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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

Year 2017 is, indeed, an auspicious year for us. NIIT University has bagged 2 awards, "Best Infrastructure of the Year, Higher Education" and 'Best Institution for Promoting Industry-Academia Interface'. The progress NU is making is commendable. NU NL team conveys its best wishes for more such feats in future.

As we progress into the semester and work pressure takes its toll, NU NL is here with its monthly dose of Campus News, Expressions and Nature Talk to provide some entertainment.

In this issue, Student Editorial Special has an interesting observation on Inspiration by our student editor, Snigdha Pali. Final year B,Tech Student, Prateek Sachdeva recounts a wonderful four day trip to Pushkar and Jaisalmer and MBA (BA) student Abhay Sharma writes a thoughtful poem in Expressions.

I take this opportunity not only to ask for your feedback but also your participation. NU NL is your document. We would be glad to publish more works by readers.

Happy Reading!!

Warm regards,

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Campus News



Inter- House Badminton Competition

An Inter-House Badminton competition was organized in NU from 31st January 2017 to 2nd February 2017. The matches were held between all the three houses in respective categories. Green house bagged the first position followed by White and Orange. The players showed a great sporting as well as competitive spirit.

Inter-House Cricket Competition

Inter-House cricket competition was organized from 19th - 26th February 2017. The competition was marked by the amazing sportsmanship displayed by each team. Orange house came out to be the winner though the efforts made by all other teams was exemplary.

Indian Education Award



NIIT University received a prestigious award for the category- '*Best Infrastructure of the year, Higher Education*'. **Air Cmde Kamal Singh AVSM (Retd.)**, Advisor of Campus Planning & Green Initiatives, received the award at the ceremony held at J.W. Marriot, Aerocity, New Delhi on 7th February 2017.

Best Institution Award by ASSOCHAM

On 23rd February 2017, NU received the '*Best Institution for Promoting Industry-Academia Interface*' award by ASSOCHAM from the Hon'ble Union HRD Minister, **Shri Prakash Javadekar** at the 10th ASSOCHAM Higher Education Summit & National Excellence Awards 2017 held at Hotel Imperial, Janpath, New Delhi.

The Rocambolesque Ball

On 12th February 2017, NU campus was filled with enchantment, fireworks under the moonlight and incredible fun as the Ingenuity 2017 pre-fest 'Rocambolesque Ball' was organized. The students enjoyed the event which was full of music, good food and dance.

Raffles University Sports Fest

NU Students shined at a sports fest organized by Raffles University, Neemrana, from 27th- 28th February 2017 with 5x Gold Medals (1st Position) and 2x Silver Medals (2nd Position) in Volleyball, Kabbadi and Badminton. The two day event proved to be worth participating by the enthusiastic students of NIIT University.



AIESEC Exchange Program Information Seminar

On 23rd February 2017, AIESEC NU organized an Information Seminar. The seminar elaborated about what AIESEC internships in abroad are about. It was successful in generating the spike of interest for such internships among students. The interns who had come for internship in the campus were also introduced to the audience.

Listening Skills

The students of NU acquired the content of 'HOW TO LISTEN' with an intent, empathy and compassion as The Asian Lenses Forum organized another stretch of Listening Skills Session by **Air Cmde Kamal Singh AVSM (retd.)** on 15th February 2017.

Saraswati Puja

NIIT University celebrated Saraswati Puja on 1st February 2017. Students and faculty members worshiped the goddess of knowledge and many were seen in proper traditional attire. It was organized by the students and everybody showed their reverence and devotion to the goddess.

Sports Meet held at LNMIIT

A Sports Meet was held at LNMIIT, Jaipur from 18th-22nd January, 2017 where NU students competed for titles in Cricket, Badminton, Table Tennis and Basketball. In the Table Tennis category NU students won the two matches played against K Lakshmiapat University and JECRC engineering college, Jaipur.

