.
- Contribution on International Tuberculosis Prevention Day by providing health education to the public with her team.

RAMMAN HERITA



The word "Baisakhi" is derived from Baisakh, i.e., the second month of the year according to the Hindu calendar. The holy month of Baisakh is related to harvesting, deities, and religious traditions. In Uttarakhand, "Baisakhi" is popular with the name Bikhoti. On the occasion of "Bikhoti", there has been a tradition of organising religious rituals and fairs at many picturesque places in Uttarakhand. The "Ramman" festival organised on Baisakhi in Salud-Dungra village of Chamoli district has introduced the

ANCESTRAL LEGACY OF UTTARAKHAND



Natives performing at Salud-Dungra, Uttarakhand

multicoloured art and culture of Uttarakhand to the whole world. Various episodes, like mythological and historical stories of the Ramayana, are performed through dance drama in "Ramman". UNESCO has declared "Ramman" world heritage site, which is a matter of pride for all of the native citizens. The historical and fictional characters who entertain the audience during Ramman are Banyan-Banyan, Malla & Kuru-Jogi, etc. In the Ramman festival, dance is also performed by wearing the masks of many deities, and they are invoked through Jagar songs. The "Ramman" festival organised in Salud-Dungra village is related to Bhumiyaal, the folk deity of Uttarakhand. Bhumiyaal Devta is the God of justice. In Uttarakhand, there has been a tradition of collectively worshipping the Bhumiyaal deity during the harvesting period since ancient times. In Salud-Dungra village too, the Bhumiyaal deity is worshipped in the families for three days before the Ramman festival. On the night before Baisakhi, the people of the village gather at one place, and Jagran is organised. In the local language, this event is called

"Syrthu". Everyone involved in the "Ramman" festival dances to the beats of Dhol-Damau, Bhankora, and Manjira (traditional musical instruments of Uttarakhand). The "Syrthu" also consists of all the people who will play important characters in the Ramman dance drama to be held on the next day (Baisakhi). On the day of Baisakhi, the Bhumiyaal deity is brought out of the house after the worship is over. A silver idol of the Bhumiyaal deity is fixed on the end of a long bamboo pole, and it is decorated with colourful clothes and cow's tail hair. Local people call it "Lavotu". Ramman dance drama is organised in the Bhumiyaal

Devta temple premises of the village, and various episodes of the Ramayana are staged in a very beautiful and interesting way. When the characters rest in between the episodes of the Ramayana, other fictional characters entertain the audience by staging mythological and historical stories. A man holds the Lovotu and also makes the Lovotu dance with him to the melodious beat of the music. Music plays a very important role in the Ramman Festival without dialogue. Through various musical rhythms and jagars (invocation songs of the deities), many mythological and historical events are presented to the audience

through dance. The folk singers whose cooperation is taken into account in the presentation of Ramman are called Jagaria and Bhalla in the local language here. In the blind race of modernity, the folk artists who used to sing Jagar for Ramman are also moving towards extinction. Government and social organisations will now have to come forward so that every aspect related to the Ramman festival can be seriously considered and concrete steps can be taken for their protection. The Ramman festival is an invaluable part of Uttarakhand's heritage. It is the responsibility of all the citizens of Uttarakhand to save and preserve this heritage of theirs.

"There is culture in nature; along with protected nature, all the citizens have to enrich the culture as well; only then will the social life be called developed and happy."



Article by Sudhir Jugran
(Assistant manager, IQAC,
Uttaranchal University)

“Climbing to the top demands strength, whether it is to the top of Mount Everest or to the top of your career.” -

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam

PRINCIPLES OF DR. APJ ABDUL KALAM GUIDING LIGHT FOR UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS



The legacy of the late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, fondly known as the Missile Man of India and the People's President, continues to inspire and resonate with individuals across the globe. His remarkable journey from a small town to the highest office on motherland, coupled with his visionary leadership and unwavering dedication to education and innovation, serves as a beacon of light for university scholars. As we navigate the challenges and opportunities of the modern world, embracing his principles can shape us into empowered and compassionate individuals ready to contribute positively to the society. Dr. Kalam's lifelong commitment to learning and

education is a prime example for university scholars to follow. His emphasis on constantly seeking knowledge, from both textbooks and life experiences, reminds us of the importance of a curious and open mind. By embracing continuous learning, scholars can expand their horizons, engage in critical thinking, and pave the way for ground-breaking discoveries.

