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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

I feel glad to share the February issue of NU NL. January being the first month of the year and harbinger of new semester, saw a lot of activity in the campus and enthusiasm in the students. Various events which were organized in the campus again saw maximum student participation bringing in a cheerful aura to the University.

The expression section has some interesting entries which will surely intrigue the readers. Our 2016 batch students, who found the Czar Securities, have again brought laurels to NIIT University, their Alma Mater by winning the French Tech Ticket. We congratulate them for their achievement whole heartedly.

We hope you all will like the issue. Wish you all a Happy Reading experience.

Warm regards,

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Campus News



MIC-Imagine Cup Boot Camp 2017

MIC conducted a boot camp on Microsoft Imagine Cup on 12th January 2017 to inform students about the rules for this year's annual competition.

NU Idea Registry, an initiative by MIC, was introduced at the Boot Camp. It is set to be NU's own version of patenting and a platform for facilitating the students by creating an open forum where they could get useful inputs and can share their ideas with others.

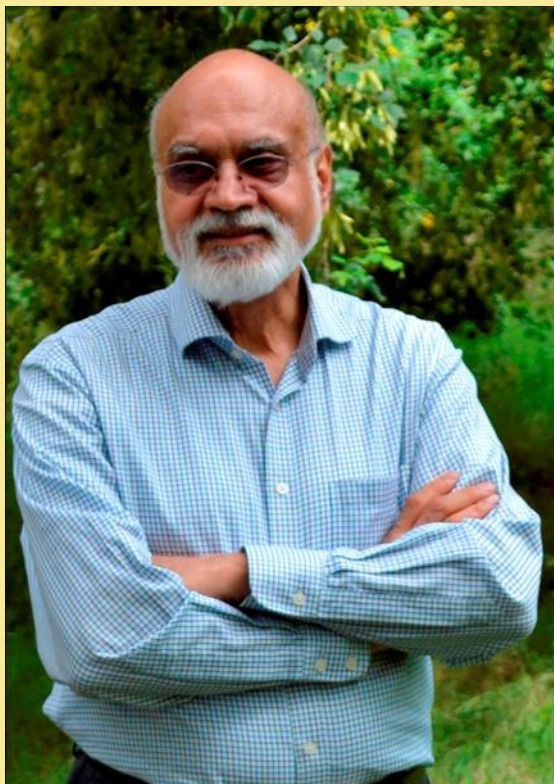
Minor Program

NIIT University has introduced a secondary academic discipline, '*Minor Programs*' for B.Tech second and third year students to open new opportunities for acquiring additional knowledge and skills in a chosen technical or management area of their concern. A good amount of interest has been shown by the students and currently the '*Minor program in Finance*' is in progress. Further courses will be introduced in the following years as per the interests shown by the students.

Prof. Mohammad Miya, Hamdard University visited NIIT University

Prof. Mohammad Miya, Hamdard University visited NIIT University on 23rd December 2016. During his visit, he interacted with the President of NU, the Leadership Team, Area Directors and Faculty members from the Management Area.

Mr. Nitin Patel: Co-Founder Chairman, CTO, Cytel, USA visited NU



Mr. Nitin Patel Co-Founder Chairman, CTO, Cytel, USA visited NU on 28thDecember 2016. During the visit, he interacted with President Prof. V. S. Rao, Leadership Team, Area Heads, Faculty members and students. He had a discussion on the possibility of collaboration in '*Data Science*' Area.

Microchip “Academic Partner”



NIIT University has been officially appointed as the 'Academic Partner' of Microchip Incorporation. Microchip is the industry leader in 8-bit microcontrollers and has recently acquired another semiconductors manufacturer- Atmel.

NU Innovator's Challenge



The 'NU Innovator's Challenge' was conducted in NIIT University on 19th-20th January 2017. Twenty-five astonishing projects were selected from nineteen schools. The top three most innovative projects won the challenge. It was a competitive show and the children displayed remarkable creativity.

Campus Café

On 19th January 2017, the much-awaited Nestlé Campus Café outlet began operations at NIIT University. The café received a positive response from the students and the faculty of NU. Everybody is thrilled with the large array of snacks and coffees offered at the café.

Art of Photography

A talk on 'Art of Photography' was held on 14th January 2017 at NU by a renowned photographer **Mr. Mahesh Nair**. He is a new age photographer, entrepreneur and the founder of **PicsDream**. The talk was an engaging one and the budding photographers at NU learnt a lot from him.

Inter-House Pool League

On 19th, 23rd and 25th January 2017, an inter-house pool league was held at NU. The matches were supervised by NU sports instructor **Mr. Dharendra Singh Rathore** and the students enjoyed the game and displayed good sporting spirit.

