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## Celebrating 19th Foundation Day

*Dear BGSBU'ians,*

*Celebrating the 19th foundation day of our beloved University, I urge you to strive hard to make BGSBU a centre for excellence in teaching and research. We are committed to promote an inclusive culture of equality, diversity and respect.*



**Prof. Akbar Masood**

Vice-Chancellor

# Significant Achievements & Initiatives by BGSBU under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Akbar Masood.

## Administrative Initiatives

### Full fee-waiver for orphan students

In historic decision, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University announced a full tuition fee waiver for orphan students. Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice-Chancellor Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, said that orphan students who will be admitted to all the PG, UG and diploma courses will get a fee waiver, which will be 100 per cent of the tuition fee. Prof. Akbar said that this decision will benefit the students who have lost their parents and find it difficult to pursue higher education due to monetary constraints. Prof. Akbar said that we at BGSB University believe that monetary constraints should not be an obstacle for a student to have access to quality education. Prof. Akbar said that BGSB University is committed to providing universal access to quality education to every section of society. Prof. Akbar mentioned that the decision is in line with NEP 2020 which focuses on providing high-quality educational opportunities to young men and women who will determine the future of our country.

### 6th Meeting of the Academic Council held at BGSBU

Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Rajouri holds the 6th meeting of the Academic Council at the BGSB University campus in Rajouri. The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chancellor of BGSBU Prof. Akbar Masood. Those who attended the meeting included Prof. Fazal-Ur Rehman, Prof. D. V. R. Sai Gopal, Prof. Seemi Farhat Basir, Prof. M.A. Zargar, Prof. Irtiza Karim, Prof. M. K. Saxena, Dr. Sumeet Gupta, Prof. Sarbjeet Singh, Prof. Iqbal Parwez, Registrar BGSBU, Deans and Associate Deans and officers of the University. For the first time the Academic Council Meeting was held in University Campus Rajouri.

The proceedings began with Prof. Akbar Masood welcoming the members and informed them about the progress made by the University on the academic as well as on the infrastructural front and gave a detailed account of the academic and other achievements made by the University. Addressing the meeting, Prof. Akbar highlighted ongoing academic programmes and facilities created for students to ensure quality teaching and learning at the University. The members of the Academic Council greatly applauded the significant academic and administrative reforms made by the Vice Chancellor of the University.

After briefing the members about the University and its functioning, the agenda items were discussed, and some important decisions were taken. The Council ratified the decision of the Vice Chancellor to the introduction of Master's Degree programmes in Gojri and Pahari, Persian and Hindi. The Council also ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in having adopted the Uniform Academic Calendar for various Under & Post Graduate programmes of the University for the Academic Session 2022-23 as communicated by the Higher Education Department. The council also hailed and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Academic Council to reduce the existing tuition fee up to 50% for all Academic programmes. The Council also recommend the panel of experts of different disciplines for consideration of the Executive Council for inclusion in the Selection Committees for various teaching positions at BGSB University. The council ratified and appreciated the action taken by the Vice Chancellor to introduce the programme 'Know Your Country' to provide exposure to BGSBU students about the country in general and various academic institutions of repute in particular. The council also accorded endorsement of University Tarana penned by Jb.Khurshid Ahmed Bismil a well known educationist and poet of Pir Panjaal region. Besides, various other important initiatives taken up by the Vice Chancellor were also endorsed by the Council.

The members placed on record their appreciation for the efforts and contribution of entire BGSBU fraternity for the growth and development of the University. The members lauded the efforts of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Akbar Masood in developing the state-of-the-art infrastructure, introduction of new academic programmes, strengthening of research in order to achieve the highest standards of research and learning through innovations. The members expressed hope that the University shall continue to grow in future as well.



## **BGSBU to go live on Digilocker**

Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Rajouri has successfully uploaded the academic awards of students including degrees and result notifications from 2007 onwards through Digilocker operated National Academic Depository.

Vice-chancellor BGSBU, Prof. Akbar Masood congratulated the NAD Cell for this achievement. Terming this as a momentous occasion for the digitization of BGSBU, Prof. Akbar said that this will facilitate the issuance, storage, and verification of the academic awards of students through an online depository.

Prof. Akbar mentioned that BGSBU has taken many digital initiatives in line with the vision of the Hon'ble LG of J& K Shri.Manoj Sinha who is also the chancellor of BGSBU of Digital J&K to bring in various e-governance initiatives on a single platform towards promoting ease of living in Jammu and Kashmir.Prof. Akbar said this will bring in further transparency and efficiency to the University system.



## **HVC inaugurated viewpoint at University Campus**

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University inaugurated Akbar Masood viewpoint at the University campus. Speaking on the occasion Prof. Akbar said," After joining as the Vice Chancellor of BGSB University, I found this campus extremely beautiful. This campus has everything to offer for knowledge seekers. I am trying to develop amenities across the campus to make different offbeat spots across the University campus approachable for the BGSBU community and the general public of Rajouri and Poonch". On the occasion, the Vice Chancellor directed the concerned officials to scale up the serene splendour of various spots on the University campus. Those present on the occasion included senior officers and officials of the University.



## **BGSBU to launch a special plantation drive by the female members of the Varsity**

As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, The Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University is going to launch a special plantation drive on the campus by the women folks including female teachers, staff, scholars and students.

The programme aims at highlighting the crucial interconnection between humans and nature, making the plants an inseparable part of the "family consciousness", leading to environmental protection and women empowerment.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor BGSBU, Prof. Akbar Masood said that each woman member among the teaching and non-teaching faculty of the University will take the responsibility of planting one sapling which they will plant in the open spaces around their respective departments / residential area or at any other designated spaces in the campus. Besides, five female students in the first semester from each of the departments of the University will also be planting one sapling each on their respective departmental premises. The Vice-Chancellor said that a nameplate indicating the name of the female who will plant the sapling and the date of the plantation drive will be placed at the plantation site. However, those women who would like to place the name of their girl child instead of their name at the plantation site will be allowed to do so.

"This is to give a sentimental attachment to see the trees are taken care of after planting instead of just leaving them to their fate and to ensure 100 per cent survival and success of the plantation drive in the campus," Prof. Akbar mentioned.

Prof. Akbar said that women being the harbinger of progress and prosperity can propel India towards a second green revolution provided they get opportunities. Prof. Akbar added that this female-centric plantation drive aims to ensure that women contribute effectively towards our initiatives of " Green Campus".

## **BGSBU to start ' Know Your Country' Academic Tour**

In a major development aimed at providing exposure to the students, the Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Rajouri will send students out of Jammu and Kashmir to visit various important/ historical places across the Country.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor BGSB University, Prof. Akbar Masood said that this programme aims to showcase the development of the Country to students and provide them with an opportunity to visit important places / educational institutions of excellence and interact with prominent personalities, thereby widening their horizon.

This tour will enable the students to witness the rapid development being made in the fields of information technology, education, infrastructure, medical science and other sectors in other parts of the country, he said. Prof. Akbar said that this programme will open up an opportunity for those students who otherwise may not be travelling to various parts of the country due to financial constraints.

Prof. Akbar said that, to begin with, this year one meritorious student of the final year/ semester from each department will be selected for the academic tour to visit various institutions of eminence in Delhi.

Prof. Akbar mentioned that the entire cost of the tour including boarding/lodgings and travel arrangements will be borne by the University. A senior female and a male teacher will accompany the students.



## VC BGSBU inaugurated 24x7 emergency services facility at Campus

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University inaugurated a dedicated 24x7 emergency service duty room on the University campus.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Akbar said that this facility will provide much-needed help to the residents of the campus to get real-time responses related to various essential services being provided to the faculty, staff, students and scholars of the University. Besides, this facility will act as a dedicated window to approach in case of any eventuality on the campus.

On the occasion, the Vice Chancellor also launched dedicated helpline numbers in the duty room will function 24 hours a day to resolve the grievances of residents of the Varsity regarding various essential services.

