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TEDx event comes to MUJ

The TEDx team hosted its first ever TEDx event at MUJ on 18th -19th November, 2016. The aim was at bringing individualistic minds at a platform to explore rooted understanding of human intelligence into various forms that stimulate audience to imagine and think big.

The TEDx Manipal University Jaipur had 11 speakers of various domains. The talks will be edited and hosted over the official website of TEDx and its official YouTube channel for global responses. The key speakers in the talks were, namely Mr. Abid Surti, Mr. Khurshed Batliwala, Mr. Shifuji S.Bharadwaj, Mr. Chander S. Sibal, Mr. Dhiren Kanwar, Karl Katgara, Mr. Punit Pania, Ms. Taran Marwah, and Team Heuristics. The event commenced with sapling plantation to indicate growth and symbolism. The chief guest for the event was Professor Sandeep Sancheti, the President,



Manipal University Jaipur. Dr. Sumit Srivastava coordinated the event and Pranjal Awasthi Licensee for the event, acted as convener of the event.

Talk on Harnessing Big Data

On 25th November, the IEEE Student and School of Computing & IT organized an expert talk on Data Science/Engineering-Analytics and its increasing contribution towards growth. Prof. K. Subramanian, member of the Quality Council of India for Accreditation of the Technical Skills required for IT/ITeS industry and Shri Nishith Seth, secretary EISSA were key speakers in the event.

The expert talk expounded upon the role of Big Data in fueling the growth-economy of emerging nations and presented cases pertaining to India. Examples of forward-looking organizations harnessing Big Data in creative ways to achieve unprecedented value and competitive advantage were discussed at large. Besides, the talk also outlined the highlights of the US report on Analytics 2016, which is adaptable to all nations for growth and sustainable development.

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Happy New Year 2017

Resolution for 2017

Dear Readers, By the time the next issue of this magazine will be in your hand, year 2016 would have been departed with all its sweet and bitter memories and the morning glory of the year 2017 will be there to embrace you with open arms. I am sure by then you would have taken some resolutions also for the time to come in the coming year.

Anyway, this is an appropriate time to have a glance over the year about to depart and give a serious thought about our resolutions and the goals decided for this year and the dreams we saw in the morning of the departing year. This is also a time as well to make an honest assessment of our success and the failure in that respect. Once the famous Russian philosopher and thinker Gurdjieff was on a visit to a small town of Tylis with his students. Students were surprised to see that the entire town was like in a deep sleep. Shopkeepers were doing their Business in trance, the buyers doing their purchase in trance. Workers and citizens were also in trance. One of the pupils asked the teacher, "strange, everyone is in trance. But I really do not understand the reason because I visited the town three months back, the scene was not like that. Everything was normal." Gurdjieff answered "You were in trance at that time. Today you are awakened. When you were sleeping, these all were also sleeping, but appeared awakened to you. Same way, when you are awakened today, they appeared sleeping to you."

This trance is not different if we talk about our teacher colleagues in this reference. We look at the students every day but fail to understand their sensibilities. As if we are in a routine trance - we perform our duties as a routine machine like habit. Coming out of the house, find a good road to walk, sit at the high level at the workplace, work in a luxurious office, coming, going, etc. are performed in a trance. We all are well aware that young minds are like fertile land and if we seed good ideas, they result will be wonderful, but we overlook our responsibility, I must say, sometime, deliberately. Arnold Toynbee, in his book *Surviving the Future* advising the young

people says, "keep up the vigor of your youth till your death, but it is sad to see that most of the young people are rebellious in the beginning and then with growing age their revolt fades out and start doing same thing against whom they were fighting". Does it not appear to be our own reflection?

Famous Greek philosopher and teacher Socrates often used to talk with his disciples. Use to organize seminars and meeting to discuss the meaning of life and the duties. He was well aware about the fact that the young minds are like fertile land. Rulers of Athens were bit scared of Socrates since they knew that he was capable enough to plant good ideas in the young mind. But we lack it today. There is no scarcity of thinking minds in the young generation, but the people willing to plant good ideas in them are rare. There are plenty of evidences, when young people have done miracles, which were beyond our imagination. But today, how many people in art, music, literature and sciences are making an honest effort to explore the new talents. I admire Henry Miller, who once said that I salute every tiny plant coming out of the ground. Likewise, every young person has the possibility to become a banyan tree. Talent exists everywhere whether it is area of art, music, literature or the politics and science. But the question is that do we provide them an opportunity to grow?

