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‘Entrepreneurship/Business Plan’ Contest

Editor’s Note

Dear Readers,

The November/ December issue of the SU Chronicle highlights some of the events and activities that were held during the two months. Each of these events that were organised have helped in creating some awareness has been helpful in creating a learning environment.

The community- based cultural programme that was organised by SUSA was a very vibrant and colourful one. The students showcased the ethnic dances and dresses of different communities of Sikkim and some parts of India. The day long programme that was organised at the Cauveri Hall of the University brought together students of different ethnic backgrounds to realise the importance of being different yet stand united.

I hope you enjoy reading.

Kunjini Prakash Darnal

The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (IED) Cell of Sikkim University organised an Entrepreneurship/Business Plan Contest at Cauveri Hall on 5th November 2018. The aim of the event was to showcase the entrepreneurship potential and skills of the students of various departments of the University through their planned projects. The projects were displayed by the participants for interaction with the audience.

The event was inaugurated by the Honourable Vice- Chancellor Prof. Avinash Khare in the presence of officers, faculty members and students of various departments of the University. Ten teams participated in the contest comprising of two members each from the departments of Mass Communication and Geology and six from the department of Computer Applications.

The first prize was bagged by Tushar Gogoi, Moon Moon Das and Abhijeet Sarmah for the project “Energy Demand Reduction and Minimising Climate Change Impact on Buildings Using earth Air Heat Exchanger” from the department of Geology, followed by Biky Chowhan and Keshang Sherpa for the project “Training and Placement Cell” from the department of Computer Applications and the third prize by Roshan Kumar Sharma and Ashish radhan for the project “Steganography Using Images- An Approach to Improve Data Security” from the department of Computer Applications.

The contest was judged by Dean School of Professional Studies Dr. Abhijit Dutta, Dr. Amitabha Bhattacharya Associate Professor and Head of Department of Physics, Dr. Dhaniraj Chhetri Associate Professor and Head of Department of Botany and Dr. Sandhya Thapa Associate Professor Dept. of Sociology.

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ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY SUSA

Sikkim University Students' Association (SUSA) is charged with representing the students of the University and it endeavours to promote, develop and provide educational activities and assist with academic deliberations. It also seeks to promote social, cultural sporting and recreational activities, forums and other rhetorical activities to enhance the student life. It aims at cultivating an environmental consciousness for the conservation of nature.

In the light of the aims and objectives of SUSA, it organised many activities some of which are listed below.

On 29th September 2018 SUSA organised an interactive session with an International NGO- Initiatives of Change at Cauveri Hall. The session witnessed deliberations from the IOFC volunteers from Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Maharashtra and Nagaland. IOFC is a non-governmental organisation based in Caux, Switzerland. Its first President was Cornelio Sommaruga, the former President of the International Committee of the Red Cross. He was succeeded by Mohamed Sahnoun the former senior advisor to the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan. The vision of IOFC is to make a peaceful and sustainable world to which everyone responds to the call of conscience and makes their unique contribution.

Volleyball tournament was jointly organised by the University Sports Board and SUSA from 26th to 28th October 2018 at Sikkim Manipal University Volleyball Court. Students from various departments of the University participated in the event with much enthusiasm. Among the boys, the winners were from the Department of Chemistry and amongst girls the winners were from the Department of Lepcha.

On 11th November 2018 the SUSA had organised an Inter College Photography Exhibition cum Competition. There were two categories for competition- Professional Camera Photography and Mobile Camera Photography. The participants could compete under any one of the themes for the competition which were- Different Problems of the Society and Natural Diversity of Eastern Himalayas.