Those who were present on the occasion included the Dean Academic Affairs, Registrar, Dean School of Engineering and Technology, Dean of Students, senior officers and officials of the University.



Mr. Mohd Ishaq, Registrar BGSBU said that the collaboration of the University with such a reputed organisation will benefit the innovation and Entrepreneurship ecosystem of the University especially when the various National Rankings in the present era include the entrepreneur ecosystem as one of the strongest parameters.



## Introduced Certificate Course in General Education

This programme shall be a boon to such persons who are otherwise successfully engaged in some trade / business / vocation but somehow missed the chance to get into formal education system. Such persons may have the will and desire to acquire elementary knowledge at home but cannot be called 'Educated' due to lack of formal recognition from any educational institution. This programme will serve as an 'entry gate' for such persons who will not suffer from the stigma of being called 'Uneducated'. Optimistically, if this programme succeeds, it may further be raised to a 'Diploma' and later to a 'Degree Programme' which may set a new trend in our existing education policy.

## Introduced Course on Culture & Traditions of Jammu Kashmir

The above course shall be a 04-credit course. The course curriculum has been framed in consultation with subject experts. On the basis of recommendation of experts, the Vice Chancellor has approved introduction of CBCS Elective subject in Centre for Hospitality & Tourism under the School of Management Studies in semester -II w.e.f. batch 2022 of all CBCS based teaching programmes

## BGSBU signed MOU with JKEDI

To promote entrepreneurship and innovation in the Union Territory, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri virtually signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) today.

The partnership will benefit all the stakeholders, especially the students from diverse regions of JK. The MOU was signed by Sh. Mohd. Ishaq, Registrar, BGSBU, and Sh. Anil Koul, JKAS, Director JKEDI in presence of Prof. Iqbal Parwez, Dean Academic Affairs, BGSBU.

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice-Chancellor, BGSBU expressed his immense pleasure over the MoU signing with the JKEDI. He emphasized that to promote start-up and Entrepreneurial culture among the youth, the Higher Educational Institutions must work hand in hand with the National level Entrepreneurial Institutes. Director, JKEDI, Sh. Anil Koul said that this collaboration will help in building an entrepreneurial mindset amongst the students and both parties will get benefitted through knowledge exchange. He said that The various schemes and policies formulated by JKEDI from time to time will benefit aspiring entrepreneurs.

Prof. Iqbal Parwez threw light on the role JKEDI has played in steering the entrepreneurship culture in JK through their various schemes. He further stated that Start-up & Innovation Cell, BGSBU will work in unison with CIIBM, JKEDI in various spheres of Innovation and Entrepreneurship.



Prof. Akbar Masood, HVC BGSBU, as Chief Guest during the valedictory function of the 44th All India Cell Biology Conference, organised by the University of Kashmir. More than 400 Scientists / Scholars / Students attended the conference.



## A Month-Long Training Program held at University Polytechnic BGSBU

Sep-06-22



A 150-hour training program on AutoCAD has been successfully concluded at University Polytechnic BGSBU Rajouri. It took one month to complete the said training of 150 hours. The training was one of the initiatives of MoU signed between University Polytechnic and ICT academy Chennai. About 54 students of final and pre-final years were trained in this program. All of the students were able to create 2D and 3D plans, which was quite fascinating for all the stake holders of Polytechnic. On the culminating day, September 03, 2022, many drawings made by the students were displayed and the appreciation from all the corners of the University was given to the students. There will be a placement drive as promised by the ICT Academy for these trained students, which may be held very soon. The University Polytechnic is committed in offering quality skill education to the registered students.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Akbar Masood conveyed his appreciations and assured the complete cooperation in organizing such events for betterment of the students, so that the students get well placed after completion of their study at BGSBU. The Dean Academic Affairs Prof. Iqbal Parwez also conveyed his appreciation to the students. On the Valedictory function Mr. Tafazul Nabi, the trainer from ICT Academy, shared his experience while staying in BGSBU during this training program. Er. Malik Mubasher Hassan, Principal University Polytechnic, said on the occasion that all the stockholders of University Polytechnic are doing their best in bringing the institute on heights. He also recognized the sincere efforts of teachers in making University Polytechnic, one of the best Polytechnics of JKUT. The valedictory function was anchored by Er. Shivinder Mehta, who was the coordinator of the Program. All the faculty members were present on the occasion.

## Environmental Sciences, CBS, celebrated International Day for preservation of Ozone layer

Sep-16-22

International Day for preservation of Ozone layer was celebrated by Environmental Sciences, Centre for Biodiversity Studies, BGSBU University, Rajouri. The theme of World Intellectual Property Day 2022 is "Global Cooperation Protecting Life on Earth". Prof Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor, BGSBU in his message emphasized that the Day holds significance and is held on September 16th every year since December 1994, as the United Nations General Assembly designated September 16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, commemorating the date of the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, in 1987. Prof Akbar further stressed that the United Nations General Assembly designated September 16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, commemorating the date of the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, in 1987.

Dr. A. A. Shah, Associate Dean, School of Biosciences and Biotechnology while giving opening remarks expressed that as the world celebrated the first International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer on September 16th, 1995, it has been observed with a focus on creating awareness of the depleting condition of the Ozone layer.

Dr Shreekar Pant, Coordinator, CBS highlighted that this year theme of theme announced by the UN Environment Programme for International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2022 is 'Global Cooperation Protecting Life on Earth.' The Montreal Protocol's impact is recognized with this theme and brings to notice the 'need to act in collaboration, forge partnerships and develop global cooperation to address climate challenges and protect life on earth for future generations.

A pledge to discourage use of Ozone depleting substances was taken by the students, scholars and faculty of Environmental Sciences, CBS on the occasion.



## Induction programme organized by SOET

Sep-29-22

An induction-cum-orientation programme for newly admitted engineering students was organized by the School of Engineering and Technology, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri.

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor of the University was the chief guest on the occasion. In his address, Prof. Akbar congratulated the new students and asked them to start every day with positive thoughts. Prof. Akbar advised the students to enjoy and celebrate each day as they are getting an opportunity to live the next four years with a fantastic team of students and faculties. He exhorted the students to be clear about their career choice and decide what kind of jobs they will be working with. He encouraged the students to become entrepreneurs and suggested they to be self-mentor. Prof. Akbar assured the students that every possible facility shall be made available to them for their holistic growth and development.

Dean SoET Prof. Asif Hussain delivered the welcome address. Prof. Asif appreciated students for enthusiastic participation in the induction programme which will facilitate their inclusive personality development. He appraised the Vice Chancellor about the activities organised during the week long Induction programme.

Mr. Mohd Ishaq Registrar of the University also spoke on the occasion. He advised the students to maximize every single opportunity they get and always relate what they learn in theory to the real-life world. He said that BGSBU University has time and again proved to be a leader among its contemporaries despite its very young age. He stressed on developing highly talented manpower which will ultimately take the BGSBU to the new heights of success.



## Crash courses for Covid frontline warriors organized by the Nursing College Rajouri

Oct-01-2022

Crash courses for Covid frontline warriors under "Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana" PMKVY 3.0 organized by the Nursing College Rajouri of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University.

In his address Prof Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor reflected upon the fact that such courses are important to transform the existing health scenario in Jammu and Kashmir and is in sync with the policy of the Government to train COVID warriors in "Basic care support" as well as "Advanced care support" to strengthen the Health system of the Nation. The students shared their feedback and profusely thanked the management of the Nursing College and the Vice Chancellor for providing them an opportunity to undergo the course at the state-of-art Nursing College of the University.