Young person must have the courage and strong will to fight against the injustice. I remember the words of famous Hindi poetess Mahadevi Varma that only that country could be termed strong whose young generation is capable to opt to die for the country, which has dreams for the future.

There cannot be a better resolution for the coming year if we give a serious thought as what are the conditions which deviate the young generation from their objects and make them impatient and indisciplined.

Welcome 2017 with this Resolution!!!

-Ravi Chaturvedi

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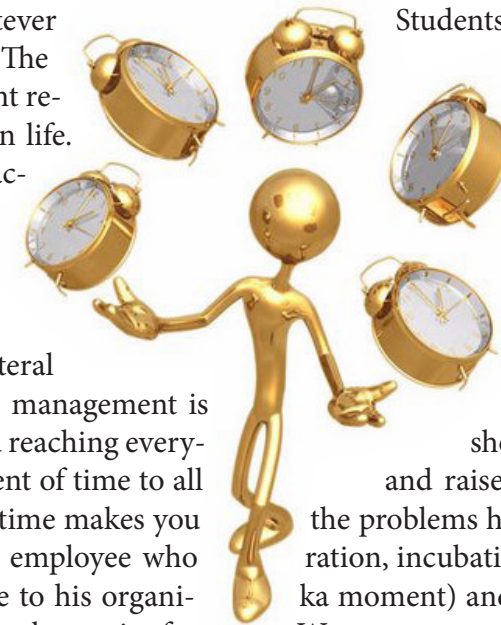
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Time management and lateral thinking

Strive for excellence in whatever you do or wherever you go in life. The whole idea of personality development revolves around achieving excellence in life. Students should deliver their best in academics for the best career options. Teachers must help the students improve their personalities and make them more capable.

Time management and lateral thinking is the key to success. Time management is not only following the time limits and reaching everywhere on time, but its proper allotment of time to all activities of life. Perfect allotment of time makes you achieve the desired goals in life. An employee who manages his time well, can add value to his organisation. Proper time management is the key trait of a successful person.

Reading is another important habit a person must strive to inculcate. It imparts vibrant ideas and creativity. Most of the successful people have the habit of reading, it adds value to their work and personality.



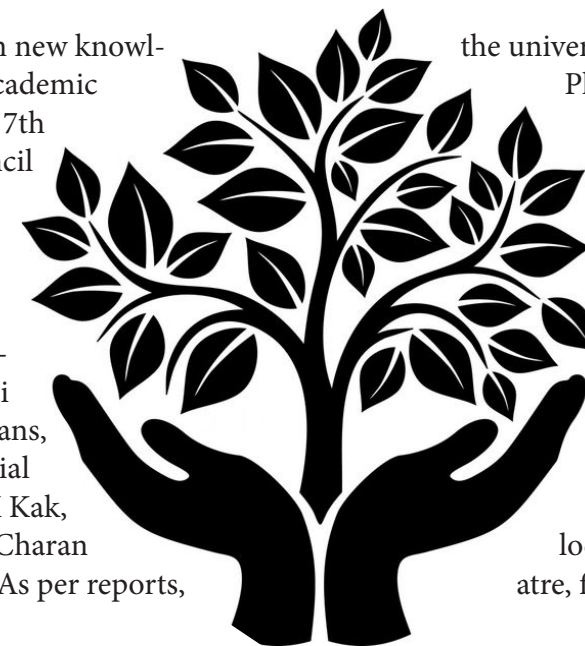
Students should be aware of current affairs and news. They must spend time in reading other than Facebook and Twitter. A voracious reader only can think laterally, which is very crucial for problem solving approach.

Incubation centres and start-ups can upgrade the standards of research in any institution. Innovative ideas and approaches can be promoted through start-ups. The students should be motivated to give new ideas and raise questions. Conceiving the answer to the problems helps to promote research ideas. Preparation, incubation, intimation, illumination (the eureka moment) and verification are the steps of research. We must promote good ideas. Ideas come and go back very quickly. So, the ideas should be shared and noted down. We must take feedback for ideas and promote lateral thinking.