On 1st November 2018 SUSA organised a screening event for "Uthan". Uthan Youth Parliament is a platform where students from across the country come together to interact, argue, debate upon and share their opinions and express their views through photography, video-graphy or verbally on the given topics/ issues of national importance to help in achieving a congenial environment for all. It intends to tackle various issues and problems faced by the people of our country through proper display and discussions that might lead to reform the policies and involvement of young artists and thinkers along with the authorities involved in the law making process. The programme provides for a platform to the students to represent their institutions at the national level and also to showcase their talents. Apart from winning cash prizes, students will also get an opportunity to work closely with eminent Parliamentarians, IAS and IPS officers. The work done by the students is found relevant and satisfactory can lead the authorities in recommending the same to other committees for close examination and implementation.

With an intention to provide for a platform to the students of Sikkim University the students shall participate in the "Uthan Youth Parliament" to be held at Delhi University between 19th-20th January 2019.



Three Days' National Workshop on "Emerging Trends in Information Technology in University Management"

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A National Workshop on Emerging Trends in Information Technology in University Management was jointly organised by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) New Delhi and Faculty of Science ICFAI University Tripura during December 1st to 3rd 2018. The event with one of the most important contemporary topics in the domain of information technology applications in the educational sectors witnessed the active participation of a total of 28 University officials from reputed universities and institutes from across India.

The workshop was inaugurated by the Pro- Vice- Chancellor of ICFAI University Tripura Shri Biplab Halder in the presence of the Chief Guest Shri Sudip Roy Barman, Honourable Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology and Environment, Industry and Commerce, PWD, Govt. of Tripura and Dr. Amarendra Pani, Deputy Director, Research Division, AIU.

In the first technical session Dr. Satish Zende, Business Account Manager, Digital University Business Development Programme MKCL Pune presented Student Life Cycle Management System, Digital University Framework, Discussion on Best Practices in University Management System. Dr. Zende also demonstrated Secured Remote Question Paper System, Accreditation Framework- Make up to build- up approach, paper less administration- WFMS, Ph.D Student Life Cycle Management System.

The second day of the workshop started with a technical session which was delivered by Mr. Samrat Mukherjee, Head, Bigdata Practice, Digital and Enterprise Transformation Business Unit, TCS Kolkata. The session focused on advanced digital trends in the IT Industry Pillars of Big Data Volume Scale Data, Velocity Pace of Data, variety data formats and big data characteristics. He also described Cloud Computing as the transformation of computer hardware, software and networks in to a utility just like the electric company, water or gas company.

In the next technical session Mr. Rajagopal Yadavalli, Founder and MD Winnou Systems and Services (P) Ltd. focused on the ERP system of ICFAI University Tripura, the process of sending bulk messages to students, simplified process of registering the students, feedback system for both the students and the employees and on providing attendance in the classroom.

On the second day of the workshop a visit to Agartala city post lunch for all the participants and resource persons who were accompanied by the co- ordinator and his team from ICFAI University Tripura. The third and the final day of the workshop started with a talk by Mr. Nilkamal Dey Purkayastha, Scientist-C, National Informatics Centre (NIC) Tripura. He discussed on the latest developments in various institutions with advanced flexible IT applications. His main areas of focus were on Free Open Source Software Systems, some useful open source tools for development, deployment and implementation of application software. In the next technical session Dr. Prasenjit Dasgupta, Professor, FMS, ICFAI University Tripura highlighted the significance of application of information technology in management studies. Dr. Dasupta spoke on strategic management as a general process of continuous planning, monitoring, analysis and assessment to achieve its goals and on the importance of monitoring the effectiveness of the performance under certain indicators which help in guiding the organisation to determine whether they are going in the right direction or is there a need to change the direction. The workshop conclude with the valedictory session.



Community Based Cultural Programme

The Sikkim University Students' Association (SUSA) organised a "Community Based Cultural Programme" on 3rd November 2018. Sikkim University is an example of the phrase "Unity in Diversity" as students from different parts of the country are studying here and have lived together in harmony. Each student represents a set of cultural values and tradition that need to be appreciated. In an endeavor to highlight the cultural diversity of the University the SUSA organised a cultural event in which they also welcomed the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Avinash Khare. The programme witnessed many dance performances of various communities of Sikkim and the other states of India.