Indian Army Guest Lecture

On Tuesday, 7th Feb 2017 Indian Army Officers visited NIIT University to deliver a motivational and career oriented session for the students. In their speech, they talked about entry schemes and pointers on how to get into The Indian Army. NU Chief Operations Officer- **Maj. Gen. A.K. Singh** (retd.) also made the students aware of the career opportunities in the Army.

Vividha Open Space Painting

Headed by **Dr. Vaishali Shinde**, NU Arts club, Vividha organized an Open Space Painting-Sketching Activity on 22nd February 2017. The occasion was meritorious as many students came together to create artwork and got an opportunity to display their skill.

Python Workshop

A Python Workshop was organized by the F.O.S.S NU Society at NIIT University from 4th- 5th February 2017. The intensive hands-on workshop dived deep into the Python World and received positive feedback from the attendees.



Nature Talk



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THE INDIAN LEOPARD



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The Indian leopard (*Panthera pardus fusca*) is a leopard subspecies widely distributed on the Indian subcontinent and classified as Near Threatened by IUCN since 2008. The species *Panthera pardus* may soon qualify for the Vulnerable status due to habitat loss and fragmentation, heavy poaching for the illegal trade of skins and body parts in Asia, and persecution due to conflict situations. They are becoming increasingly rare outside protected areas. The trend of the population is decreasing. The Indian leopard is one of the five big cats found in India, apart from Asiatic lion, Bengal tiger, snow leopard and clouded leopard.

With strong legs and a long well-formed tail, head as big as a panther's, broad muzzle, short ears and small, yellowish grey eyes, light grey ocular bulbs; black at first sight, but on closer examination dark brown with circular darker colored spots, tinged pale red underneath. Indian leopards are distributed all over India, in Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and parts of Pakistan. In the Himalayas they are sympatric with snow leopards up to 5,200 metres (17,100 ft) above sea level. They inhabit tropical rain forests, dry deciduous forests, temperate forests and northern coniferous forests but do not occur in the mangrove forests of the Sundarbans.

In Sariska National Park, the diet of Indian leopards includes axis deer, sambar deer, nilgai, wild pig, common langur, hare and peafowl.

Hunting for the illegal wildlife trade has the greatest potential to do maximum harm in minimal time. Apart from poaching, Indian leopards are threatened by loss of habitat and fragmentation of formerly connected populations, various levels of human-leopard conflict in human-dominated landscapes, and competition with other predators.

Status in the Wild: Near Threatened

Sources: wikipedia.org

Divya Sara Kurian
B.Tech (2013-17)



Student Editor Special



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A Thought of Inspiration

To every artist the question lingers,
For all the simple and vivid thinkers.
How to make a canvas that catches all eyes,
To find a place where inspiration lies.
You look at something, it looks at you,
Still the thought of the picture was just a clue.
The search for more seemed like a twisted lane,
Yet the feeling to get it all was in vain.
Some said the wise will always work,
They may be scholars or just some clerks.
As they make people stop and watch,
You can get help just by sharing a glass of scotch.
Then a thought stuck the painter's mind,
Aren't we all scholars of some kind?
To make a picture looking at the crowd,
Face to face with the shy and the loud.
As the biggest inspiration is one's own image,

To have hope and be privileged.

To make people aware and open their mind's gates,

The masterpiece stood in wait.

Snigdha Pali
B.Tech (2015-19)

Expressions



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A LIGHTENING TOUR TO RAJASTHAN

Nobody needs an introduction to the princely state of Rajasthan. Renowned for its vast spread of sand dunes, the majestic forts, breathtaking frescoes and down to earth denizens, Rajasthan is one of the leading tourist attractions in India. Every city in Rajasthan makes a tourist want to camp for at least some days and explore its beauty. Our trip began with great excitement and enthusiasm. Although there was a major setback in our trip that was Demonetization that took place around that time only. We had limited cash and were majorly dependent on the cashless economy.

Day 1:

We left NIIT University on 12th November 2016 and the first place to visit was Brahma Temple (locally known as Brahma Mandir). Brahma Mandir is a Hindu temple situated at Pushkar, Rajasthan, close to the sacred Pushkar Lake to which its legend has an incredible link.