From the desk of Prof. N.D. Mathur,
Head, Dept. of Economics, MUJ

MUJ Plans to Widen Knowledge Horizons

MUJ has proposed to open new knowledge streams in its 17th Academic Council meeting held on 17th December, 2016. The council has approved new courses of physical education, applied economics and theatre arts. The meeting was presided by MUJ President Prof. Sandip Sancheti and attended by all the Deans, Directors, HODs and special invitees including Prof. SK Kak, former VC of Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut. As per reports,



the university will initiate Bachelors program in Physical Education which is expected to provide an opportunity to study a wide range of sports events in a systematic manner. Master's program in Applied Economics, which is yet to be a regular part of the main stream education, is also in the pipeline and is expected to explore the application of economics in various aspects of life and society of the country. Diploma program in Theatre Arts is also expected to fulfill the long term need of the state of Rajasthan for inculcating the local talent for finding opportunity in theatre, films and other related areas.

Expert Talk on Physical Design VLSI

Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering at MUJ held an expert Talk on “Physical Design VLSI” on Nov. 22, 2016. The expert for the talk was Mr. Gaurav Ganeriwal, who is Application Consultant at Synopsys EDA Software Pvt. Ltd. He discussed the innovative practices in the field of VLSI and various aspects of physical design. The talk was attended by the university research scholars and faculty members. They also discussed various issues about physical design with Mr. Ganeriwal and found solutions to their queries.

First General Body Meeting of Economic Trivia

The very first general body meeting of MUJ's Economics Club, Economics Trivia was held on 22nd November, 2016. The meeting was followed by a discussion on Demonetization. All the club members and faculty members of the Department of Economics enthusiastically participated in the discussion. Professor (Dr) N.D. Mathur was invited as the Guest to review the discussion.

The main idea behind this discussion was to explain the impact on Indian economy in general and black money in particular.

Faculty members' viz. Dr. K.K.Gaur, Dr. Mahendra Parihar, Dr. Pallavi Tak, Dr. Aparna Makkar, Dr. Oum Kumari, Dr. Shilpi Gupta, Dr. Manas Roy and Ms. Varuni Sharma were present in the discussion. In the end, Pro-



fessor N. D. Mathur concluded the discussion how India follows largely a cash economy system and suggested that a cashless economy system can control Indian economy corruption.

Recent Advances in Communication Technologies

Electronics & ICT Academy, MNIT Jaipur and Department of ECE, Manipal University Jaipur organized an intensive one-week training programme from 28th November-3rd December, 2016 for faculty of engineering and technological institutions. It was also open to persons from industry and doctoral students of Indian organizations. The objective was to provide an exposure to the participants to the state-of-the-art in recent trends & developments in communication technologies through interaction with experts from academic CFTI institutions. Prof. Manav Bhatnagar (IIT Delhi), Dr. Manish Mathew (CEERI Pilani), Dr. Buryy Oleh Anatolievych/Prof. Ubizskii Serhij (LNPU, Ukraine) and experts from MNIT Jaipur, LNMIIT Jaipur, Manpal University shared their



views with participants. The technical program included finely grounded lectures, hands-on lab sessions, tool demonstrations, and discussion/presentation sessions.

24th State Level Children's Science Congress

Manipal University Jaipur (MUJ) organized 24th State Level Children's Science Congress in association with Department of Science and Technology, Rajasthan on December 4-5, 2016. The Science Congress is an annual program of National Council for Science and Technology Communication, DST, Govt. of India. The program was inaugurated at MUJ campus on December 4, 2016 by Smt. Nivedita Mehru (IAS, Director, DST, Govt. of Rajasthan) and Prof. Sandeep Sancheti, President, MUJ.

Many students and teachers from various schools of Rajasthan participated in the event. Smt. Nivedita and Prof. Sancheti motivated the school children to share and present their innovative ideas and express curiosity at this platform in pursuit of better career choices and overall development of the country. Prof. B. K. Sharma, Dean, Research and Innovation, Prof. G. C. Tikkiwal, Dean, Faculty of Science and Prof. Vandana Suhag, Registrar,



MUJ also shared their views on children education and career options in science and technology. The different teams of school children presented around 92 innovative projects in the congress which were judged by DST Rajasthan invited experts.