Jaipur Literature Festival



NU students attended the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival on 21st January 2017. It is one of the world's largest literary festivals, which was organized from 19th-23rd January 2017 at Diggi Palace, Jaipur. Students got exposure to the great words of many intellectuals and the day was well spent.

Republic Day Celebration

NIIT University celebrated the 68th Republic Day of India on 26th January 2017 with a great display of national diversity and integrity. **Dr. Parimal Mandke** gave the President's message on behalf of him to the students after the march-past and flag hoisting. The celebration was adorned with musical performances and an eye-opening street play by Rangmanch NU, the NU theatre Club.

Speech by Prof V S Rao, President, NU on Republic Day 2017, delivered by Dr. Parimal Mandke

Today we are all assembled to celebrate our 68th Republic Day. A day when we remember all our great leaders who have fought for independence of our country. This day holds special significance and responsibilities, since the man behind our constitution, Babasaheb B R Ambedkar, was himself a professor of political economy in the Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics in Mumbai.

All of us are indeed fortunate to be citizens of this great country. The glory of our country was summarized by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose as under, and I quote,

“What is our mother country? It is not a part of art, nor a form of speech, nor a fiction of mind? It is a mighty Sakti collected of all the Saktis of all the millions of units that structure the nature just as Bhavani Mahisha Mardini sprang into being from the Sakti of all millions of gods and wielded into unity.”

It is incumbent upon us today to reflect upon the huge sacrifices made by our forefathers who fought hard for our independence. It is due to their untiring efforts under extremely oppressive conditions that all of us have had the good fortune of being born in free India and the luxury to chase our own dreams. Whereas we all take our right to freedom for granted, it is equally important to be conscious of our obligations that accompany our rights. It is extremely important that we do not lose sight of these many great achievements of our country that we ought to be proud of.

As we are free, it is our duty to see that we carry the momentum of our progress forward and simultaneously work hard to eradicate some of the problems and divisive forces that our country suffers from. It is only by single-mindedly channelizing our energies in this direction that we shall be utilising our freedom fruitfully.

Dear students and colleagues, let us strive to take forward the status of a republic in true sense in participating in, and advocating for, the nation’s causes. We should not wait for the government to make changes; rather, we should ourselves be the change. We should also in the first place be good and dutiful citizens by doing our social, moral and economic duties including paying taxes, not wasting the country’s resources, not littering its public places, and above all, not allowing corruption to engulf its spirit. I thank you all for attending this ceremony. For teachers, nothing is more pleasant to see promises of vigour and vitality in the face of young students, and I earnestly hope that you would all be great citizens of India and live up to the expectation of her future.

Jai Hind!"

Art Exhibition

On 26th January 2017, the NU Vividha Art’s Club had a small exhibition of paintings on the topic ‘**Patriotism**’. The paintings reflected the gist of the occasion very aesthetically.

Listening Skills Session

Air Cmde Kamal Singh conducted the second session on ‘**Listening Skills**’ on 30th January 2017. He discussed about the rich interactions of **Mr. Harpal Singh** and **Ms. Syeda Imam**. He concluded his talk with some social and professional topics with a few moral expressions.

Unknown to Known- Nano Technology

On 12th January 2017, professors conducted a session on ‘**Unknown to Known**’ based on several trending projects in some European countries. They gave an overview on Nano-Technology, especially to the first-year students, about this developing field in the world.

NU students visit the World Book Fair



NU students visited the **'World Book Fair'** at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 14th January 2017. It was a memorable experience for the students and the fair turned out to be something worth spending a day on.

NIIT University organizes 'Raath Mahotsav' and 'Makar Sankranti' events



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NIIT University organized '**Raath Mahotsav**' and '**Makar Sankranti**' events on 14th January 2017. In addition to it, a kite flying event was organized by students. The occasion was also utilized to distribute clothes donated by university students to the lesser privileged members of the neighboring community.

New office inauguration at Hyderabad



NIIT University has added another feather to its cap with a new office at Hyderabad. The campus, which was inaugurated by Dr. V.S Rao, provides assistance to the students appearing for their career with the university.

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Inter College Sports meet was held at LNMIIT



An Inter College Sports meet was held at LNMIIT, Jaipur from 18th-22nd January 2017 where NU students participated in Cricket, Badminton, Table Tennis and Basketball.

Among all the events, NU students registered two wins in the Table Tennis section against JK Lakshmipat University, Jaipur and JECRC engineering college, Jaipur. NU students gave a close competition to the opponents although they could not mark their presence in other games but the enthusiasm and the sporting spirit shown by them was priceless.

Nature Talk



LION TAILED MACAQUE



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 colour. 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 and 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, after the international body compiling it determined that the local governments in southern India had acted positively to protect it.