The Vice Chancellor Prof Akbar Masood congratulated the Associate Dean School of Nursing /Principal Dr. Titi Xavier who was the overall Supervisor for the programme and the Course coordinators Mr. S. Manikandan and Ms. Vijayasree V Nair (Assistant Professors, Nursing College) and the students for successful completion of the course and for obtaining 100% result. The OSD Nursing Colleges, Suneet Gupta Joint Registrar was present on the occasion. The Course coordinators Mr. S Manikandan and Ms. Vijayasree V Nair conducted the proceedings of the valedictory function by welcoming the delegates and proposing the vote of thanks respectively



## BGSBU organised the National Conference on the Future of Tourism and Hospitality Industry

Oct-20-22

The Centre for Hospitality and Tourism, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University in collaboration with Himalayan Khyber Resorts and Spa, Gulmarg organised a one-day national conference on the theme 'Future of Hospitality and Tourism: Innovations, Governance and Critical Paths', here.

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor of BGSBU said that the theme of the conference is one of the high priorities in present times and it is the responsibility of researchers all over the world to explore the future trends of the Tourism and Hospitality Industry. Prof. Akbar said that after covid-19, for the Tourism industry, it won't be business as usual, and we need to redefine, refocus and change the game plan to move forward.

Prof. Akbar Masood mentioned that the Centre for Hospitality and Tourism is marching ahead to come up with cutting edge research in Tourism studies and this conference is one such initiatives where scholars from across the country have come together to exchange their ideas. Prof. Akbar appreciated the Centre for organising the conference.

Prof. Iqbal Parwez Dean Academic Affairs in his address said that Tourism being the most vital practice for an economy has got the prime attention of all stakeholders of modern civilization. Prof. Iqbal mentioned that the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted several industries, and hospitality was particularly affected. However, it showed immense resilience, and it continues to flourish. He lauded the efforts of the organising committee for the successful conduct of the event.

Deputy Director Centre for Hospitality and who was the Co patron of the conference, in his welcome address welcomed all the dignitaries, delegates and participants and introduced the theme of the conference.

Those who presented expert talks on the occasion included Prof. Divya Thakur IEC University Dr. Rayaz Querashi University of Kashmir, Mr. Puneet Saxena Nayush Travel Experiences Pvt. Ltd., Dr. Ashiq Najar Central University of Kashmir, Peerzada Faiyaz Ahmed Responsible Tourism Society of India, Dr Ashaq Mailik Govt. PG College Rajouri and Dr. Shreekar Pant BGSBU. A panel discussion was also held on the occasion. Two parallel technical sessions were held in which research scholars and faculty members presented their research contributions. Dr. Parvez Abdulla, Organising secretary of the conference proposed the vote of thanks. The conference received a very good response from researchers from all over the country.



## Department of Islamic Studies organized One Week Workshop on Research Methodology

Nov-06-2022

Department of Islamic Studies, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri organized a One Week Research Methodology Workshop in Social Sciences and Humanities from 31 October 2022 to 06 September 2022.

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor of the University lauded the Department for organising the workshop. Prof. Akbar mentioned that such workshops are important for fostering research at the University. Prof. Akbar said that this workshop would

to help research scholars build critical perspectives on dominant strands of research followed in theoretical and empirical research. Prof. G. N. Khaki, Director Shaikh-ul-Aalam Centre for Multi-disciplinary Studies (SACMS) & Head Shah-i-Hamadan Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Kashmir delivered the keynote address. During the weeklong workshop, fourteen resource persons belonging to diverse disciplines of Social Science and Humanities including library science and electronics & Instrumentation delivered presentations on a variety of themes and provided training concerning the different research methodological tools and software.

The workshop was attended by more than 40 participants in an offline and equal number of participants in online mood from different Universities and Colleges in the country.



The valedictory function was held in the Conference Hall of Management Studies, BGSBU both in online & offline which was attended by all the registered participants and resource persons including the invited dignitaries viz. Deans of different schools of the university and Registrar of the University. The coordinator of the Department Dr. Naseem Gul welcomed the Guests and Dr. Rafiq Anjum presented the formal Vote of thanks. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Mohd Yunus Kumar.



### Prof. Akbar delivers maiden lecture in newly established PG course in Persian

Nov-23-2022



Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor, BGSBU University delivered the maiden lecture in the newly established Postgraduate Programme in Persian at Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, today. It was a long-cherished dream of students of the Peer Panjaal region and that of the civil society, to have a Postgraduate course in Persian in the Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, said Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice-Chancellor, BGSBU University. Prof. Akbar termed the occasion as historic as BGSBU has become the 2nd University in the UT of J&K and 1st in the Jammu region to start a Postgraduate programme in Persian. Prof. Akbar expressed hope that with this beginning the program will flourish and achieve the goals in the future for which it is being established and would play a pivotal role in the revival, growth, and development of the Persian language and literature. Prof. Akbar said that the Persian language has a rich heritage in India and it needs to be promoted and preserved. Prof. Akbar said that the evidence of Persian's historical influence can be seen in the extent of its influence on the languages and architecture of the Indian subcontinent. He said that Persian exerted a strong influence on Urdu and other Indian languages. Prof. Akbar advised the faculty and the students of Persian to work with full zeal and zest to make the department of Persian at BGSBU a center for excellence in academics and research.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Iqbal Parwez, Dean Academic Affairs thanked the Vice Chancellor for a historic step in establishing the Postgraduate Programme in Persian. Prof. Iqbal said that this beginning at BGSBU will go a long way in the promotion of the Persian language and literature across the length and breadth of the Country. Prof. Iqbal termed this as a historic day when the Vice Chancellor himself is delivering the very first lecture of a newly established PG programme.

Dr. Shams Kamal Anjum, Associate Dean, of School of Islamic Studies and Languages delivered the welcome address and thanked the Vice Chancellor and other dignitaries for gracing the occasion with their benign presence. Those who were present on the occasion included the Registrar of the University Mr. Mohd. Ishaq, Deans and Associate Deans of Various Schools, Heads and coordinators of various departments. Officers and officials of the University, Faculty and Students of the PG programme in Persian.

### Department of Economics BGSBU organised Guest Lecture on 'Freebies and Social Welfare Function'

Oct 19, 2022

The Department of Economics, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University organised a Guest Lecture on 'Freebies and Social Welfare Function' by Prof. A.S. Bhat, former Head, Department of Economics, University of Kashmir and Dean, School of Business, IUST. Dr. Dil Pazir, Head Department of Economics welcomed the participants and spoke about the initiatives Department is undertaking to make a competitive atmosphere for the student community. Prof. A.S. Bhat, while speaking on the theme 'Freebies and Social Welfare Function' drew three broad conclusions. One, freebies are extension of subsidies to 100%. Second, there is no harm in offering welfare schemes until the authorities are bound by any risks to macroeconomic stability. Third, the most important welfare scheme according to Prof. A.S. Bhat, that the government should consider 100% subsidizing is fighting malnutrition for its impact on the factors ranging from drop-outs, child labour, mental and physical wellbeing and productivity is substantial. The lecture was followed with a brain-storming discussion session. Prof. Iqbal Parwez, Dean Academic Affairs presided over the lecture and also addressed the gathering. The guest-lecture was attended by faculties, research scholars and students of various departments of the University. The programme ended with Vote of Thanks by Dr. Showket Ahmad Mir, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and also the Organizing Secretary of the Guest Lecture. The programme was co-ordinated by Dr. Sajad Ahmad Rather and Ms. Tazeem Akhter, Assistant Professors in the Department of Economics. The programme was sponsored by Wizkid Educorp.





# Good or Evil: A Path to Choose.

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*“We’ve all got both light and dark inside of us. What matters is the part we choose to act on, that’s who we really are.” (Sirius Black)*

When God created Adam, He also created heavens for him. He made a partner for him, so that they both worship their lord and fulfill all His commandments. God made them to eat anything out of their will except for one fruit, forbidden for them to eat. However, out of their temptations they ate the fruit. For their mistake, God expelled them from the heaven in disobedience. They spent years making amends for their mistake. Finally, God accepted their repentance and put them back in heaven.

