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MUJ gets UGC approval

UGC expert Committee has accepted the compliance submitted by MUJ in respect of the observations and suggestions given by the UGC. The Compliance Verification Committee has approved the recommendation of the committee in its 520th meeting on 14th, December, 2016. MUJ has fulfilled the criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability as laid down by regulatory body.

Prof. Sandeep Sancheti, President, MUJ announcing the approval said, "I am pleased to announce that UGC has accorded the approval to MUJ for fulfilling its norms and standards. I am thankful to all of you and our Management for their support and efforts in making it possible."

It can be reminded that the UGC expert committee visited MUJ in the month of August, 2016. The three day long visit included inspection of required documents relating to academics & management. In addition to this, The UGC

committee interacted with the faculty and the students. Subsequently it was felt that the expert committee was extremely pleased with the working-style, management-style and the infrastructure of MUJ.

Since its establishment in 2011, the university is gaining ground as one of the prominent university in the country.



School of Media and Communication, MUJ ranked 5th among 10 most promising Media and Communication Institutes

Higher Education Review, a leading journal of Bangalore has selected "10 Most Promising Media and Communication Institutes" of the country on the basis of representing themselves through their performance-oriented curriculum, teaching methodology, infrastructure and most importantly through industry collaboration and practical exposure during the training period. School of Media and Communication of MUJ stands Fifth in the list, while St. Xavier's College, Mumbai at 9th place and Symbiosis Institute of Media & Communication is placed 10th.

The School has been rated at this place on the basis of its unique integrated program in media studies, which is a

combination of the right blend of computer application skill as well as a firm background in social, behavioral, and policy science. HER team has rightly endorsed the philosophy of SMC saying "The mission of communication is to develop a concept of 'well-informed global society' through active participation, in any capacity, to mediate between the public knowledge of policies for human society and creators or moderators of the policies."

Entire teaching fraternity of MUJ has expressed its happiness for this great achievement and has wished for many more such laurels to the MUJ. Undoubtedly, this is a boost to the faculty and the students of SMC.

Editorial:

Delayed Happy New Year to all our readers!!!

Never mind, there are several things to feel happy even at this moment.

The season started with two wonderful credits to Manipal University Jaipur. First thing first- the university got the long awaited University Grants Commission (UGC) approval. Of course, it cannot be considered a feather in the cap, but this is a procedural essentiality for strong footing in the system of the higher education prevailing in the country. Manipal University Jaipur successfully crossed the barrier after a long series of herculean exercises in respect of setting academic excellence, innovative research, administrative efficiency, infrastructural facilities, better placement opportunities, etc. and the repeated rehearsals of every aspect for a foolproof presentation of entire university. Nevertheless, it will not be wrong to say that the entire exercise produced fruit because of vibrant and motivating leadership of the President of the University, Prof. Sandip Sancheti. Entire university community has a valid reason to feel proud of its leader. The efficient execution of the plan is another part of the exercise performed in an accurate and meticulous way by the Registrar Prof. Vandana Suhag. Well, the story of the success is always written by the silent workers, which were numerous in every nook and corner of the campus, proactive under the imaginative and farsighted command of the leaders.

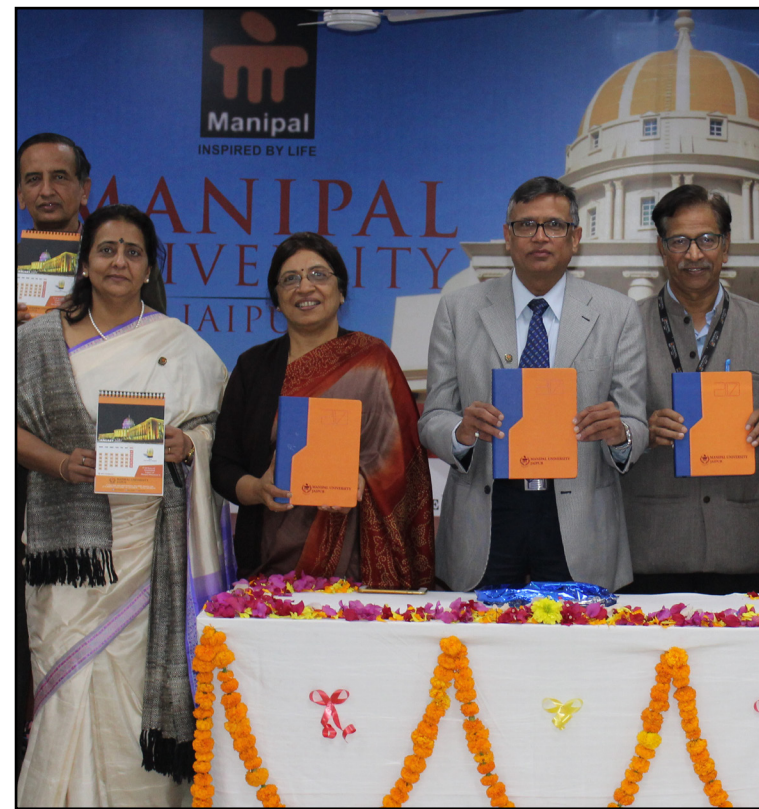
The UGC approval might be a routine and normal procedure in higher education but this was important for MUJ, as underlined several times by several education experts that the mark of quality in higher is shifting from government controlled universities towards the private universities. However, this is also a well known fact the education at the higher level doesn't progress if there is an outside control. Accountability is another factor of research and creativity, which should come within inside of the institution. There are several private universities in the country, which are directly controlled and steered by their owners on day-to-day basis, hence turning into the centers of commercial activities, rather than an academic and creative institution. Fortunately Manipal University Jaipur, following its long legacy, has provided full academic and creative freedom to its various teaching schools and the departments. The

