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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

We are in the second month of the year and in such a short time, so much has happened. We celebrated the Republic Day, witnessed the launch of IEEE NU Chapter, had a Management Development Programme and a book launch. When you are an NUton, you will never experience a dull moment!

The Expressions section has some thoughtful pieces by students. The Achievements section holds news about our current students and Alumni and how they are all making waves with their achievements.

We hope you all will like the contents. With these words, I take your leave and on behalf of my team, I wish you all a Happy Reading time!

Warm regards,

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CAMPUS NEWS



Nanhi Chaan

The winners of the annual essay competition held by Nanhi Chaan had visited the university from 11th-15th December 2017. During the course of their visit, the group had multiple interactions with different faculty members at NIIT university. The group was taken to the Neemrana Fort with the intent of experiencing cultural heritage of Alwar and Rajasthan. The group also had a session as part of the 'The Asian Lenses Forum' at the Listening Tree. Students enthusiastically spoke about their perception of history and colonialism. The core of the discussion was to understand the growing need for Indian youth to discover their identity by exploring the heritage of the country. It was very enriching discussion as the participants were very vocal and expressive of their viewpoints.

Management Development Program (MDP)

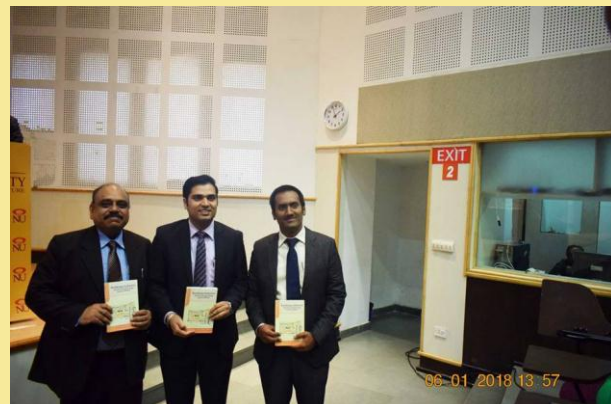
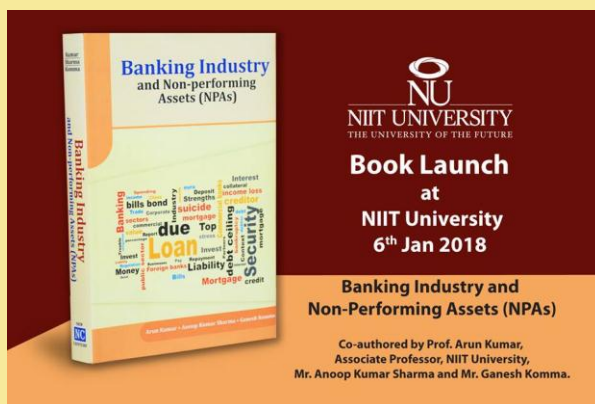
An MDP titled, **Program for First Time Branch Heads of UCO Bank**, a first of its kind was held at NU from, Jan 8 – 20, 2018. The MDP was held for a duration of 2 weeks with full guidance and cooperation of leadership team, Cahir-MDP and the registrar. Prof. Arun Kumar was the Programme Coordinator and Dr. Raj Kovid was the Co-coordinator for the programme. The MDP was inaugurated by Prof. V. S Rao, President NU and Mr T N Sharma, DGM, UCO Bank. Total 48 sessions of 90 mins each were held and the number of participants were 30. The event witnessed a perfect team work and a complete synergy among all parts of NU.



Book Launch at NU

NIIT University (NU) launched a book on **‘Banking Industry and Non-Performing Assets (NPAs)’** on 6th Jan 2018, co-authored by Prof. Arun Kumar, Associate Professor, NIIT University; Mr. Anoop Kumar Sharma and Mr. Ganesh Komma, former students of MBA (Finance & Banking) and currently working with the ICICI Bank.

The book highlights the problem of NPAs faced by the Indian Banking Industry. It analyses the top 10 cases of NPAs and suggests remedial measures that need to be taken to avoid the problem of NPA in the future. Many senior banking professionals of Indian Banking industry were present at the event, Mr Sanjay Arya, Ex ED, United Bank of India, Mr DK Gupta Ex GM SBI and Partho Chakraborty Product Head, Dsmg - Mortgages, ICICI Bank Ltd.



Republic Day Celebrations at NU

Faculty, Students and Staff of NU witnessed the Republic Day celebrations on the 26th of January. The event began with the hoisting of the National Flag followed by a speech from the Dean Student Affairs, Maj. Gen. A. K Singh. A few cultural programs were performed which included some melodious songs from our talented Music club members, a street play on Education from the members of Rangmanch NU and speeches by Abhi Chitkara and Lisa Krishania, Captain and Vice Captain of the University respectively.