Even today, the sons of Adam continue to disobey their lord out of their temptations and desires. God created everything for a person in a permissible way. Yet a person chooses to go after the things, which are forbidden for him. Every person is craving to earn more wealth and power, even if it causes them to lose their core human values. People are becoming so much self-centered that they barely care about anyone else. Family is losing essence of love and care because partners are losing their sense of devotion and dignity to one another. Parents are not nourishing children with love and benevolence. Children are treating their parents as if they are a burden on them in old age. Friends are becoming envious of one another and cannot handle the success of their friends. Superiors are trampling the rights of their subordinates, without respecting their dignity. Due to a lack of respect, trust, and space between students and teachers, education has become a fruitless endeavor.

Without regard to honesty, cheating has become an accepted practice in the trades. Man’s greed for material is consuming his soul internally and he is destroying his habitat in every possible way. Corruption and nepotism has dominated every room in the human civilization. Powerful nations are trampling small and poor nations, seizing their freedom. Politicians are becoming pirates, looting every asset of their state and feed on the blood of poor people. Every person is aware of the commandments of God yet they choose to disobey their lord.

God loves his creation and does not want his creation to go astray in an eternal darkness. He provides us with a choice to choose between good and evil. Humans need to fill their life with love, kindness, trust, courage and dignity and let go of hatred, animosity, doubt, cowardliness and immorality. We have a choice either be good and follow God or be an evil and disobey Him.

“We have a path to choose: we can be either good or bad.”

# Depression and Anxiety: A new dilemma

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Depression is a common illness world wide with an estimated 3.8% of population affected included 5.8% among adults 5.7% older than 60 years. Approximately 280 million people in the world have depression.(WHO).

Depression is ranked by WHO as the single largest contributor to global disability and also major contributor to suicide deaths. As anxiety is also a mental disorder but not dangerous as depression but somehow as similar to depression.

Depression is characterized by sadness, loss of interest, feeling of guilt or low self worth, disturbed sleep, poor appetite, tiredness and poor concentration. It can be long lasting illness. Whereas, anxiety refers to a group of mental disorder characterized by feeling of fear and sacred.

Recently, everyone is battling with depression and anxiety. But not everyone talks about mental, health, it is because of lack of awareness and our societal thinking pattern. In our society there is no such thing as depression and anxiety. For them, it is just a sadness, stress or a bad mood. But in reality ,having a depression and anxiety is like always sacred, always in fear, hate socializing and its like feeling paralyzed. Because of our society thinking pattern many people feel a difficulty to deal with depression and anxiety and in some cases it leads to suicide. As some people choose therapy to deal with depression and anxiety but not everyone can afford therapy which makes them to suffer or battle alone with depression and anxiety.

Due to covid-19 pandemic, the cases of depression and anxiety among people have increased significantly. It causes serious effect on people's mental health which leads to psychological crises, not only in the medical workers but also in the citizens. Due to the increased cases of depression and anxiety among people, WHO develops various manuals to deal with this problem that may be delivered by lay workers to individuals and groups.

As, depression and anxiety is a treatable mood disorder. People can recover from it through changing lifestyles, coping strategies, talk therapy, through medications, doctor advise, avoid drugs, through socializing, talk to friends and family, eat healthy, keep routine and through various, other healthy strategies.

## The 'Me' illusion: How Your Brain Conjures up Your Sense Of Self.

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“Whatever you believe about yourself in the inside is what you will manifest an output”.

Self-awareness isn't the Pinnacle of consciousness - it's just an accidental by-product of evolution, and a fragment of our minds.

Look into a mirror and you may see wrinkles or unruly facial hair, but beneath the superficial lies something far more interesting.

Every time you lock eyes with your reflection, you know exactly who is looking back at you. The sense of self is unmistakable. It is so much a part of being human we often fail to notice it.

It represents the peak of mental complexity - with the highest form of conscious

“Self-confidence is the best outfit, rock it and run it.”

# Impact of Climate Change on Cultural Heritage

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Cultural Heritage is an umbrella term for tangible and intangible aspects of society & culture that are valued. This includes monuments, groups of buildings and archaeological sites, as well as objects and collections and intangible cultural practices such as dance and storytelling. These forms of heritage shape individual and community identity, provide evidence for past events and contribute to wellbeing through engaging with them. Understanding the current challenges facing cultural heritage is important if it is to be conserved and passed onto future generations. Changes in temperature, precipitation and atmospheric moisture, and wind intensity, in addition to SLR, desertification, and the interaction between climatic changes and air pollution have been identified by the United Nations Educational Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as threats to cultural heritage, leading to the issuing of a policy document, stimulating a growing body of related research.



1. **Freeze-thaw Cycles:** During freezing, water held in porous materials increases in volume, causing internal stress. Although the freezing-thawing mechanism is projected to occur less frequently under climate change for most of India. In the far Central region of India, a warmer climate would allow temperatures to oscillate above and below the freezing point, endangering porous materials in archaeological sites and historical buildings.

2. **Thermoclastism:** Thermoclastism results from expansion and contraction of surface mineral grains due to thermal variations caused by seasonal variations and diurnal changes in air temperature and direct insolation, and can lead to micro-cracking and exfoliation of stones as well as erosion of building material surfaces.

3. **Change in Precipitation:** Water is the most important decay factor for all buildings and especially the historic environment. An increase in precipitation under climate change could lead to saturation of soils & overloading of gutters & downpipes, and hence a higher risk of damp penetration in historical materials, including masonry walls.

4. **Corrosion:** More precipitation, particularly in a warmer climate, increases the corrosion of metals and vitreous materials and the surface recession of carbonate stones for example limestone & marble. Corrosion is a chemical phenomenon that causes gradual deterioration of materials by the action of water, usually together with salt deposition (commonly chlorides).

5. **Biological degradation:** Changes in humidity influence the growth of microorganisms on stone and wooden heritage materials. Accordingly, a number of studies suggested that an increase in relative humidity in a warmer climate would aggravate biological degradation of cultural heritage.

6. **Chemical degradation:** Sulphur dioxide reacts with water molecules, it forms sulphuric acid. Sulphuric acid in turn gets precipitated through Acid rain. This acid rain damages the marbles of various cultural heritages like Taj Mahal at Agra. There was an old saying that, “the Taj Mahal is pinkish in the morning, milky white in the evening, and golden when the moon shines” but it is evident that this no longer is held true.

“No challenge poses a greater threat to future generations than climate change”

Ex-President of USA  
Barack Obama



# Recovering from COVID-19 Pandemic

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Coronavirus disease 2019 is a contagious disease caused by a virus, the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-COV-2). The first known case was identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. The disease spread worldwide like wildfire, resulting in the COVID-19 pandemic. It affected all the people in the world from different age groups and strata of society. Though its primary target was human health, it expanded its impact upon the multiple aspects of life. Due to the lethal and contagious nature of the virus, it resulted in the loss of millions of human lives and billions of capital.

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The pandemic was most challenging for the educators and students around the world. It posed several challenges in public and private schools which included rise in dropouts, learning losses and increase in digital divide. The pandemic also called into question the readiness of the systems, including teachers to address such a crisis. Due to the closure of all educational institutions, offline mode was switched to online mode to continue teaching learning process.

However, shifting from face-to-face class to online learning proved challenging for teachers, students and families due to lack of finance, skill, ICT infrastructure, internet access and educational resources. Also, the assessment and evaluation of students' performance in online learning was difficult particularly for technical competences and practical skills. Therefore, even if online teaching and learning is a good opportunity to enhance education it is still a challenge for some developing countries.

The global economic recession caused by COVID-19 pandemic came to be known as COVID-19 recession. The recession began in most countries in February 2020 and resulted in sharp rise in unemployment, 2020 stock market crash, collapse of tourism industry, collapse of small businesses, increase in government debt, increase in economic inequality between rich and poor, increased inflation etc. According to a survey by Dun & Bradstreet, a provider of commercial data, analytics and insights for businesses, over 82% of small businesses have experienced negative impact in India. India has been hit hard by the pandemic, particularly during the second wave of the virus in the spring of 2021 and the sharp drop in the GDP is the largest in the country's history. "This is the greatest emergency for the Indian economy since independence." said Raghuram Rajan, former RBI Governor. In India, the hardest hit sectors were agriculture and allied activities, manufacturing sector, financial market and institutions.

