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Welcome to another exciting edition of the *Whistling Teal*

The last quarter of the calendar year 2015 was full of events making it the most celebrated period on campus.

The first convocation in the month of October was a milestone event for the university and set a benchmark. Shiv Nadar University’s very first batch of students were awarded the coveted degrees, making it a day to be cherished forever.

And who can forget the palpable excitement around BREEZE! The annual inter-college festival that was held for three days in October.

The onset of winter and the campus gearing up for the examinations set a different mood for both the faculty and the students. Within that the Conference on World War I and then the 39th National Systems Conference were extremely inspiring.

These conferences and talks definitely reverberates the purpose and the excellence that our University constantly strives for. The multidisciplinary approach leading to the opening of mind and heart in a way that crosses boundaries and answers challenging questions linked with both the past and the future.

The grand vision of a massive campus with world class amenities is getting honed by the day. With a rapid development that is going on around the campus, each day brings forth a new dimension to the megastructure.

The botanical garden on campus is shaping beautifully and in the coming years we are hopeful it will be one of the landmarks within our sprawling campus! As it is the land is rich, and with a great effort a lush and simultaneously beneficial vegetation is going to enthrall us soon.

We had an enchanting talk with Dr. Vikram Kapur about his journey in the creative world and his engagement with the SNU-USI Conference. We have Dr. Anannya Dasgupta talking about her book and more.

As 2015 bid us good-bye and a fresh New Year - 2016 sets in, we have a lot to look forward to! We will start the New Year with the Hon’ble President of India’s visit to our campus. The Honorable President will formally inaugurate the University and dedicate it to the nation. What a beginning to 2016!

Let us hope the light of knowledge is continuously kindled in us by this institution of excellence. In the New Year, let’s continue this journey of knowledge, passion and brilliance.

Here is wishing you all a wonderful New Year 2016!

Editorial Team,

*Whistling Teal*
"As Indians, we must of course learn from the past; but we must remain focused on the future. In my view, education is the true alchemy that can bring India its next golden age."

Hon’ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee dedicates Shiv Nadar University to our Nation
After celebrating the first Convocation on 31 October 2015, it is time for the University to assume a greater role and become an institution of national significance. We welcome the Hon’ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee to formally inaugurate the University and dedicate it to our Nation. The Hon’ble President will also lay the foundation stone for the faculty residential complex.

The University inauguration will be followed by the launch of the HCL Grant, an HCL Foundation initiative, envisioned as an enabling institution to support and facilitate the institutionalisation of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) through the creation of strong governance frameworks and management capabilities. The Hon’ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee will award the winner of the inaugural HCL Grant.

Shri Pranab Mukherjee is the 13th and the current President of India. He assumed office on 25 July 2012 reaching the pinnacle of his political career spanning over five decades. A powerful orator and scholar, Shri Mukherjee’s intellectual and political prowess as well as remarkable knowledge of international relations, financial affairs and parliamentary process are widely admired. He has been acclaimed for his role as a consensus builder on difficult national issues through his ability to forge unity amongst the diverse political parties that form part of India’s vibrant multi-party democracy.

A man of humble origins, Shri Mukherjee was born in the small village of Mirati in Birbhum District of West Bengal as son of freedom fighters, Shri Kamada Kinkar Mukherjee and Smt. Rajlakshmi on 11 December 1935. Shri Mukherjee’s father was a Congress leader who endured great hardship including being sent to jail several times for his role in India’s struggle for independence. Shri Mukherjee acquired a Master’s degree in History and Political Science as well as a degree in Law from the University of Kolkata. He then embarked on his professional life as a college teacher and journalist. Inspired by his father’s contribution to the national movement, Shri Mukherjee in 1969 plunged into full time public life following his election to the Upper House of the Parliament (Rajya Sabha). In his long career, Shri Mukherjee held various important portfolios with several ministries including Finance, Commerce, Defence and External Affairs. Shri Mukherjee has extensive diplomatic experience and has served on the Board of Governors of the IMF, World Bank, Asian Development Bank and African Development Bank.