The present Brahma Temple in Pushkar is believed to have been built in the 14th century. The temple is built with beautiful white marble and with steps leading to the main shrine. The central shikhara is a bright red with the figure of the hansa over it. Pujas here are strictly performed by sanyasi pujaris.

After worshiping Lord Brahma, we headed straight to attend Pushkar Fair (locally known as *Pushkar Mela*). This is known to be one of the world's largest camel fairs. Competitions such as

'matka phod', 'longest moustache', and 'bridal competition' are the main draws for this fair which attracts thousands of tourists. We arrived there a little late, so could encounter only a few events.

The famous Indian playback singer Harshdeep Kaur visited Pushkar Fair for a live performance that day . A music tribute to Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan & Reshma was performed by her.



Day 2:

Next morning we all headed towards the yellow city, Jaisalmer. The very first glimpse that we captured in this city was its quaint havelis in the midst of modern infrastructure. The ambiance, though buzzed by tourists from all over the world was worth of clicks of the quaint and intrinsic work of the forts. It maintains an elegant architectural work. The roads were all arrayed with shops displaying several craft items and traditional wears and hotels having rooftop restaurants.

During the second half of the day, we all were a part of the 12th century. The Jaisalmer Fort that was built in 1156 AD by the Bhati Rajput ruler Rao Jaisal is a massive yellow sandstone structure and is also known as the 'Golden Fort'. It maintains several merchant havelis and ancient temples. The path in the outer walls of the fort that circles the entire fort was a perfect walk of an hour . We started from one of the alleys diverged from the square that lead to the outer walls and wined up at the main entrance. Far at the horizon one can even capture an extensive view of the vast area of windmills that stretches from east to west. On our round trip we came across three such cannon sites therefrom one can have the panoramic view of the whole city. One is facing south, which is close to the square, one facing to the west is approximately 10 minutes' walk from the former and one facing north, which is the smaller one, is approximately further 10 minutes of walk.

Then we headed to a village which was around 45 minutes away from Kuldhara village(known to be a haunted place) for camping, jeep safari and camel safari. On the safari we spotted some deer, rats and the sky was dominated by a flock of eagles. Up down...up down... the camel safari to the dunes of Dundee seemed to ache our backs. It was painful but fun. By 6 in the evening we reached at the base of the dunes, which was our campsite. Then around late in the night, we all went for jeep safari. It was a great day.



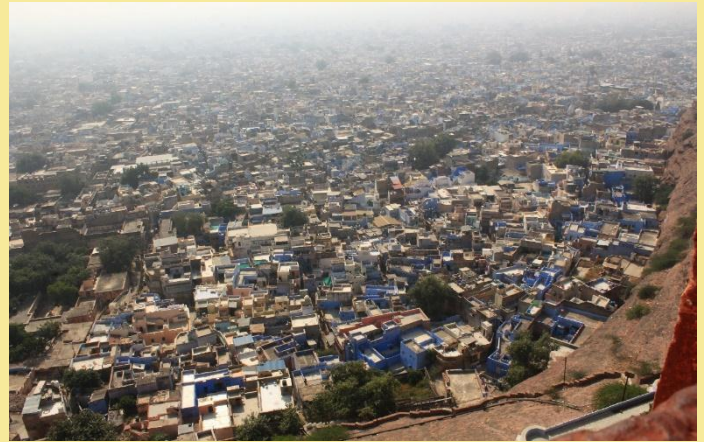
Day 3:

Longewalan war memorial is one of a must visit place around Jaisalmer. This was the best part of our visits during the entire trip.

There we realized what determination and patriotism can achieve. A small army was able to defeat infantry division of Pakistan. We saw the actual bunkers and trenches that were created by Indian army. There was small theater which featured half an hour movie about the longewalan war. There was also a small museum which displays the army equipment. On the display, there were also some destroyed Pakistani tanks. Within minutes of driving, we could spot watchtowers signally that we were quite close to the border and finally we reached a check post where we spotted some BSF (Border Security Force) personnel.