working freedom of an individual teacher also matters a lot to produce innovative result in academics, which is a rare feature these days, but the MUJ has given this freedom to its faculty, with a sense of collective responsibility.

Secondly, the School of Media and Communication is placed in the top ten institutions of the country in the field of media and mass communication studies. In a recent survey of various media and mass communication institutes of the country conducted by the Higher Education Review, a Bangalore based magazine has given this rank on the basis of representing themselves through their performance-oriented curriculum, teaching methodology, infrastructure and most importantly through industry collaboration and practical exposure during the training period. It is reason of feeling more delighted that the institutions like Symbiosis at Pune, St. Xavier at Mumbai and Mudra Communication Institute at Ahmadabad are placed far below MUJ - a real challenge for the entire school to maintain the standards.

-Ravi Chaturvedi

MUJ Calendar 2017 release function



MUJ is open for good cinema



MUJ, as the co-host of the 9th Version of the Jaipur International Film Festival revised its commitment for promoting the good cinema. Speaking at the co-production meet on 9th January 2017, Prof. Sandip Sancheti, President of MUJ assured the film makers to extend all possible support for promoting good and meaningful cinema. He invited the renowned film personalities during the co-production meet to shoot their films in MUJ campus and also to use the available talent of the university.

Several film makers of international cinema appreciated the gesture of the MUJ offered to them. Mr. Ansgar Ahler and Ms. Petra Terzi of Germany, Greece and Cyprus proposed to make their film in coming session in MUJ in collaboration with the School of Media and Communication. Los Angeles based film maker Justin Connor also expressed her interest to collaborate with MUJ for his upcoming Indo-US project in terms of using the location and the actors. Several eminent film maker like Singeetam Srinivasa Rao (director of silent movie Pushpak), Southern super star Ashok Selvan, Bruno Obinna (veteran Nigerian actor), actor Filip Pawel Kosior from Poland, Mr. Sadam

Wahidi, director from Afghanistan were among more than 75 persons.

According to the noted film maker of South India and former chairman of an Oscar Committee Mr. Hariharan, this coproduction meet was a great success. He said "I never seen in India like this co-production meet, well planned and well managed". The success of the meet could be assessed with the fact that the film makers from USA, Spain and India finalized various projects worth more than 30 crore.

Films like BEING THERE by Thomas Luechinger of Switzerland, Jamshid Aria by Arsha Aghdasi of Iran, NAGALAND IS CHANGING by Gurmeet Sapal if India among others were much appreciated by the audience. Dirty Roses by Petra Terzy is humanitarian docudrama and deal with the power of the soul of the disabled persons and individuals of families who come from the Arab world in Greece as war or economic or political refugees. Petra Terzi is the writer and director of the film, who is a festival organizer also. A total of 55 films were screened in the three days fest.

MUJ host twelfth ICISS-2016

Malaviya National Institute of Technology and Manipal University Jaipur on 2016 organized a conference on Information System Security, ICISS-2016. The five days conference is twelfth in this series which started in year 2005.

MUJ hosted a one day preconference and two tutorial sessions on December 17, out of that the first tutorial was delivered by Prof. Sandeep K. Shukla, professor of Computer Science and Engineering at IIT Kanpur. He delivered talk on “Cyber Security of Cyber Physical Systems-Resilient Critical Infrastructure Design”.

Second tutorial was delivered by Dr. Sushmita Ruj, Assistant Professor at Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata on “Blockchain Technologies”.

The conference was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. P. K. Saxena, Ex-director, DRDO and scientific advisor of PMO, Prof Sandeep Sancheti President, MUJ, Prof. Uday Kumar Yaragatti, Director, MNIT Jaipur, Prof. Chandan Mazumdar, Jadavpur University, India, Jeremías Saucedo, CTO at Ensoft Corp, USA and Prof. M. S. Gaur, General Co-Chair. Other experts present in the event were Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi, Director, IIITA, Dr. Virender Singh, Professor, IIT Bombay, Dr. Bruhadeshwar Bezawada (MEC, Hyderabad) and Dr. M. Conti Professor, Padua University, USA).



Prof. Rajveer Singh Shekhawat, Director, School of Computing and Information Technology gave the vote of thanks. A cultural evening was also organized at this occasion which featured a splendid performance of classical and traditional dance and music from the repertoire of Rajasthan and contemporary adaptations. The acceptance ratio of the conference was nearly 30%, and the proceedings have been published as part of the Springer Verlag series of Lecture Notes in Computer Science.