Today almost three years later, we in the midst of an asymmetric recovery. In some countries the situation has returned to normal while in some countries the virus remains difficult to control. But whether governments are actively managing outbreaks or returning to normalcy, economic recovery is central to their forward looking agenda. Without a broad-based economic expansion, it is difficult to address other challenges, such as education and healthcare. India has seen a healthy recovery in economic growth and corporate earnings in 2022. The post-covid recovery in India has been led by sectors such as digital infrastructure, services, healthcare, metallurgy and construction. During the survey by Dun & Bradstreet, the small business owners in India cited three most important support measures that they need to revive their businesses post pandemic as better, credit facility, better, marketing support and adoption of technology. According to an article published by PwC Global, the governments across the world can take many initiatives like increasing investment, increasing revenue, reducing cost, encouraging innovation and supporting workforce readiness for creating economic recovery and growth after COVID-19. The article further states that the centralized and local governments can focus on many factors as the primary drivers of economic recovery; invest locally, support industries that will drive economic recovery, protect local businesses from foreign competitors, promote exports, create an inclusive society and safeguard industries that are vital to national security.

The critical path to recovery and progress towards the sustainable development goals requires intensified actions to control the pandemic which first and foremost include rapid deployment of COVID-19 vaccines and mitigation of disruption in availability of essential health services to protect health gains. The path to recovery will require a renewed focus on building sustainable, resilient health systems based on the COVID-19 response. According to a report by KGMP international, there are five focus areas for strong recovery in healthcare system; accelerating digitally-enabled care transformation, improving workforce agility, innovating new models of care, implementing resilient operations through organizations collaboration and ensuring financial recovery.

Most developed and developing countries are trying to leverage technology to address their country's challenges. Under the Digital India initiative, the government of India has taken steps to boost digital education activities. NEP 2020 has emphasized that technology will play an essential role in improving educational outcomes. Few of the ICT initiatives for school education are eVIDYA Programme, DIKSHA, ePatshala and NISHTHA Programme. Some of the challenges related to technology solutions in education in developing countries are the lack of digital access to smartphones. According to ASER 2021 report, 68% of Indian private and government school students have access to smartphones. Hybrid learning initiatives are adopted and smart classrooms are implemented to blend conventional teaching methodology and modern day technology. These ICT initiatives will result in fruitful and uninterrupted learning during global emergencies like COVID-19 pandemic.

## Beautiful heart better than a fair complexion

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The face doesn't have to be beautiful but the heart should be beautiful. It is not necessary to have a beautiful face. It is important to have a beautiful heart. Your appearance does not tell your beauty. Your good behavior tells your beauty. Your beautiful face does not matter but what matters only is your beautiful character.

Now a days, people are so obsessed with fair complexion, that they reject the girl for marriage just because of her dark skin, whenever we read matrimonial advertisement it is really sad to see that everyone demands fair skin people. Beauty is not something about having pretty face, it is about having pretty soul, there are so many people who still lack this moral and run after appearance.

Every skin color has its own beauty and it perfectly suits us. What matters is we have a beautiful heart, we need to become good human being. We should not forget that outer beauty does not remain for last, it fades away with the time. It is something that will stay only for short period of time whereas inner beauty is eternal. So instead of giving preference to fair complexion just focus on inner beauty which provides us pleasure and satisfaction, inspiring us to perform good deed. A pretty face is nothing if you have a ugly heart.

APJ Abdul Kalam has once said, "I am not a handsome guy but I can give my Hand-to- Someone who needs help. Beauty is in heart, not in face."

# Online Education and its Dissemination

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Online education which is a building block of today's education structure, has not evolved overnight, but certain events have contributed significantly to its development and dissemination. Education becomes transformative when teachers and students synthesize information across subjects and experiences, critically weigh significantly different perspectives, and incorporate various inquiries. Educators can construct such possibilities by fostering critical learning spaces,

in which students are encouraged to increase their capacities of analysis, imagination, critical synthesis, creative expression, self-awareness intentionality. A byproduct of fostering such new approaches has been the creation of online courses developed in the United States and Worldwide at exponential speed.

The development of online courses in higher education doesn't happen overnight. The 2008 study by the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) found that the main factors influencing higher –education institutions to offer online courses included meeting students' demands for flexible schedules (68%), providing access to college for students who would otherwise not have access (67%), making more courses available (46%), and seeking to increase student enrollment (45%)(Prasad, Lewis, & Tice, 2008). Distance education originated in the United States in the 1800s when teachers and learners at the University of Chicago, who were at different locations, tried to connect through correspondence programs (Mclsaac & Gunawardena, Distance Education, Handbook of research for educational communication and technology: A project of the Association for Educational Communication and Technology, 1996). Years later, the development of radio as a communication medium during World War I opened the door for using that technology for distance education in colleges and schools such as the school of the Air established in Wisconsin in the 1920s (Mclsaac & Gunawardena, 1996). With the popularity of television in the 1950s, visual instruction became possible for the first time between teachers and students who were not in the same locations.

. As computer and emailing technology blossomed in the 1970s and 1980s, distance education began to expand dramatically. The first fully online course was offered in 1981, and the first online program was established by the Western Behaviour Sciences Institute in the following year (Harasim, Shift happens: Online education as a new paradigm in learning, 2000). In the mid –the 1980s, the first online undergraduate and graduate courses were offered through the then-new satellite technology, which greatly spurred still faster growth of distance education (Mclsaac & Gunawardena, 1996).

The advent of the World –Wide Web (WWW) in 1991 was a powerful catalyst for moving distance education forward and was a milestone in the rapid expansion and growth of online teaching and learning. Maloney-Krichmar and Abras in the "History of the emergence of online communities"(2003) stated that WWW "facilitated the widespread use of websites and the development of online community groups supported by web pages and various forms of communications software". Since then, colleges and universities both in the United States and around the world have offered not only just online courses but entire degree programs online as well.

The economic crisis degraded the U.S. economy in 2008, and the fragile U.S. economy has had great impacts on higher education in general, and on online education in particular. The largest complaint has been the budget cut on higher education. However, the economic downturn seemed good for online education. Allen and Seaman in "Changing course: Ten years of tracking online education in the United States"(2013) found in their survey that about three-quarters of the institutions reported, that the demand for online courses exceeded that for face-to-face formats. The reason for such an increase is twofold: 1) the lack of good jobs during the downturn caused more people to seek education. 2) due to the competition in workplaces, employed people sought education to improve and advance themselves. In 2013, about a 6.7%million (32%) of students took at least one online course at a higher education institution.

Educational institutions (schools, colleges, and universities) in India were based only on traditional methods of learning. Many academic units have also started blended learning, still, a lot of them were struck with old procedures.



The sudden outbreak of a deadly disease called Covid-19 caused by a Corona Virus (SARS-COV-2) shook the entire world. The World Health Organization declared it a pandemic. This situation challenged the education system across the world and forced educators to shift to an online mode of teaching overnight. The deadly and infectious coronavirus also known as Covid-19 has deeply affected the global economy, shaking the education sector as well. As social distancing was preeminent for that stage and schools and colleges were on verge of losing semesters and or even more for the future. So, the online system of education became imperative rather than a second option. Several arguments are associated with e-learning. Accessibility, affordability, flexibility, learning pedagogy, life-long learning, and policy are some of the arguments related to online pedagogy. It is said that the online mode of learning is easily available and can reach rural and remote areas. It is a cheaper mode of education in terms of the lower cost of transportation, accommodation, and overall cost of institution-based learning. The requirements for online education and learning are; therefore, the products by Google can be really useful for such problematic situations; Gmail, Google forms, Calendars, G-drive, Google hangouts, Google Jam Board, drawings, Google classroom, and Open Board Software (not a google product, but helps in recording meetings).