Within hundred meters from this spot we spotted the first badge of honor from the Battle of Longewalan a tank that belonged to the enemy kept at the same spot where it was hit. The battlefield looked like a scene from a world war movie with rusting vehicles lying all over the place.

Having met the real heroes of the country and witnessing their lifestyles was a great experience for all of us.



Day 4:

Next day we moved to the marvel of Jodhpur, Jodhpur Fort. The best part of the entire fort was the terrace. It is practically a stage for the azure carpet that is laid out in the form of small houses painted in royal blue. The sight makes you feel that the very sky has descended on earth.

After this mystical experience, we set foot towards the interiors of the fort where we encountered many interesting facts about the fort. We saw many old weapons that were used in wars and battles, a magnificent palanquin used to carry the queen around and also the special conference room of the King. In a little bit more time, we were finished with the entire sightseeing of the fort.

And thus our trip came to an end. The trip in all was indeed a great package and was very precious. It gave us a lot of cherished memories. Although we faced many difficulties due to less cash yet we enjoyed our trip to the full extent.

Prateek Sachdeva

B. Tech(2013- 17)

The Voice of the Forest



अनादि अनन्त

Once I stood at what seemed a gate
I found myself in a somewhat lonely state
But oh the beauty, few could comprehend
Till infinity and more it seemed to extend
Soon I realized, a dense forest lay ahead
Took a step back, and turned my head
And then it came, and took me by surprise
I stopped and looked hoping to recognize
I looked up to find the source of that voice
Up in the canopy, light shone through a crevice
Thinking I had gone completely insane
And so I started walking back again
“Wait! My friend”, it was loud and clear
I shook and trembled as if a ghost did appear

I looked again to seek the person who called me
A rabbit stole a glance, a squirrel stared down at me
“Why would you leave me, may I ask of you?”
I shrieked and asked, “Who are you?”
“I am the voice of this forest, I call upon you
You long for a friend, now don’t you??”
“But why should I befriend what I cannot see
To me you are as dead as a forest can be”
Then there was silence, some sort of a sniffle
Or rather the sound of those leaves as they rustle
“Oh! so you befriend only those you can see
They treat you as a friend, but to them you are an enemy”
“So why did you come along alone today
Couldn’t find a friend to accompany you on your way”
And by these sharp words, to silence I was maimed
“Oh yes my friend!” I quietly exclaimed.
“Then come along and walk with me today,
And let my voice guide you on your way”
“But I am afraid, you are so dark and dense,
And the thought of wild animals makes me tense”
“Have faith my friend, I will not betray”
“I have called you a friend, need more I say”
Then a soft cold breeze touched my sweaty, cold palm,
The voice held my hand, and I soon felt calm.
“Meet my trees, they grow to great lengths”

“I presume climbing trees is not one of your strengths”

“My friend you indeed have a great sense of humour”

So quickly and innocently you have won me over”

“Now come and hasten, there is a lot more to cover,

Oh! And mind your step lest you fall over”

And we went on talking and strengthened our bond

Of what initially seemed lifeless, I soon grew fond.

Oh how can I explain what I did gain,

Memories of that meeting still remain

Till the voice of the forest calls me again!!!!!!

Abhay Sharma

MBA BA (Batch I)



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Guest Lecture delivered by Dr Mohd Anul Haq at Jamia Millia Islamia



Dr Mohd Anul haq was invited to deliver a lecture at DST Sponsored training program at Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi on 13th Jan 2017. The title of lecture was “*Practical Approach of GIS in Geohydrology*”.

Smart India Hackathon



A team formed by NU B.Tech students - **CyberKnights** has qualified for the Grand Finale of Smart India Hackathon- 2017 of The Department of Defense Production.

Research @ NU



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Paper Presented by Dr Mohd Anul Haq at NCHC, IISc Bangalore



Dr. Mohd Anul Haq presented a research article titled "*Application of Artificial Neural Networks for Glacier Thickness Estimation in the Western Himalayas, India*" at NCHC-2017 conference, conducted by IISc, Bangalore.