3rd E-Conclave at MUJ

Manipal University Jaipur organized its third ‘E-Conclave 2017’ from 20th to, 22nd January, 2017. The programme was inaugurated by Mr. Vijay Saxena, Research Officer, Department of Science and Technology, Government of Rajasthan, Prof. KumkumGarg, Pro-President, MUJ and Prof. B.K. Sharma, Dean, Research and Innovation, MUJ.

The main theme of the event was “To sensitize students regarding the concept of entrepreneurship and promote start-ups while they are in the process of completing their education”. During the inaugural session Mr. Vijay Saxena said that the main work of DST is develop the scientific temperament in the children. He also told about IPR and GI workshop. On this occasion Prof. KumkumGarg asked about the many challenges of entrepreneurship. She suggested the student to create jobs and use the new technology. Prof. B. K. Sharma welcomed all the guests and participants. Advocate SubramaniamVutha, Mr. FalgunBuch and Mr. Y.D. Panwar also addressed the students.

During the conclave, several events were organized, including the Intern fair, business plan competition, boot camp, entrepreneurship awareness camp, national work



shop on Intellectual property rights and geographical indications, etc. with special lectures by many eminent experts of the field. Prof. Sandeep Sancheti, President, MUJ, was the chief guest of the valedictory session. He emphasized the need to face the challenges & find the ways for innovations. He underlined the importance of ‘giving back to the society’. Prof. A.D. Vyas, HoD, Civil Department also gave a special presentation on “Innovation on water sanitation and hygiene”

International Conference on Physical Education and Sports Science

Manipal University Jaipur organized an International Conference on Physical Education and Sports Science (ICPESS) at its campus, from 5-7 January, 2017 on “Emerging Trends in fitness and Sports Science”. The conference was sponsored by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and DST, Govt. of Rajasthan. 550 participants from 20 countries around the world participated.

Honourable Padma Shri Krishna Poonia, Discussthrow Olympian, was the chief guest of the program and inaugurated the conference. Prof Sandeep Sancheti, President, Manipal University Jaipur addressed the gathering by stressing the importance of sports and fitness in the present times. He encouraged the young audience to participate more in sports activities and pursue their career.

The function was graced by Mr. J. C. Mohanty, Principal Secretary Sports and Health, Govt. of Rajasthan along with Prof. A.M. Moorthy, Vice Chancellor,



Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Prof. James S. Skinner, Professor Emeritus Department of Kinesiology, Indiana University; Prof. Maria José Martínez Patiño, Spanish former hurdler Olympian among others. Mr. Sabahudin Topalbecirevich, the Advisor to the Minister of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and a well-known Olympic Soccer Commentator. The welcome speech was given by Dr Vandana Suhag, Registrar, MUJ.

Republic Day Celebration at MUJ

Today we are all assembled to celebrate our 68th Republic Day. A day when we remember all our great leaders who have fought for independence of our country. For our independence. It's because of them we are able to enjoy a free life today ruled by no one but the people of India.

With these words, after flag hoisting by Prof. Sandip Sancheti, President of Manipal University Jaipur, 68th Republic Day was celebrated with a great enthusiasm amidst rainy morning and chill air. Prof. Sancheti called upon the university community underlining the journey of the nation during last seven decades that we have come a long way since then.

Prof. Sancheti presented a glorious account of MUJ achievements of one year since the last Republic Day. He was given Guard of Honour by the platoon of security guards in their traditional uniform before the flag hoisting.



At the occasion, some of the employees, students and teachers were honoured with the MUJ President awards for the extra-ordinary achievements and services rendered for the university.

Series of cultural programmes and sports activities were also organized at the occasion on the theme ‘unity in diversity’.

YOHO celebrates Makar Sankranti

After a grueling and long winter, Makar Sankranti is a festival that all Indians look forward to. Celebrated on January 14, the festival marks the arrival of the spring. Traditionally, people share and eat sweets and laddoos made of sesame (til) and jaggery (gur) that helps in keeping our body warm during the still chilly weather. Another custom is kite flying, which is both fun and beneficial for health, as it allows us to stay in the sun – a plus point in the winter.

Kite flying also has symbolic meaning in Indian culture. It is also said that the higher your kite goes, the higher you will rise in life. Adding to the fun factor is the kite flying competitions. This is all about cutting other people's kite strings, while saving your own kite and making sure it soars high in the sky. Some segments of the population even believe that cutting a lot of kites during this time means you will witness growth in the coming year.

YOHO residents, MUJ faculty and staff also celebrated the festival with full of enthusiasm in the MIS cricket ground. The festival was opened by Pro President, Prof.



Kumkum Garg and Prof. Vandana Suahg, Registrar, MUJ. Both of them tested their expertise by holding the strings of high flying kites. EPICREAN club (the hospitality club of MUJ) members also set up a food stall in Hostel area on the occasion of Makar Sankranti, where different types of food items were served at very nominal rates. The mouth watering potpourri was the attraction of the occasion.

Book Fair at MUJ



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