Late Dr. Kalam's innovation-driven mind-set challenges university scholars to think beyond the conventional boundaries. His contributions to India's space and defence sectors underscore the transformative power of innovation. By fostering a culture of creativity,

scholars can drive progress, develop novel solutions to global issues, and leave an indelible mark on society.

Dr. Kalam's humility and integrity remain exemplary qualities that university scholars should uphold. His approachable demeanour and commitment to serve the nation's interests over personal gain highlight the importance of ethical leadership. Scholars can emulate this by approaching their studies, research, and relationships with honesty, humility, and a strong moral compass. Dr. Kalam's deep-rooted concern for societal well-being must prompt

university scholars to embrace their role as responsible global citizens. His vision of a developed India, fuelled by scientific advancements and social progress, emphasizes the need for scholars to actively engage in community upliftment and contribute to nation-building. Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's principles offer invaluable guidance for university scholars as they embark on their professional journeys. By embodying his commitment to knowledge, innovation, integrity, and social responsibility, scholars can cultivate a holistic approach to personal growth and contribute meaningfully to a better world.

Honouring his memory and legacy, let us remember that by following his footsteps, we can inspire generations to come!

Rajesh Deorari
(Director, IQAC)





THE TIMELESS WISDOM OF RAMCHARIT MANAS

LESSONS FOR SCHOLARS TO EMBRACE

In the unforgettable verses of Ramcharit Manas, the epic retelling of the life and virtues of Lord Ram, lays a treasure trove of timeless wisdom that resonates deeply with the pursuit of knowledge and the journey of a university scholar. As one delves into the character of God Ram, the embodiment of righteousness, compassion, and unwavering determination, there emerge invaluable lessons that guide every scholar's path of learning and application throughout life. Lord Ram's unwavering commitment to his principles teaches us the importance of staying resolute in the face of challenges. Just as he upheld his duty as a son, brother, and ruler, scholars too must remain dedicated to their academic pursuits, undeterred by obstacles that may come their way.

The humility and compassion that radiate from Ram's persona remind scholars of the significance of empathy and understanding. Just as he embraced all beings, scholars must cultivate an open heart and an inclusive mind-set, fostering an environment of collaboration and learning. Ram's leadership, depicted through his selfless sacrifices and decisions, exemplifies the qualities of a true leader. Scholars can draw inspiration from his ability to make informed choices that benefit not only oneself but the greater good. Furthermore, Ram's quest for knowledge, even amid his royal duties, encourages scholars to prioritize continuous learning. In the pursuit of wisdom, dedication to learning should never waver, irrespective of one's responsibilities. In essence, the Ramcharit Manas underscores that the journey of a scholar is not limited to books; it encompasses embodying virtues and principles that guide one's actions. As scholars immerse themselves in the teachings of Lord Ram, they find themselves equipped with a moral compass and a reservoir of inspiration, which propel them to learn, apply, and contribute positively to the world around them.

Just as Lord Ram's life is a beacon of light, guiding humanity towards righteousness, scholars who internalize these lessons can illuminate their own paths and make a profound impact on the world!

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FROM THE PENS OF THE EDITORS PLAY YOUR JIGSAW



We put our head and heart into getting the issues resolved each day. Yet each day brings with it some finer issues. Till there is life, there will be struggles. Perhaps this is the definition of life. We fight and win on a frontier and on our victorious way back, some other piece of our life's Jigsaw is disturbed. The contentment of winning a battle vanishes with a new calling. Sometimes in our personal lives, sometimes in our professional lives. Sometimes our mental or physical health, sometimes it is the wealth that is the reason.

Sometimes it is a friend...sometimes a family member...sometimes it's our children...sometimes it's our parents. Something somewhere always stays in discord... always demands our attention and effort! Weaving the threads at one end and relishing the pleasure comes to a halt when the threads of something else get entangled again. He is a great player.

Let us admit it asap. The jigsaw board of our lives is in His hands, or the remote control. We say we invented AI...lols! Someone is already 'I.er' than our AI...the way He plays the Jigsaw at times leaves us disheartened. But no, we need to understand that the picture is completed at the end of the game...pictures of all of us will be completed for sure...but at the end ONLY. Until and unless we have to remain so trapped in solving the puzzles...sometimes here and sometimes there...just understand the message ... this is life! It has to be like this only. Let us anticipate the unwanted and be prepared always to offer a room to a new struggle...new fight...because the only fights guarantee life...everything gets over when the picture is completed finally...BUT that's the end of the game and are we ready to see the end so soon?