#### **Problem Associated with Online Teaching and Learning**

There is an infinite range of technologies but sometimes, they develop problems and issues. These issues may include downloading errors, issues with installation, login problems, problems with audio and video, and so on. Sometimes students find online teaching to be boring and unengaging. Online learning so much of time and flexibility that students never find time to do it. Personal attention is also a huge issue facing online learning. Students want two-way interaction which sometimes gets difficult to implement. The learning process cannot reach its full potential until students practice what they learn. Sometimes, online content is all theoretical and does not let students practice and learn effectively. Mediocre course content is also a major issue. Students feel that lack of community, technical problems, and difficulties in understanding instructional goals are the major barriers to online learning.

. A study, reveals students were also found to be poorly prepared for several e-learning competencies. Also, there is a low-level preparedness among the students concerning the usage of learning management systems.

#### **Possible solutions for problems**

Online courses should be made dynamic, interesting, and interactive. Teachers should set time limits and reminders for students to make them alert and attentive. Efforts should be made to humanize the learning process to the best extent possible. Personal attention should be provided to students so that they can easily adapt to this learning environment. Social media and various group forums can be used to communicate with students. Communication is the key when it gets difficult to try reaching out to students via texts, various messaging apps, video calls, and so on ---content should be such that enables students to practice and also hone their skills. The quality of the courses should be improved continuously and teachers must try to give their best. Online programs should be designed in such a way that they are creative, interactive, relevant, student-centered, and group-based. (Partlow & Gibbs, Indicators of Constructivist principles in internet-based courses.) Educators must spend a lot of time making effective strategies for giving online instructions. Effective online instruction facilitates feedback from learners, make learners ask questions, and broadens the learner horizon for the course content (Keeton, Best online instructional practice: Report of phase I of an ongoing study. Journal of Asynchronous Learning Networks, 2004). Institutions must focus on project-based learning through online instructions (Kim & Bond The Future of Online teaching and learning in higher education: The Survey says.)

Following such parameters would boon online education, and would create immense opportunity for accessibility of education to a vast majority. Online education is the need of the hour, so different ways and means need to be researched to improve the status of online education, for the holistic development of learners, and to have sprawling dissemination of education.

# Does a Teacher make a “Taught” or does a “Taught” make a Teacher?

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Mother is the child's first role model. Children behave, react and imitate same as their mother. Mother's lap is the first school of a child. This lap provides a child basic support and comfort. However, this support and comfort is not enough to mould a child. Therefore, the need for formal guidance and learning becomes necessary. For this purpose, a child has to undergo a proper schooling. School is the only place where all-round development of child takes place like physical development, mental development, and social development.

At school, a child is under the umbrella of a teacher. The teacher teaches the child A, B, C of life and the ways of this world. The teacher guides and develops his mentee to the extent that the “taught” becomes an individual; who can think on his own. Take decisions and differentiate between the good and the bad. Teacher is the only person who draws out the inner abilities of a child, and also gives proper direction to such abilities. Teacher is the first person from whom child learn his social skills in school. It is only a teacher who produces society doctors, engineers, and administrators etc. means teacher is really a hero and builder of nation.

So, why a difficult question? It's simple that the teacher makes a “taught”. But here is a debate; I do agree to the above answer but want to share the other part of the story. A teacher does make a “taught” but it's not always like that, rather at times it is a “taught” that makes a teacher. At times a “taught” guides the teacher and makes him learn what he had not, when he was a “taught” at his time. So a taught fills the gaps in the total learning process. Without the taught, learning is incomplete. I am thankful to God that I among many others have got this valuable opportunity of being taught by the taught.

So the answer to the above question is that, learning relationship between the teachers and the taught is reciprocal and thanks to reciprocity, which makes the learning of life complete.

## Poverty in India

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Poverty or the state of being poor is prevalent in every corner of India. A huge number of villages are present that are highly poverty-stricken. In addition, there are underdeveloped sections of the cities, which are filled with poor people. India has the world's largest number of poor people living in it. Out of its total population of more than one billion, 350 to 400 million people are living below the poverty line. Poverty in India can be classified into two parts namely rural poverty and urban poverty. Some states in India has much poverty namely Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Kolkata etc. Poverty mainly arises due to the huge population in India, which results in shortage of resources, employment opportunities, under development, infrastructure, and poor health. The caste system is another big reason for such unequal distribution wealth in the society.

Most people who are homeless are homeless for a reason, but is simply not accurate to say most have spent all their money on drugs or alcohol. If that is true for some people, but it is not true to say they still continue to take drugs now and many people who used to use drugs or now clean but can't job because they have on CV and (of course homeless). Many people, women especially are on the streets because of the sexual abuse. Many men are ex-service men cannot cope with civilian life. However, we cannot forget that every coin has two sides; there are remedial measures that help to cope with these situations like rapid economic growth, self-reliance, removal of unemployment, removal of inequalities elimination of poverty and modernization. It is our responsibility as citizens to empower our country. The government should take serious steps in generating awareness about such grave issues and by creating job opportunities, which would help to solve this problem to some extent.

# Lessons learnt from COVID-19 Pandemic

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COVID-19; corona virus disease or 2019 novel corona virus left all of us speechless. The virus mainly affects the lungs i.e. the oxygen supplying machinery of our body. The sudden outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic left all the countries in a state of crisis. The only option we were left with was to stay at home as to stay safe and away from the contact of virus. During the period of lockdown I carried maximum of my works at home and more of my time was left ideal for no other job but simply thinking. The main focus which as in my case I had to carry was, it demanded me to think more about the control of COVID-19. Awareness was being spread through all the means of multimedia, regarding COVID-19 and it was stated that the main emphasis should be laid on hand-washing and covering one's face and mouth. This made me think that my religion (Islam) also suggests the same, that we (the women) are asked to wear hijab and cover our face and body; which was so beneficial that hardly I ever realized.

Another aspect of focus was hand-washing, which was considered need of hour for all the individuals to stay away from virus. It again turned my thought back into my religion (Islam), which advices the Muslims to go for the Salah(prayer) 5 times a day and in order to perform the Salah, the obligatory thing one must do is the Ablution(wudu). Ablution, which is the important part of purity in Islam, includes washing one's hands, mouth, nose, face ,arms, head and feet with water. I learnt why not to practice the lesson, which will keep me not only close to Almighty but also protect me from COVID-19.

## Blank Pages

Blank Pages carry  
the most weightage.  
The weight of unspoken words,  
inarticulate grief,  
repercussions of  
cruelty, and inhumanity.  
Whether it speaks  
or stays silent.  
In both cases, it revolts.  
Silence; an aggressive protest  
Beyond  
any language's control.  
In the music of flipping  
sides of white sheets,  
I heard  
the rhythm of poetic verse.  
Beckoned me  
to hear their tale,  
but I,  
I snubbed their cry,  
and tried to fill  
these pages  
like a commercialized  
player.  
Staring at me  
with puzzling expressions,  
these pages  
spur me to question  
the shallow cage of my age,  
and rebellious ink  
halts  
me from penning  
down the letters.  
I am too numb  
to even  
desire the truth  
this static  
ink has to reveal.  
Maybe, it knows  
the truth  
of the written words;  
the deception and hoax  
of this illusionary world.  
Maybe, it has grasped  
the fact;  
words look pretentious  
for ages, and  
silence reveals  
the truth of all races.  
Should I continue  
to write?  
When blank page itself  
speak  
of its plight,  
the hypocrisy of the  
written lies  
and the blindness of  
the sight.