Source: wikipedia.org

Divya Sara Kurian
B.Tech (2013-17)



Student Editor Special



Meandering Life..!!

Oh life, why are you so miserable?

Why can't you be linear, steady and stable?

I wonder, why you are always being so convoluted?

Why do you make us meet the hearts that are so polluted?

I know, you are not simple & straight,

and I'm also aware, you are the only one who never waits.

To move on is one of your vital attributes,

there & then you have been awarding us with numerous tributes.

You've been a mentor, a teacher for various,
at the same time, you've been vitriolic & ominous.

Cerebrals say you are Erudite,

bestow us with darkness and then enlighten towards bright.

Though you've been a Pedagogue, still humans aspire for you.

I wonder you've been a repeated cycle, still, you are ever 'New'!!

You are so byzantine, that only a few can comprehend,
rest have either laggard or plodded on a prognosis of their end.

After this all,

still, you're loved, aspired and have been a humongous label.

Oh, Life!! Why are you so miserable...?

Ankit Biala
MBA(2016-18)

Expressions



Awakening

I wake up with dim light swimming in through the window. Still lying in bed, I reflect upon yesterday's happenings. Every morning is the same, never feel like waking up. I breathe in deeply, in wake of my early awakening. In the quiet of the morning, I sense another person's breath. Slowly, turning my head to look at the other side of the bed, I see her. A woman.

I sit up so I can get a good look at her. I gently remove the blanket covering her face, and she's a beauty. A real beauty. Could I be dreaming? Is this a dream of some sort? Who is she and most importantly, how did she arrive here? A weird circumstance, and I feel totally incapable of doing anything, almost under hypnosis. What could be happening?

I think about waking her up, satiate myself with her answers, but don't feel like disturbing her peace. I jump out of bed, go to the kitchen to fill myself a glass of water. I go back to the room, confused. Confused, my mind drives itself towards enticement, and on the other hand, apprehension. Conflicted, I decide to make breakfast.

I go back to the kitchen. As I start gathering the cooking materials, the confusion returns. Breakfast for one? Or, breakfast for two? I decide. Breakfast for two.

As I prepare the breakfast, the woman appears, still sleepy, this time allowing me a better look at her. She seems unaware of me in the kitchen. And then, she looks up.

I freeze. Her eyes stare back at me, mesmerizing. I lose track of time. How long have I been standing here looking into her eyes? Then she smiles. I smile back.

I ask her, "Breakfast?"

"I would love a good breakfast", she says.

Her voice is like a song. A sweet song.

What am I doing? Shouldn't I be asking her about her, instead of offering her breakfast? I decide to do so while we eat. I retrieve two plates from the cabinet, and serve her some steaming eggs, bread and a glass of warm milk. I do the same for myself. Sitting down at the table, I decide to ask her.

"Do you like the breakfast?", I ask.

She smiles and replies, "Yes, it's delicious".

Her voice is like a song. A sweet song.

What am I doing, still? Whenever I try to be cautious or enquire about her, I just seem unable to. I decide to keep quiet, watch her eat, and eat my own meal. Her every move lets out an element of grace, an innocence hard to describe, but lovely to experience. When I am done eating, I get up and start washing the utensils. She is still eating. Something feels wrong about this, but I still don't know what to do about this situation.

Then, something comes from behind, startling me. It's the sound of her crying. She cries in a soft whisper, but I still feel her sadness. I turn around to the table, and go there, kneeling beside her in comforting stance and my hand in hers, wanting to end whatever misery haunts her.

I ask, "Who are you"?

She replies, "Does it matter"?

I feel an impulse rushing through my blood, as I consider all that I know about her, which is very little. Could I trust her? I couldn't. And at precisely that moment, she vanishes.

Or rather, I vanish. Vanish into darkness. Where am I?

I woke up. I woke up with the early morning light entering the room. Everything was quiet. I quickly got up, put on my slippers and went to the kitchen to fetch a glass of water. After quenching my night thirst, I went to the telephone and dialed my mother's, wondering whether she would be awake at this hour. She picked up the phone.

"Hey, sweetie, good morning", she said.

"Hey Ma, I hope you weren't asleep", I reply.

"Not at all. What are you doing, up this early?"

"I just wanted to call you".