Conference on Information System Security

Manipal University Jaipur and MNIT Jaipur jointly organized 12th International Conference on Information System Security (ICISS-2016) from 16th-20th December, 2016. One day pre-conference tutorials and inauguration ceremony of the conference was held at scenic campus of Manipal University Jaipur on December 17, 2016. ICISS-2016 vision is to encourage people from academia, industry and government addressing theoretical and practical problems in information and systems security and related areas.

The conference was inaugurated by chief guest Dr PK Saxena, Scientific Consultant (Cyber Security, PMO Govt. of India and Ex-Director, DRDO - Scientific Analysis Group) followed by invited talk on “Symmetries to Secure Large Legacy Software” by Dr. Jeremias Saucedo, Chief Technology Officer, EnSoft Corp, USA (Co-PI on the DARPA Space/Time Analysis for Cyber security program, USA). The tutorials and program were attended by guest of honour Prof. Y. Uday Kumar (Director MNIT, Jaipur), Guest of honour Prof. Sandeep Sancheti (Pres-



ident, MUJ), Conference Co-Chair Prof. Inderjit Ray (Professor, Colorado State University) and Prof. Mauro Conti (Padua University, Italy), Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi (Professor, IIIT Delhi), other international dignitaries, faculty members of MNIT & MUJ and participant of the conference from around the world.

Re-Learning to be Human for Global Times

Department of Arts (Philosophy), School of Humanities and Social Science, MUJ is organizing a two day National Seminar on 'Re-Learning to be Human for Global Times: The Cross Culture Way'. The Conference will be held from 26-27 December, 2016. Eminent scholars in cross-cultural studies, from India and abroad, are expected to deliberate on the theme of the Seminar. The Seminar is sponsored by ICPR, New Delhi, and is organized in association with CRVP, Washington, DC, USA.

The Seminar would explore a cross-cultural orientation and enterprise in different areas of human life under 15 sub themes such as Intercultural Philosophy, Interspace Hermeneutics, Technology in an Intercultural Perspective, Cross-Cultural Aesthetics, Cross-Cultural Economics, and others.

Speaking about the Seminar, Dr. Anthony Savari Raj, Head, Dept. of Arts, MUJ, said, "A proper understanding of culture becomes crucial in the present day.

Culture is not just one more dimension of society, alongside the economy, politics, science, technology, philosophy, religion, law, aesthetics, and so on. Culture is the very ground on which the humans walk and conduct their life journey. It is the existential reality of peoples and communities in a society in which economics, politics, religion, etc. are different "cultural areas." Therefore, if an innovation is suggested or brought about in any of these cultural areas in a cross-cultural way, it would really and naturally contribute to the re-learning to be human."

He further adds that, "The re-learning, therefore, is an intercultural task. In our contemporary cross-cultural human situation, the mutual fecundation of cultures has become the cultural imperative and in this new situation, cultures do influence each other. Hence, a positive symbiosis is possible, through a mutual dialogue and criticism. The cross-cultural way, therefore, seems to be the way forward."

Sports is vital for overall development

Manipal University Jaipur is organizing a 3 days International Conference on "Emerging Trends in fitness and Sports Science" on 5th -7th January 2017. The aim of the conference is to provide a platform to academicians, physical educationists, sports scientists, nutritionists, psychologists, physiotherapists, coaches, yoga experts, policy makers and research scholars to share their rich experiences towards the promotion of physical education and sports to create awareness for healthy and physically active life style. This will be the 2nd International Conference in the field of Physical Education and Sports Science in Rajasthan. Around 600 national and international participants are expected to attend this conference.

Undoubtedly such kind of international meet within the university institutions will prove a great motivating force to promote sports values and encourage sports practice in harmony with and complementary to the university spirit. Promoting sports values means encouraging friendship, fraternity, fair-play, perseverance, integrity, cooperation and application amongst students,

who one day will have responsibilities and even key positions in politics, the economy, culture and industry. They will also learned how to collaborate and deal with every eventuality, whilst respecting the ethical code enshrined in these values.

Promoting sports values and sports practice also implies giving a new dimension to the university spirit in study, research, and discipline, through the strong affirmation of the full humanist development of the individual and of society at large.

Now, the university has a much awaited sports policy, which has attracted several sports personalities to join MUJ as students and is expected to attract more, she added. This is to underline that two national archery champions are pursuing their study of M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication at MUJ.

Dr. Rina Poonia, Sports In-Charge, MUJ
Based on an interview by Yogita Swami

