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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

As we are step in the month of May and the air in the campus oozes tension with exams round the corner and students busy in clearing concepts, the newsletter is here again to provide everyone with a diversion.

No matter what time of the year, NIIT University campus is alive with some or the other activity. Whether it is the social media competition or Ingeuity fest or various gaming leagues, one could never find a dull moment in NU if one is determined to be a part of good times.

The month of February saw NU's first Ph.D scholar defending his thesis successfully in front of the examiners and other faculty members . Bhushan Talwar is the first Ph.D scholar NU has produced and we are sanguine that he will use his knowledge and skill to improve the teaching-learning experience further.

I hope you like the creative sections below which have two poems by students and you would also be interested about the strides are students and faculty members are taking in terms of research and innovations.

With a hope, that you will like this issue, I, on behalf on Newsletter team, present this issue to you.

Happy Reading!

Best Wishes,

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Campus News



Digital Payment Workshops @NU

Jharna Shrivastava and **Nirali Sampat**, B. Tech (2014-18) students of NIIT University, conducted a *Digital Payment Workshop* for the support staff (housekeeping, security and mess workers) at the campus on March 9th, 2017. The workshop saw a participation of approximately 40 members who learnt about the digital payment options and security norms, alongside clarifying their apprehensions about a cashless India.

This initiative proved to be a successful venture and the students would continue their efforts in the same direction for the betterment of a cashless India.



UGC Chairman's Visit and Talk

On 22nd March 2017, **Prof. (Dr.) Ved Prakash**, Chairman, UGC visited NIIT University. A meeting was conducted and was addressed by all the senior staff and management of the University. A few students also interacted with Prof. Prakash about the quality of education and the conducive environment received by them in the NU campus.

The session was opened by Mr. Rajendra Pawar, who re-visited the history of establishing the university and his experiences, on personal note, with Prof. Ved Prakash. Dr. Sunil Khanna, Vice President, NIIT University, delivered an introductory address cum presentation, where he described the four pillars of NIIT University: Industry Linked, Research Driven, Technology Linked and Seamlessness. "We have students who are more contemporary and see life in a different manner", said Dr. Khanna.

Prof. Prakash expressed enormous respect for the founder of this university. He further said that NU has a great future because it is blessed by those who have the best of experience in this domain. Prof. Prakash recommended some exercises in order to ensure our growth such as the idea of being visionary, developing strategies to implement the corrective measures to have better development, to lead the society in our domain of knowledge etc. He suggested to have an intellectual outlook, a need to lead a disciplined life with no short-cuts and have a conduct of perseverance, and imbibing the fact that every human being is a great individual who aspires to get the due respect in the society to get a successful life.



Navaratri Bhandara

In continuation of tradition, Bhandara Prasad was served at the Campus on the last day of Navaratri (5th April 2017). Taking it as a blessing of Goddess Durga, people accept the Prasad as meal at the Bhandara.

Social Media Competition

NU Social Media Club held a competition on testing Photography/Video making skills as well as Social media expertise. There were multiple categories and the event saw a good response from students.

IngeNUity'17 - The Rocambolesque Fest

The 5th edition of ingeNUity'17 '*The annual techno-cultural fest*' of NIIT University (NU) was organized from 3rd – 5th March 2017. The magic kicked-off with the opening ceremony of 'ingeNUity'17 – The Rocambolesque Fest!' inaugurated by NU Co-Founder– Mr. Vijay K. Thadani, Professor V. S. Rao– NU President and the Core Organizing Team. The most thrilling performances include one by renowned DJ duo, Nina and Malika on 4th March 2017 and Zakir Khan, one of India's most famous stand-up comedians on 5th March 2017.

'The Uncharted India' by NU TALF

The Asian Lenses Forum organized '*THE UNCHARTED INDIA*' exhibition at NIIT University from 4th – 5th March 2017. The event showcased the leaders and artists, the art and architectural marvels and culinary arts from the five Indian States of Rajasthan, Punjab, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The exhibition was visited by Mr. Rajendra S Pawar, the Founder and Mr. Vijay Thadani, the Co-Founder of NU.