## Close your eyes and see

What you see when you  
close your eyes?  
Let me share what I see -  
'My Own Reflection'  
Visibility often makes us  
blind that darkness  
becomes an absolute  
necessity to make us  
realize-  
the importance of sight.  
Maybe that's what happens  
when we close our eyes.  
Our visibility improves,  
conscience speaks, becomes  
our judge  
weighing us on the scale  
of our deeds.  
We begin seeing the  
things we turned our  
eyes from.  
In that realm of invisibility  
where no friend and no foe  
exists.  
Everyone is one and we  
see our 'own self' in them.  
We meet all the forces  
with equal strength.  
You become my mirror  
and I see my own sense.  
Perhaps that's how we  
make our darkness visible.  
And rise above  
the animal fight.  
What we see in others  
is our own self and this  
realization is enough  
for our collective 'Self'.  
We see it when we are not  
blinded by our sight.  
So dear readers, what do you see  
when  
you close your eyes?

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# Campus festivities and celebration of national days.

## Tiranga Rally at BGSBU

Aug-13-2022

Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Rajouri, Under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Akbar Masood, celebrated Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign with gaiety and fervor.

Prof. Akbar Masood said that while we are celebrating the 75th year of Independence, the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign has turned out to be the biggest festival on the globe.

On the occasion, a Tiranga Rally was organised on the campus in which officers, faculty members, students, scholars and staff of the University participated. Prof. Akbar said that the rally has undoubtedly strengthened the spirit of patriotism and nationalism among the students, scholars, faculty and staff of the University. Prof. Akbar mentioned that our national flag instills a sense of patriotism, national pride and belongingness among the countrymen.

On the occasion, a plantation drive was also organised by the University in association with Govt. Departments. Saplings of various trees were planted on the occasion. Further, students and scholars presented patriotic songs to pay homage to the freedom fighters who laid down their lives for the freedom of our country. In ongoing celebrations, a one day national workshop on Teaching of Arabic language in Pir Panjaal Region of Jammu and Kashmir was also org raised. Renowned scholars of Arabic language from various parts of the country participated in the workshop. Further, a digital exhibition was also organised in connection with the Partition Horrors Remembrance Day to bring light on the pain, agony and suffering of millions of people who were the sufferers of the partition.

In another event, No to drugs pledge was also organised by the University in which, faculty, staff, and students participated. On the occasion, National flags were unfurled at all important locations inside the university campus. Moreover, all the important buildings viz Vice Chancellor's residence, Vice Chancellor's secretariat, Teaching Departments and hostels have been lit up in tricolor.



## BGSBU celebrated Independence Day

Aug-15-2022



Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University celebrated Independence Day with patriotic fervor and gaiety. The flag hoisting ceremony was held on the lawn of the Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat.

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor BGSBU received the guard of honor and unfurled the National flag. Prof. Akbar congratulated his fellow citizens on the eve of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Independence Day. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Akbar paid rich tributes to the freedom fighters who laid their lives in the struggle for India's Independence. Prof. Akbar said that this day reminds every Indian about the dawn of a new beginning, the beginning of an era of deliverance from the clutches of British colonialism for more than 200 years.

In his address, Prof. Akbar said that India is a great country and every Indian should be proud of this great nation. Prof. Akbar urged his fellow citizens to make the nation strong and vibrant. Prof. Akbar said that during 75 years of Independence, India has achieved a distinctive position on the globe and has emerged as one of the fastest economies in the world. He said that the India of today is much stronger and more vibrant and is on the path to becoming Vishav Guru.

Prof. Akbar said that on the 75th year of independence, under the leadership of PM Modi, we are celebrating the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. This Amrit Mahotsav is a pledge to build a vibrant and self-reliant India. Prof. Akbar mentioned that on the occasion of the 75th year of Independence, the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign has become the largest festival on earth.

He also urged the audience that we should always value our freedom and should have respect for our soldiers who are guarding the frontiers for our safety and security.

Dean Academic Affairs, Registrar, Deans of Various Schools, Heads of various departments, Faculty members, officers and staff of the university was present on the occasion.



## **BGSBU, College of Nursing, Rajouri Organizes Health Exhibition [‘IZLOZBA NAITUS-2022’].**

Sep-12-2022

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University inaugurated 'IZLOZBIA NAITUS-2022' a health exhibition organised by College of Nursing Rajouri.

On the occasion, Prof. Akbar Masood expressed his happiness over the overwhelming participation of the Nursing students in the exhibition.

He said these type of exhibitions are useful for the students to showcase their "knowledge, aptitude and skill". The exhibition will foster awareness regarding the latest developments and research in the field of health and medical education,' he said. While interacting with students, Prof Akbar Masood said that "Nursing is a noble profession and there is a bright future for the nursing students in the Country and abroad". Prof. Akbar said that this type of exhibitions would be useful for the students to showcase their knowledge, attitude and skills. He said that the exhibition will foster awareness regarding the latest developments and research in the field of Health and Medical Education.

More than 300 models (Still & working models) on different health related issues were displayed during the event. The Vice Chancellor congratulated Dr Titi Xavier, Associate Dean, School of Nursing & Biomedical Sciences and the faculty & students of the Nursing College for having organized the academic event.

The delegates present on the occasion included Prof. Iqbal Parvez, Dean Academic affairs, Mr. Mohd Ishaq, Registrar, Mr. Suneet Gupta, Joint registrar/OSD Nursing Colleges and faculty members. The programme was coordinated by Mr. S Manikandan, Ms. Vijayasree V Nair (Assistant Professors) and monitored by faculty members of the Nursing College.



## **Two Day Tech Fest Alfresco Fiesta organized by SoET**

Sep-14-2022

Two-day Tech Fest Alfresco Fiesta (The Engineer's Carnival) organised by the School of Engineering and Technology, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University began today.

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor of the University, inaugurated the fest. Prof. Akbar applauded the efforts of the students and faculty of SOET in organizing the event.

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## **BGSBU celebrated World Tourism Day**

Sep-27-22

Centre for Hospitality and Tourism, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University celebrated World Tourism Day.

On the occasion, a local food festival was organised followed by a cultural program.

Prof. Akbar Masood Vice Chancellor of the Varsity inaugurated the event. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Akbar said that the observance of World Tourism Day by organising various events can foster awareness of tourism's social, cultural and economic value and the contribution that Tourism can make towards reaching the Sustainable Development Goals. Prof. Akbar mentioned that the Pir Panjaal region has the huge potential to emerge as the most sought-after destination on the world tourism map and the promotion of community-based tourism can play a pivotal role in the socio-economic development of the region. Prof. Akbar applauded the efforts of the Centre in organising the event aimed at promoting the local food and culture. Prof. Akbar visited various local food stalls put up by the students. While complementing students for their wholehearted participation, Prof. Akbar advised them to promote the local tourism destinations and contribute to the socio-economic development of the region and the Country as a whole. On the occasion, students presented a colourful cultural program consisting of folk songs, folk dance, poetry and folk dance.



## Two days Annual cultural festival-22 organized by University Cultural and Literary Club

Sep-12-2022

To celebrate the creative talent of the Students of the University, Cultural and Literary Club, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University organised a two-day Annual Cultural Festival- 2022.

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor, BGSB University inaugurated the Two days ACF-2022 and presided over the inaugural session. In his address, Prof. Akbar expressed happiness over such cultural events which have the potency to enhance the cultural intervention on the campus for the benefit of all. Prof. Akbar said that "BGSB University promotes a diverse cultural environment and gives each student wings to pursue their interests beyond the academic field. The Annual Cultural Festival will be organised every year to provide students with a platform to showcase their talent". Prof. Akbar lauded the efforts of the University Cultural and Literary Club for organising the event.

More than 100 students will be participating in various categories including singing, dance, poetry, standup comedy face painting competitions.

Dr Danish Iqbal Raina, Convener UC& LC presented the welcome address. Dr Liyaqat Nayyer member, Coordinator Dept of Urdu and member UC& LC conducted the proceedings of the inaugural session. Dr Farkanda Ana proposed the vote of thanks.