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NAAC Sponsored State Level Seminar on “Quality Enhancement and Sustenance in Higher Education” Organized By Uttarakhand University



Uttarakhand University organized the one-day **NAAC SPONSORED STATE LEVEL SEMINAR ON “QUALITY ENHANCEMENT AND SUSTENANCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION”** under the aegis of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) under the guidance of its Chairperson and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Dharam Buddhi and Director IQAC, Er. Rajesh Deorari on the 18th of November 2022.

The event was formally inaugurated with the auspicious lighting of the lamp by Shri. Jitender Joshi, Chancellor, Uttarakhand University, Vice-President: Prof. (Dr.) Satbir Singh Sehgal, Vice-Chancellor: Prof. (Dr.) Dharam Buddhi, Pro-Vice Chancellor: Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Bahuguna, Registrar: Shri. S.C. Sharma, and Director (IQAC): Er. Rajesh Deorari with an overwhelming participation of over 500 delegates from across the nation joining the hybrid event and witnessed the stupendous and insightful address by the Chief Guest of the day, Dr. R. K. Soni, Adviser, AICTE on the essence of quality enhancement and sustenance in higher education in India. Dr. Soni stated that comprehensive accreditation of institutions will sustain in this dynamic & innovative era and the non- accredited HEIs may not be able to survive in the future.

The technical sessions of the one-day seminar were presented by Dr. Shyam Singh Inda, Assistant Adviser: NAAC who delivered his talk on the Revised Accreditation Framework in synchrony with the National Education Policy

2020, emphasized on NAAC accreditation which is essential for quality enhancement. Dr. Vinita Sahu, Assistant Adviser: NAAC explained on Data Validation and Verification process and significance of the student satisfaction survey for HEIs followed by an insightful session on the green initiatives for institutional ranking by Dr. Ashwani Luthra, Director IQAC, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. The concluding session was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Dharam Buddhi, Chairperson IQAC & Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand University on the expectations from the HEIs for quality enhancement and sustenance.



CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDER'S DAY

Uttarakhand University, the first institution in the state with NAAC A+ ranking, celebrated its Founder's Day to commemorate the beginning of the journey, and all the hard work put in to become a center of excellence for providing world-class education to the youth of the country and for contributing to the growth of the nation through quality research. This day reminds us of the untiring endeavors of the visionary and the man of actions none other than the founder and Chancellor Shri Jitender Joshi Ji. The celebrations of the event started with a few poetic lines by Dr. Anil Dixit followed by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Uttarakhand University, Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Bahuguna's emotional speech in his own unique style took the audience down memory lane and shared his invaluable experiences of all these years at the university. The Vice-Chancellor, Uttarakhand University, Prof. (Dr.) Dharam Buddhi addressed the gathering and congratulated everyone present on the occasion for the wonderful journey of the university. He also shared his vision and blueprint of the action plan to take the university to greater heights of success in the forthcoming years. Shri Arun Bhatt, a renowned Vocalist added a mesmerizing aura with his soulful

musical journey and the audience was captivated by his voice which kept them connected throughout the show. This musical journey was unintentionally stopped for cake cutting and flower showering for the visionary leader Shri Jitender Joshi. The Vice-President, Uttarakhand University, Dr. S. S. Sehgal also congratulated every member of the university and invited Shri Jitender Joshi for the cake-cutting. The show didn't stop there, it was waiting for laughter in the auditorium and a world-famous hasya and vyang rasa Kavi, Shri Rakesh Jain 'Rakesh' compelled everyone to laugh at their fullest with his humorous poems.

The entire aura and aroma of love, romance, and aestheticism was well moderated by an ardent poet by heart Prof. (Dr.) Shrawan Kumar, Dean Student Welfare, Uttarakhand University who poetically took the atmosphere to its zenith by adding his Hindi poems to the celebrations.

The event was graced by Vice-Chairperson of the University, Shrimati Anuradha Joshi, Executive Director SA & IT services, Dr. Abhishek Joshi, Executive Director Planning and Projects, Shri Jagdish Joshi, Secretary of the BoG, Shri Rajeev Sharma and all the members of faculty and staff.

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