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Launch of the Hindi Website of the University

The Hindi version of the University website was launched on 17th May 2018 by the Honourable Vice- Chancellor Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang. The information regarding the details of the University is now accessible through the University websites in both English and Hindi. All administrative orders of the University are issued bilingually and hence the launch of the Hindi website is yet another milestone achieved by the university.

Disability friendly features on the website were also launched on the same day. Using this feature the font size can be adjusted and increased according to one's convenience to view the contents of the website.









Editor's Note

I am delighted to bring forth yet another issue of the SU Chronicle. In this issue I have highlighted some of the manifold activities and programmes organised by some Departments. The month of May has been quite a significant one as the Hindi version of the Universty website was launched with some disability friendly features. We congratulate the entire team that has worked relentlessly to make the launch of the Hindi website possible. I hope we continue to put in our best efforts in all that we do and keep moving forward.

Happy Reading!!!!

Mrs. Kunjini Prakash Darnal



Exchanging of MoV for Charter, standing of Himalayan Universities Consortium with Sikkim University and ICIMOD at ICIMOD Office, Kathmandu on 30th April 2018.

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LIBRARY

Management Collection

The collection has about 2000 journals out of which 754 titles are peer reviewed indexed in indexing journals. 350 journals are with full-text accessible from first vol. first issue. The library also subscribes to the following 4 databases:

- ●CMIE (Economic Outlook)
- PsycArticle
- IndiaStat
- •CNKI

Economic Outlook (CMIE)

Economic Outlook is the solution to find reliable data, independent analysis and short to medium-term projections on the Indian economy. It is a comprehensive service which provides a complete picture of the past, the present and the future of the Indian economy. This is a huge databank which keeps abreast with present and prospective developments in Indian Economy. Its daily online issue is available on the library website (library.cus.ac.in)

PsycARTICLES

This collection provides access to the full spectrum of research journals in the field psychology an d allied subjects and is an indispensable resource for researchers, practitioners, students, and educators. It provides access to the collection of APA Journals covering issues from volume 1 since as early as from 1894 onward.

Indian Citation Index

Indian Citation Index (ISI) provides access to multi disciplinary bibliographic and citation data which helps researchers to find core as well as related area of research. It covers 12 broad subject groups and 51 sub-subject categories. It has

features of basic search, save search, advanced search, cited reference search, marking search record, author contributions, and many more.

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CNKI: Literature, History and Philosophy

This database covers 991 China academic journals on various subject areas, like literature, history of China, philosophy, Chinese and foreign languages and literature, culture, Geography, archeology, etc.

IndiaStat

This is most comprehensive e-resource database on socio-economic which provides statistics of India covering the following 33 socio-Economic Categories:



Digital India: Perspectives, Challenges and Futuristic Direction

(The abstract of the paper by Mr. Partha Pratim Ray, Asstt. Prof. Dept. of Computer Applications has been published in IEEE Xplore Digital Library)

In July 2015, the Indian Government unveiled "Digital India" or DI, an action plan expected to push forward the socio- economical evolution by means of seamless Internet connectivity between the rural parts of the nation. Digital India also envisages to provide rapid growth in all areas of society while creating a huge pool of jobs, especially in Information Technology (IT) and electronics manufacturing. The ultimate purpose of this plan is to provide the following three benefits- well equipped digital infrastructure as a core tool to every Indian, smart e- governance on demand digital services and digital empowerment of citizens. However, the Digital India scheme is still in its nascent phase of journey, it lacks in multitude forms such as 1) internet adoption and access and 2) innovation driven ecosystem and genuine inclusiveness. In this article a schematic framework is presented by incorporating Digital India's vision, managerial structure, methodology and structural pillars to accomplish its goal. Digital India's characteristics are also described from fifteen different perspectives and the state of the art for the plan while including selective initiatives being taken in agriculture, health, industries, commerce, governance, rural development, social development, energy distribution, science and technology, transport, sports, environmental protection, education, communication and interaction with citizens is also elaborated. The plan faces several challenges but also offers promising futuristic developments.

In short the paper proposes a novel architectural framework and discusses several issues and prospects about Digital India initiative by the Government of India.

International Seminar on "Nepali Criticism: Contemporary Trends and Challenges"

The Department o Nepali in collaboration with Nepal Pragya Pratisthan, Kathmandu organised a two days' International Seminar on "Nepali Criticism: Contemporary Trends and Challenges on 2nd and 3rd May 2018. The main objective of the seminar was to discuss the various genres and trends in Contemporary Nepali Literary Criticism.

The Honourable Vice- Chancellor of Nepal Pragya Pratisthan was present at the Seminar along with the other delegates.











Special Lecture organised by the Dept. of International Relations

The Dept. of International Relations organised a special lecture on "How can Universities become the Centre of Social Awareness" on 29th May 2018. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Balvant Shantilal Jani, Chancellor Dr. Harisingh Gour Uiversity, Sagar Madhya Pradesh. In his lecture Prof. Jani spoke about importance of teachers, students and the infrastructural facilities within a University set- up that contributes to the overall development of a student's personality. The special lecture was chaired by the Vice- Chancellor Pro. Jyoti Prakash Tamang.













National Conference on Recent Trends in Biological Research and Future Prospects

Dated: 28-29th May, 2018

Organized by: Department of Zoology, School of Life Sciences, Sikkim University, Gangtok **Venue**: Cauvery Hall, 5th Mile Tadong.

A National Conference on Recent Trends in Biological Research and Future Prospects was organized by Organized by Department of Zoology, School of Life Sciences, Sikkim University, Gangtok at Cauvery Hall, 5th Mile Tadong during 28 to 29th May, 2018 with sponsorship from Science and Engineering Board Department of Science and Technology (DST-SERB), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India and Sikkim University, Gangtok. Around 120 delegates from the Institutions/Universities from Sikkim as well as outside participated in the conference. Seven resource persons from different reputed institutions and universities namely IIT- Guwahati, Manipur University, Canchipur, NCBS Bangalore, University of Calcutta, Gauhati University and North Eastern Hill University Shillong delivered lectures in the different and emerging thrust areas of Biological Science research. The inaugural session was graced by the Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor of Sikkim University, Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang as Chief Guest and Prof. W. Vishwanath Singh, Senior most Professor of Manipur University, Canchipur as Key note speaker. Professor Tamang highlighted about the achievement of Sikkim University Gangtok since last five years and the importance of biological research in India particularly in this region.

The two days' meeting of the conference was covered in six technical sessions in the various subthemes namely biodiversity, conservation biology and animal taxonomy, aquatic biology and entomology, pharmacology, immunology and parasitology, animal physiology and biochemistry. Out of these two more technical sessions were allotted only for Young Scientists' oral as well poster presentations for the selection of three best young scientist presenters in both categories. In every technical session 1 resource person presented his research contributions followed by 5 or 6 oral presentation from the delegates. Altogether around 75 delegates representing institutions like Manipur University, Canchipur, Gauhati University, NEHU, Calcutta University, Presidency University Kolkata, UIST Meghalaya, Bangalore University, Banaras Hindu University, Barthiar University Coimbatore presented their research contributions in the two days' conferences showing the true nature of a National Conference. All the delegates actively participated in all deliberations. In the evening of the first day of the conference, a cultural programme was also organized by the M.Sc. students of the Department of Zoology followed by dinner.

The conference concluded with a valedictory programme where the Registrar Sh. T. K. Kaul was present as the chief guest. He highlighted the achievement and progress of the Department of Zoology, in the last few years and also the need of the young students to take up a career in the field of research in his address as the chief guest. He also handed over the certificates to all the participants of the Conference.