Technical Session on IOT & Artificial Intelligence by Cognizant Experts

Cognizant conducted a technical session on IoT and Artificial Intelligence at NU on 14th October 2017. Experts from the company delivered concentrated knowledge to the attendees and the workshop attracted positive feedback.

NU Students at ZEE Jaipur Literature Fest

One of the world's largest literary festivals, the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival was organized from 25th – 28th January 2018 @ Diggi Palace, Jaipur.

At this world-famous event, members of NU TALF got an excellent opportunity to hear views of intellectuals like Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Hugh Thomson, Pico Iyer, Raja Shehadeh, Redmond O'Hanlon, Bee Rowlett, Robert Dessaix and many others eminent personalities.

Inter Batch Pool Tournament

An Inter Batch Pool tournament was organized at NU from 10th October 2017. Teams comprising of 8 members from any batch were allowed to participate in the event.

Inter House Debate Competition

An inter house debate competition was organized on 11th October 2017. Prof. Prosenjit Gupta, Neha Tiwari, Janki Bareth formed the judge panel. With great enthusiasm and a lot of heated discussion orange house won the competition followed by white house at the second position.

IEEE Launch Event at NU

NIIT University launched **IEEE Student Branch** at its Neemrana campus on 24th Jan 2018. Prof. Mahesh Bundele - SMIEE Membership Chair, Rajasthan Sub - section was Chief Guest on this event launch.



Eminent Personality: Mr. Sanjeev Kumar

Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Lead – Accelerator Program & India Campus Lead, Sapient visited NU on 18th Jan 2018.

During the visit, he interacted with President, Prof. V S Rao, Leadership Team, Area Directors and discussed about the possible areas of collaboration between Sapient and NU.



EXPRESSIONS

सर्दियों की गुनगुनी धूप में,
एक टक नीले आसमान को तेरी आँखों से निहारना
जाने कब नसीब हो।

गुफ्तगू के साज़ में, तेरी हर आवाज़ में
धूप की आंच में, दोनों का हाथ पकड़ के चलना
जाने कब नसीब हो।

आओ हर लम्हे को कैद करके, सिमट के आगोश में तो सही
बेइन्तहा तन्हाईओं से निज़ात,
जाने कब नसीब हो।

- समीर वत्स
MBA-Business Analytics (2017-18)



Crime needs a new definition

What is crime? Our world today, really requires an answer to that question. We need to learn the difference between crime and self-defense.

Cyntoia Brown, a girl who was arrested ten years back for murdering a 47 year old man is now back in news for all the right reasons. Brown suffered from Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, grew up in an abusive home and had run away from her adoptive parent's house prior to becoming involved in prostitution in Nashville. Cyntoia was sex-trafficked by a pimp named 'cut-throat'. After days of being repeatedly raped and drugged by different men, she was purchased by a 43 year old child predator, Allan, who took her home to use her for sex.

She testified seeing a gun cabinet in Allan's house. She gained all the courage she had and finally decided to fight against the heinous crimes that have been committed by this man. Cyntoia, took a gun out of her purse and shot Allan. The prosecution argued that the motive for the killing was not self-defense, but rather robbery, since Brown took Allan's wallet after she shot him. She was tried as an adult and convicted of first degree murder, first degree felony murder and aggravated robbery. The convictions carried concurrent life sentences and eight additional years. She will be eligible for parole when she is 69 years old.

We have somehow changed the definition of justice. Something is traumatically wrong with the system which lets the rapist live a good life and punishes the victim. Let's support Cyntoia Brown. #FreeCyntoiaBrown.

Pragya Kapoor
B. Tech (2017-21)

Reciprocity

Reciprocity, is a social norm, where people expect to be treated in a similar kind of fashion in which they treat other people.

86400 seconds, 1440 minutes, 24 hours, 1 day. A billion thoughts, flashes, dreams, nightmares, all of it is just a small fragment of this multiverse. Do we really matter, will our carbon footprint or our deeds ever make a difference to this world of hypocrisy, cynicism, crime, injustice, indifference? We spend our entire lives trying to achieve utopianism, trying to make our reality perfect. *Is our reality real?* It's probably as real as we want it to be. That's how powerful the human mind is. We can shape our own realities, make miracles happen. Yet some of us still are victims of ill mental health. Yet we don't utilize the potential of the inordinate to its fullest, we rather rely on drugs, an induced high achieved by altering the brain's chemistry by going against the natural schema, an escape from our verity, to a state of mind where there is temporary peace, a sense of calm. But the bill always comes due. There is always a price to pay, **Karma**.

Work, Anger, Lust, Attachment are both virtues and vices of this materialistic world. "I don't care" a phrase uttered every now and then by half of the population on this planet. But at some level we do care, Because of a constant need to be accepted in the norms of the society. We always blame the society for failures of this human race. *But aren't we the society? Radical changes are brought about by changes in individuality.* If we don't change, how will this world ever change.