Those who were present on the occasion included Registrar Mohd Ishaq, Dean SoET Prof. Asif Hussain, Joint Registrar Mr Suneet Gupta, Deputy Registrar Mrs Shabina Nazir, Heads of Various Departments Faculty members, officers and officials of the University, Students and research scholars of various departments.

Mr. Kamaran, a Student of the Department of Biotechnology bagged the first prize in the singing ( Solo ) competition whereas a team of students of Environmental Studies clinched the first position in singing ( Group ). A team of students from the Centre for Hospitality and Tourism got first prize in the group dance category whereas Ishrat Wani student of BVOC received first prize in the solo dance category. Mr. Mohd Umar Hayat of the Department of Urdu got first prize in poetry. Ajraz Khan of EVS received first prize in standup comedy and a team of students of EVS led by Mr Khurshid got first prize in the skit. Certificates of appreciation were also awarded to the volunteer and anchors of the event. Dr. Manzar Alam and Dr. Asif adjudged the events. The award-giving ceremony was conducted by Dr. Farkanda Ana.



## BGSBU celebrated Gandhi Jayanti

Oct-02-2022

In connection with Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University organised various events to pay homage to the father of the nation. Paying rich tributes to Gandhi Ji occasion on his 153rd birth anniversary, Prof. Akbar Masood Vice Chancellor of the University said that Mahatma Gandhi was one of the greatest world leaders and his ideas and views were able to withstand the test of time. Prof. Akbar said that the life and legacy of Gandhiji will continue to influence and inspire generations in India and the world.

On the occasion Centre for Hospitality and Tourism organised an essay competition on the theme ' the timeless relevance of Gandhian Vision'. Students from various departments of the University participated in the competition. Department of Mathematical Sciences organized a seminar on the topic " Truth and Non - Violence. Students and Faculty members participated in the seminar and presented their views on the theme. Department of Management Studies organised a debate, essay writing and painting competition on the theme of truth and non-violence. NSS Unit of the University along with the SBA cell organised a cleanliness drive on the campus.

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti Debate competition was held at Education Department, on the theme "Truth and Non-violence. Students from the different programmes of Education Department took part in the competition.

## Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University celebrated National Unity Day

Oct-02-2022

Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University celebrated National Unity Day with patriotic fervour. The event was held to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India.

On the occasion, Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor of BGSB University paid rich tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who was instrumental in keeping India united. Prof. Akbar said that the observance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas among a large number of students, faculty and staff of the University has provided an opportunity to reaffirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to stand united for the integrity and security of our country.

The occasion commenced with the pledge-taking ceremony in various teaching and non-teaching departments of the University. The pledge-taking ceremony was followed by the 'Run for Unity' organised by the University. On the occasion, a digital exhibition was also organised to make students aware of the great works of Sardar Patel and the importance to maintain the nation's unity.

On the occasion Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University employees besides other Offices / Departments viz Hon'ble Vice Chancellor's Secretariat, Registry, Examination and Finance Section took 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' pledge under the supervision of Mr. Mohd Ishaq, Registrar of the University.





## **BGSBU celebrated Constitution Day**

Sep-12-2022

Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Celebrated Constitution Day with patriotic fervor and gaiety. In the lawns of the Vice Chancellor's secretariat, the occasion was celebrated with all its solemnity in the presence of Prof. Akbar Masood the Vice Chancellor of the University. On the occasion, Prof. Akbar Masood administered

reading of the ' Preamble to the Constitution' first in Hindi and later in English with all the participants. The Vice-Chancellor also administered Pledge to uphold Fundamental Duties both in Hindi and English to all the participants present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Akbar said that Constitution Day is celebrated in our country on 26th November every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. On 26th November 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India, which came into effect on 26th January 1950.

A large number of participants including Prof. Iqbal Parwez Dean Academic Affairs, Mr. Mohd Ishaq Registrar, Deans, Associate Deans, HoDs, Faculty Members, officers, and students of the University were present on the occasion. The event was coordinated by Dr. Gourav Sehgal.



On the occasion, the NSS unit of the University distributed nutrition kits and hygiene kits among the students of two nearby Govt. Schools. On both occasions, students were informed about the value of nutritious food for their overall growth and development. Interactive sessions were organised with the teachers of the schools and community members regarding the need and importance of nutritious food for the school-going children. Tagline and slogan writing competitions were also organised in the University to educate students, faculty and staff regarding the need and importance of celebrating national nutrition week. Dr Parwez Abdullah, Programme Coordinator, NSS, coordinated the activities of the event.



## **BGSBU commemorated International Day for the elimination of violence against women**

Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University commemorated the international day of the elimination of violence against women.

Speaking on the occasion Prof . Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor, BGSBU University said that violence against women cannot be tolerated in any context. Prof. Akbar said that ending violence against women needs a multidimensional endeavor. It requires coordinated and sustained efforts from all of us across hierarchies in a professional and social setup.

A 16-day long program will feature important lectures and talks from faculty in different departments, Sensitisation workshops, street plays, poster/slogan/short film competitions, panel discussions, and other awareness programmes.

On the opening of an event organized by the Centre for Hospitality and Tourism in collaboration with the NSS Unit of the University two lectures were delivered by Dr. Mamta Bhat , Assistant Professor, Environmental Sciences and Dr. Shachi Sood, Assistant Professor Department of English.

On the occasion, a rally was also organized by the Internal Complaints Committee and NSS Women's Wing of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University . The students, faculty and scholars from various departments participated in the rally to show their solidarity and support for the victims of domestic, mental and sexual violence. Addressing the rally, Dr Romina Rashid, the Presiding Officer of the Internal Complaints Committee reiterated the awareness of constitutional rights given to women. Dr Pervaiz Abdullah, Coordinator of the NSS, emphasized the gathering to support women in times of adversity, especially during the violence. Present at the rally were Nabeela Nazneen, Ms. Mamta Chowdhary, Dr. Saima Aslam and Ms Rabiya Chowdhary.



## **Community Outreach**

### **NSS unit organized various events during National Nutritional week**

With the motive to intensify awareness of the importance of nutrition for health during nutrition week, the NSS Unit of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University organised various events regarding nutritional awareness among the community.

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor, BGSBU said that good health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being. Prof. Akbar mentioned the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.







# Glimpse of Sports and Physical Education In Campus





# Har Ghar Tiranga at BGSBU





# ترانہ بابا غلام شاہ بادشاہ یونیورسٹی راجوری

کلام: خورشید بسمل



دانش گہیہ بابا کا ایک طرفہ نظارہ ہے  
اس نور کے مرکز کا ہر ذرہ ستارہ ہے  
رحمت کی فضا دیکھوں جس سمت نظر جائے دنیا بھی سنور جائے، عقبی بھی سنور جائے  
یہ باغِ ارم کس نے دھرتی پہ اتارا ہے  
دانش گہیہ بابا کا ایک طرفہ نظارہ ہے  
مزدور بھی ہم اس کے، معمار بھی ہم اس کے اللہ کے کرم سے ہیں سالار بھی ہم اس کے  
اس کا تو ہر ایک ذرہ ہمیں جان سے پیارا ہے  
دانش گہیہ بابا کا ایک طرفہ نظارہ ہے  
درپائے محبت کو رکھ اس میں رواں دائم توحید و رسالت کی ہو اس میں فضا قائم  
سُن لے تو صدا مولا یہ ہم نے پکارا ہے  
دانش گہیہ بابا کا ایک طرفہ نظارہ ہے  
پرچم تری عظمت کا لہراتا رہے برسوں آزاد فضاؤں میں بل کھاتا رہے برسوں  
یہ راحت جاں اپنا، یہ آنکھ کا تارا ہے  
دانش گہیہ بابا کا ایک طرفہ نظارہ ہے  
یہ عزم ہمارا ہے جس سمت بھی جائیں گے سب درد کے ماروں کو سینے سے لگائیں گے  
دُنیا کو بدل دینگے، پیمان ہمارا ہے  
دانش گہیہ بابا کا ایک طرفہ نظارہ ہے







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