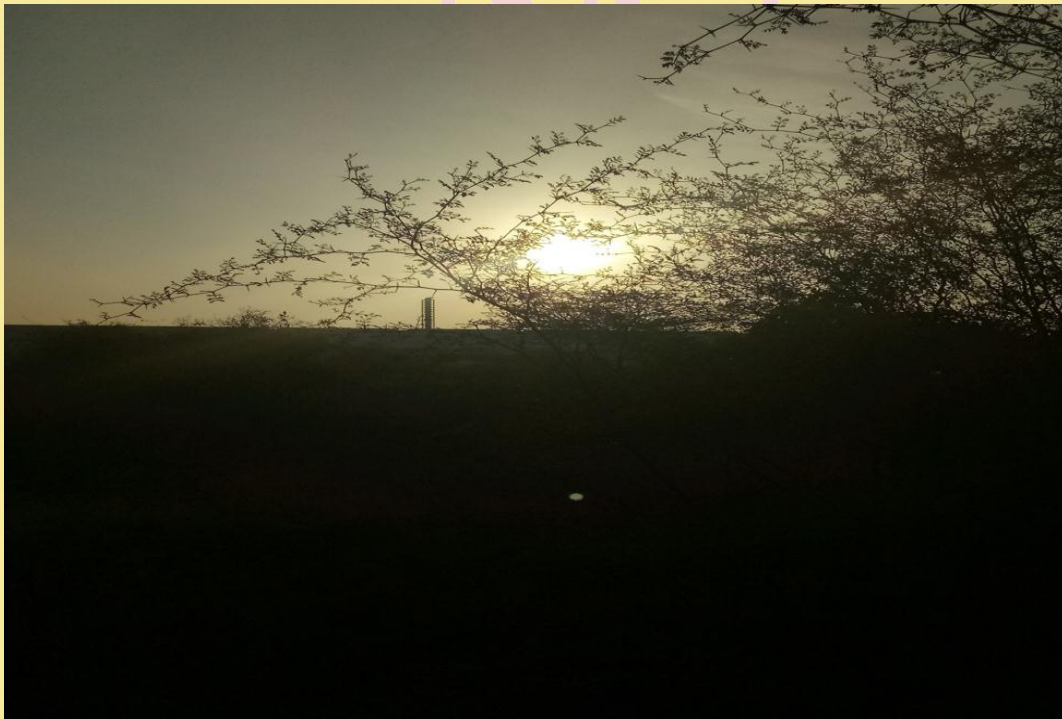
"Is everything all right?"

"Yes. I just had a strange dream last night. I dreamt that a strange man made breakfast for me, and that I started to cry over it."

Yash Saxena

B.Tech(2015-19)

Sunday Winter afternoon.



Sourish Das
B. Tech (2016-2020)

God Took the Form

Religion! What is religion? Whenever I chase after this word I always reach to just one answer - A form of belief or trust which is done to take a virtual and psychological support. It is quite useful in many ways, in this world where everyone will be alone someday. In the time of trouble, your friends, family members may support you but at the end they are just the advisors, and at last you have to face the trouble or problem all by yourself. At that moment of time our hope and courage takes the form of god which is inside us - having no discrimination based on the outside world.

In this world everything is possible but whenever something happens whether the outcome is good or bad - whom do we share if a person is alone? It is to you or to the things nearby; may be stone or a wall and after taking the virtual trust on these objects for a long period of time it is named "GOD" by the person. It may be called by different names by different people for their different purpose.

Once, there was a man who had been alone for a long time; he thought to impress his life by starting some new ritual and gave it the designation of his superior - who always gave him hope to live in this world. And someday some group of nomads comes in search of food and shelter; they see this person parsing a non-living thing. They were surprised and wanted to know what he is doing? So, he explains the entire thing in addition he also told them that it always gave him hope. Hence, it led to the start of spreading of hope in the nomad's life too and gave birth to the beginning of a new religion.

Now many of us wonder- If every religion gives hope, then why do we have different religion all over the world? It's simple due to large geographical distribution new creative god came up to us in different form.

Remember culture and religion are two different things but culture is born from religion and yet not related to each other.

In summation, I would just say that all religions have the same fundamental things:-

- Be good, Do good.
- Be hopeful and give hope.

Shirsendu Mondol
B. Tech (2015-19)

Achievements

Czar Securities – Flying High



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Czar Securities, a cyber-security start-up company founded by NU Alumni, Shikhil Sharma and Anand Krishna, from B. Tech (CSE) 2016 batch, recently won the **'French Tech Ticket'** program run by the French Government which is also making an equity free investment in Czar Securities. Both of them are receiving mentorship and office space in world-famous incubator **Startup42**. Their services and firewall **ASTRA** are doing really good globally.

MBA Student bags the Best Paper Award

Sharathkumar Anbu, a student of the MBA (Business Analytics) programme bagged the Best Paper Award for his paper titled '**Machine Learning Approach for Predicting Women's Health Risk**' at the IEEE sponsored 4th International Conference on Advanced Computing and Communications Systems, 2017.



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