*Pulsating sensations, gushes of wind in the facial area. Is this what we call being alive? Aren't we just a sack of bones. What makes us different from a rock. Our encounters with emotions. The ability to feel. The ability which makes us feel that death isn't the enemy, **time** is. The only thing that we dislike the most is the concept of time. Hence, we keep finding ways to escape the wrath of time. Whether it be our fascination with superpowers or ambitions of immortality.*

So how do we make our time worthwhile, by finding more souls like us, by yearning for reciprocity. Someone once said, we are not bounded by another human's actions. *But aren't we are bounded by the consequences of their actions.* Misery loves company, but company doesn't reciprocate.

Inscrutably involved, we live in the currents of universal reciprocity.

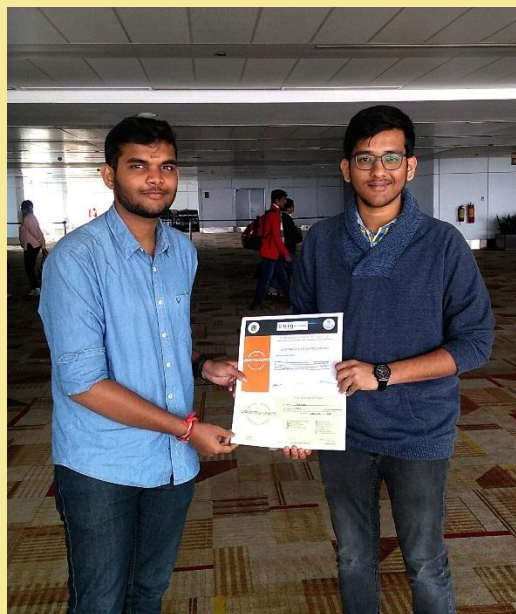
Abhi Chitkara

B. Tech (2015-19)

ACHIEVEMENTS

. Quintessence 2018

Prajawal B Ainapur and Athul Kannan, B Tech (ECE) 2019 Class have won the '**Circuit Debugging Challenge**' conducted during the annual Tech Fest, Quintessence of SRM University, Chennai. The competition was part of the Tech Fest of SRM University, Chennai called **Quintessence 2018**. It consisted of three rounds where in around 60 teams had participated from 15 national level institutions.



Media Coverage at Global Conference on Cyber Space

On 6th December 2017, two students of batch 2016, Ananda Krishna and Shikhil Sharma of NIIT University, won the Startup Pitch at the prestigious Global Conference on Cyberspace 2017. They had developed a web security solution, named Astra, which was recognized as the '*Most Innovative Startup*' at the conference. The students were awarded by Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Honorable Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe and Honorable Minister of Law & Justice and Electronics and Information Technology in the Govt. of India, Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad were also present on the occasion.

100% B. Tech Placements

The students of batch 2014-17 have recorded 100% placements in 2017, where the prominent recruiters were IBM, KPMG, PwC, PayU , Big Basket, Cognizant, Cleartax, Havells, Reflexis Systems,

Tech Mahindra, Urban Clap, Zycus, and Insider.in. The highest international package was recorded as 44.27 LPA and domestic was 11 LPA.

Security Bug Report Winners

Under the supervision of NIIT University IT Team, a bug reporting program was organized in order to find the system and security threats linked to the University's system. The top three reporters were awarded with cash prizes as well as certificates on 10th November 2017, in the annual function. They were: First Position was given to Vaibhav Kaushik; Second position to Vaishno Chaitanya and Third position was a tie between Vishv Garg and Aman Garg.

Second Prize in Poster Presentation

Yagika Kaushik and Akshit Malhotra of BT 2015-19 Batch have secured second plac in poster presentation in a conference held at BML Munjal University. Poster explained the paper titled, "**Antibiofilm Activity of ZnO Nanoparticles**". The paper was part of a project Yagika and Akshit were doing under the supervision of Prof. Ashwini Chouhan. The poster was presented by Yagika and was published in the Conference Proceedings.

II Runners Up at Debate Competition

Students Ira Mishra and Rahul Poddar (B.Tech 2016-20) stood second in the debate competition held at Poornima Group of Colleges.





NU Student-Entrepreneurs Achievement

NU student-entrepreneurs demonstrated their prototype of NIR spectrometer (funded by Department of Science and Technology) successfully to PM, Shri Narendra Modi and PM of Israel, Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu during the Indo-Israel Innovation Initiative held on 17th January 2018, at the inauguration session of iCreate (International Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology).

Rahul Kumar, Varshnee Raj, Alphonse Dhas Antony and Abhinandan Bhargava have started the company SpectrumSmart with its main product AoNIR. The PM encouraged NU start-up and named it specifically in his speech.