First Ph.D. Scholar

Bhushan Talwar, 1st Ph. D from NIIT University, successfully completed his PhD thesis in Educational Technology on 3rd March 2017. It is a matter of pride for entire NU fraternity. His Ph.D. topic was '*Designing an Integrated Framework for Global E-tutoring solutions*'. The effectiveness of the model has been analyzed and validated by its application to 411 learners. The results demonstrate 21% improvement in the active participation, attribution, engagement, and immediacy behaviour in the classroom through the research defined Student Pass Rate.

Blood Donation Camp at NU

A Blood Donation Camp was organized by NU students on 9th March 2017 at NIIT University. The Indian Red Cross Society was successful in collecting 69 Units of Blood from NU itself.



NU Pro Kabaddi League

A Kabaddi league named NU Pro Kabaddi League (NUPKL) was organized at NIIT University. Five teams participated in the league out of which 'LuL Bulls' was declared the winner. The league saw participation by students as well as faculty members.

Inter-House Volleyball Competition

An Inter-house Volleyball Competition was held at NU from 13th -15th April, 2017. The matches were supervised by NU sports instructor Mr. Dharendra Singh Rathore. The exciting competition ended with the victory of Green House. The students enjoyed the game and well displayed the sporting spirit.

Inter-House Basketball Competition

An Interhouse Basketball Competition was organized at NU from 24th-26th March 2017. The matches were played among the three houses and Green house bagged the first position. The other two houses were unable to make the cut but they put a good show of enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Face Painting and Tattoo Making

On 5th April 2017, Vividha Art Club organized a face painting & tattoo making event at NU. The campus artists made face-paintings and tattoos live, for all to witness their creative ability. The student artists transformed student's faces into works of art.



Chai and Why with Professor G Krishnamurthy

The Chai and Why on 2nd March saw a prominent faculty of management, Professor G Krishnamurthy open heartedly talk about his life and his experiences to the students of NU. It was an interesting and informative session.

Chai and why (MBA Students)

In the constantly advancing convention of Chai and Why, the latest installment was conducted for MBA (Business Analytics) students to address other students. It was held on 5th April at NU. This Chai and why session was an open exchange with MBA students, who communicated in a casual way, recounting the tale of their experiences for the current batches of NU.

Eminent Persona from UBI

NU is running a PGDBF Program with United Bank of India and three senior executives; **Sri K V Rama Moorthy, Mr. P.P. Singh** and **Mr. Nayak** visited NIIT University on 7th & 8th February 2017. Sri K V Rama Moorthy interacted with students of PGDBF, UBI and talked about issues that students could face. He gave them career advice and approaches to make sure they could perform well in life.

Visit to Parle

NU arranged a visit for PGDBF students to Parle Products Pvt. Ltd on 15th Feb 2017. The students were given a presentation related to the working of the plant and its production. The activity proved to be interactive as well as informative for the students as they witnessed production and operations within the manufacturing plant.

Nature Talk



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LION TAILED MACAQUE



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The lion-tailed macaque (*Macaca silenus*), or the wanderoo, is an Old World monkey endemic to the Western Ghats of South India. The hair of the lion-tailed macaque is black. Its outstanding

characteristic is the silver-white mane which surrounds the head from the cheeks down to its chin, which gives this monkey its German name Bartaffe – 'beard ape'. The hairless face is black in color, with a head-body length of 42 to 61 cm and a weight of 2 to 10 kg.

The lion-tailed macaque is a diurnal rainforest dweller. It is a good climber and spends a majority of its life in the upper canopy of tropical moist evergreen forests. Unlike other macaques, it avoids humans. In group behavior, it is much like other macaques; it lives in hierarchical groups of usually 10 to 20 animals, which consist of few males and many females. It is a territorial animal, defending its area first with loud cries towards the invading troops. If this proves to be fruitless, it brawls aggressively.

A recent assessment for IUCN reports 3000-3500 of these animals live scattered over several areas in Kerala. The lion-tailed macaque ranks among the rarest and most threatened primates. Their range has become increasingly isolated and fragmented by the spread of agriculture: tea, coffee, teak and cinchona, construction of water reservoirs for irrigation and power generation, and human settlements to support such activities. They do not live, feed or travel through plantations. Destruction of their habitat and their avoidance of human proximity have led to the drastic decrease of their population.

However, it is no longer on 'The World's 25 Most Endangered Primates' list.

Divya Sara Kurian
B. Tech (2013-17)

Source: wikipedia.org

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Student Editor Special



Pic Courtesy: Google

That Drop on My Window Pane!!

A drop fell on my window pane,
was waiting to come inside.

I rush, to capture the same,
but, the air made it slide.

Managing somehow, I hold the other one,
looking carefully, I could see.

My hand was holding, multiple alike ones,
and all of them were in a glee.

Something, I could learn,
a few that we all, perhaps, could earn.

It's the part of life, the way it plays,
filling emptying our hands, night & day.

The one I was holding at first has now been lost,
losing it while catching others, was the right cost?

That is what we do in our lives, to the most,
when we lose one while catching the other host.

It's the beauty of life, it teaches a lot,
depends on the receiver's mind & plot.

A minute later, when I put a sight,
the wet window was again and bright.

To restart the process, existing one has to end,
that's how we have presence & absence, light & dark blend.

A drop that fell on my window pane...

Ankit Biala
MBA

Expressions



Pic Courtesy: Google

Ode to Taj Mahal

The supreme tomb, all,
covered in a magnificent white coat.

Marbles rebounding those ancient times that,
shine steadily in the sunset.

It changes color and cusp like a chameleon,
being the loved-one of the public.

And bringing in a ton of sightseers.
With the haunting memories spent overtime.

A mist falling from the moonbeams,
sprinkled from the heavenly face, turning
out to be a peculiar jewel of India.

And the true symbol of love and peace.

In other words,
‘The exquisite beauty set against the pale blue sky’
You’d see it across the long fountains, with
its massive round dome.

And all those fragile minarets stretching up.
It'd all be so impossibly perfect.
A glow that will vanquish the clouded eye.
Simply like the albescent color of the Indian flag.

In the memory of someone, and
in glory of someone.

This is the one and only Taj Mahal.



Adya Shree
B.Tech (2016-20)

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Achievements



Pic Courtesy: Google

Selection for Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Innovation Challenge

A team of two NU B. Tech (2015-19) students **Prajwal B Ainapur** and **Chaganti Sai Yeshwanth** qualified for the pre-final round of the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Innovation Challenge with their idea- '*Localized Navigation System using active RF feed*' under the Infrastructure category. The main idea behind the competition was to incubate startup ideas in the field of hardware such as infrastructure, agriculture and energy.

Smart India Hackathon

The software product '*Anvesh- Smart Document Management and Information Retrieval System*' has been awarded 3rd prize at the Ministry of HRD, Central Govt. organized '*World's Biggest Smart India Hackathon, 2017*'. The students behind the software are:



- K Manoj Kumar (Team Leader)
- Simran Malhotra
- Vinit Koshti
- NVS Abhilash
- Jeel Shah
- Jagrit Kaushik

Research @ NU



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NU Faculty Members @ ICLLC 2017

Dr. Vaishali J. Shinde & Dr. Anshima Prakash Srivastava attended the International Conference on Language, Literature and Culture (ICLLC 2017) organized by Institute of Advanced Studies in English, Pune, Maharashtra 3rd -5th February 2017. Dr. Vaishali Shinde presented a paper entitled- '*The Alchemist- A Psychoanalytic Study*' and Dr. Anshima Prakash Srivastava presented a paper entitled- '*Language and Gender in Karnad's Plays*'.



International Conference @ Bhopal

Dr. Vivek Srivastava from NU was invited to participate at the International Conference, '*Technological Advancements in Environment Management*' at Career College, Bhopal on 1st-2nd March 2017. During the session, Prof. Vivek placed some important viewpoints related to the topic '*Nano Supported Catalysts for Carbon Sequestration Reaction*'.

International Conference @ NOIDA



Dr. Anshima P Srivastava presented a paper, titled, '*Contemporising Myths: Awakening a Nation's Memory*' at the International Conference on "**Peaceful and Prosperous South Asia-Opportunities and Challenges**" (ICSA)-2017, which was held at JAYPEE University, NOIDA.

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