A prolific reader, Shri Mukherjee has authored several books on the Indian Economy and on Nation Building. The many awards and honours conferred on him include India’s second highest civilian award, Padma Vibhusan in 2008, the Best Parliamentarian Award in 1997 and Best Administrator in India Award in 2011. He is recipient of Doctor of Laws Honoris Causa conferred by the University of Dhaka in 2013; Honoris Causa conferred by the University of Calcutta in 2014; Honorary Doctorate conferred by the Russian Diplomatic Academy in 2015; Professor Honoris Causa conferred by the Belarus State University in 2015; Honorary Doctorate conferred by the University of Jordan in 2015; Honorary Doctorate conferred by Al-Quds University, Palestine in 2015 and Honorary Doctorate conferred by Hebrew University, Israel in 2015. He was rated one of the best five Finance Ministers of the world in 1984 according to a survey conducted by “Euro Money” Journal published from New York and was declared ‘Finance Minister of the year’ for Asia in 2010 by “Emerging Markets”, the journal of record for the World Bank and the IMF.

Shri Mukherjee is simple in his tastes. He is a dedicated patron of the arts and culture. An avid traveller, there are few parts of India and few countries in the world he has not visited in his illustrious and long public career.

Books Published by Shri Pranab Mukherjee

*The Dramatic Decade: The Indira Gandhi Years* (2014) • *Thoughts and Reflections* (2014)

*Challenges Before the Nation* (1992) • *Saga of Struggle and Sacrifice* (1992)

*Off the Track* (1987) • *Beyond Survival: Emerging Dimensions of Indian Economy* (1884)
Dr. Meera Visvanathan, Assistant Professor, Department of History, has received the Vijay Kumar Thakur memorial prize for submitting the best paper in section-1-Ancient India, at the 75th session of the Indian History Congress, held in December, 2015.

Mr. Mainak Banerjee, Ph.D. Scholar with Dr. Gouriprasanana Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, received Best Poster award for his poster at the Modern Trend in Inorganic Chemistry (MTIC_XVI), which took place during 3rd-5th December, 2015 at Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

Mr. Gokulnath Govindan, II year, B.A. (Research) English has been selected to participate in a fiction writing workshop being conducted by the University of East Anglia in collaboration with Caravan Magazine and the British Council. This will be a wonderful opportunity for Gokulnath as he will learn the craft from well-known authors like Mr. Amit Chaudhuri.

Prof. Dinkar Prasad, Professor & Head, Department of Electrical Engineering and Mr. Naveen Kumar, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Mechanical Engineering, presented a paper in “Design and implementation of variable frequency drive for single-phase induction motor” which was adjudged as the best paper in power electronics, machines and drives track.

Dr. Sonal Gupta, Post-doctoral fellow with Department of Life Sciences, has been selected by the ‘International Society for Infectious Diseases’ for a ‘Travel Grant Award’ for Young Investigators from India to present her work at the 17th International Congress on Infectious Diseases. This award was made possible with generous support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the selection process for which was highly competitive.

Dr. Dipak Maity, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, has received the Young Scientist Research Award (Nanomaterials) at Venus International Foundation Research Awards (VIFRA), 2015. VIFRA, recognizes research committed to finding solutions to the daunting challenges faced by the society.

Dr. Shailja Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Life Sciences, School of Natural Sciences, received the Indus Foundation Award for Research Excellence at the Indo-Global Education Summit held on 14th-15th November, 2015 at Taj Deccan, Hyderabad.

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Shiv Nadar University received Special Jury Recognition as the University of the Year (in existence for less than 10 years) during the 11th FICCI Higher Education Summit. The recognition is for demonstrating overall excellence in academics, research studies, faculty employed and infrastructure etc. and is acknowledgement of the unflagging team work of the senior leadership, faculty members, students, alumni, parents, our partner institutions and staff members of Shiv Nadar University – going from strength to strength!
The faculty of Shiv Nadar University is fully-focused to pave the path of an academic research-based legacy. The hard work and dedicated drive is getting its due rewards and recognitions, making the way forward extremely promising. Congratulations to all the faculty members! This section includes Approved and Recommended Projects for Funding (October - December 2015)

### SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

**Department of Mechanical Engineering**

**Dr. Himanshu Pathak**
Project title: “Fracture Analysis of Functionally Graded Materials (FGMs) by coupled FE-Meshfree Method”
Funding agency: Department of Science and Technology (DST), Start-Up Research Grant (Young Scientists)
Total Budget: ₹ 18.96 lakhs  Duration: 3 years

**Dr. Harpreet Singh Arora**
Project title: “Tailoring the Surface Properties of Crystalline and Amorphous Metals for Advanced Bio-Implants”
Funding agency: DST, Start-Up Research Grant (Young Scientists)
Total Budget: ₹ 23 lakhs  Duration: 3 years

**Dr. Arvind Kumar Rajput**
Funding agency: DST Start-Up Research Grant (Young Scientists)
Total Budget: ₹ 20 lakhs (Approximate)  Duration: 3 years

**Department of Chemical Engineering**

**Dr. Dhiraj Kumar Garg**
Project title: “Numerical Study and Analysis of Chaotic Advection During Free Radical Polymerization Reactions in Coiled Flow Inverter Microreactor”
Funding agency: DST Start-Up Research Grant (Young Scientists)
Total Budget: ₹ 20 lakhs (Approximate)  Duration: 3 years

**Dr. Sanjeev Yadav**
Project title: “Studies and development of air bubbling fluidized bed gasification with torrefaction as pretreatment of sludge from pulp & paper mill”
Funding agency: DST Start-Up Research Grant (Young Scientists)
Total Budget: ₹ 31.58 lakhs  Duration: 3 years

### SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES

**Department of Chemistry**

**Dr. Ram Sagar Misra**
Project title: “Towards chemical synthesis of linear Poly (ADP-ribose) for bio- application”
Funding agency: DST-EMR (Extra Mural Research Funding)
Total Budget: ₹ 43.51 lakhs  Duration: 3 years

### SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**Dr. Jaideep Ghosh**
Project title: Ramanujan Fellowship Research Grants (transferred to SNU)
Funding agency: Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India.
Total Budget: ₹ 7.78 lakhs
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social development”. In the area of Economic development, he said that ICT can provide access to markets and jobs. In the area of individual development, ICT can help to improve quality of life by providing access to education, entertainment and health care. In the area of social development, ICT can help to facilitate free flow of information and lead to increased transparency in the governmental operations through e-government initiatives.

The Government of India, recently introduced the Digital India Initiative with nine pillars. He further elaborated that out of the nine pillars, the universal connectivity and universal ownership of mobile smart phones are perhaps the two most important objectives and can be accomplished before 2020 given a mission mode implementation. To fully enjoy the benefits of the spheres of individual, economic and social sectors; every person in India should have access to an affordable smart phone.

“Shiv Nadar University will lead the way forward in making the world a better place and to create a more humane society.”

He added, “The economic and social impact of a fully connected population cannot be overstated. Over the next fifty years, you will have the opportunity to invent future. In this future, dramatic discoveries in every discipline will lead to availability of products and services at a fractional cost, providing us the opportunity to create a Twenty First Century utopia free of poverty and suffering, where the government or societal conditions are perfect. In the near future, a prototype self-driving car with no steering wheel with radar and GPS censor mapping will routinely be operational. In Robotics, we probably have the tools and technology capable of monitoring, analyzing, diagnosing and resolving day to day problems of the society. Using the ‘Sense, Think and Act’ Paradigm often used in Robotics, we can find computational solutions to eliminate poverty and hunger, free victims from slavery and torture, improve dysfunctional political system, control disease and suffering, creating tools that enable an illiterate person to as productive as a Ph.D. SNU needs to be in the forefront of inventing this future. In conclusion, the advances of the next fifty years will undoubtedly be as dramatic as the last hundred. As we find ways to transform atoms into bits, that is, to substitute information for space, and bandwidth at the cost of pennies of today. He further added that the recent advances in artificial intelligence has been truly amazing: problems we thought unsolvable 15 years ago, have suddenly been solved. Dr. Reddy stated, “The implications of these advances in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for the developing economies are profound. ICT is not a cure for all the world’s problems but it can be a powerful tool to facilitate and enable scalable and sustainable to economic development, individual development and

As a graduate in engineering from India in the 1950s, Dr. Raj Reddy looked back in wonderment on the improvements in technology in the last century. About 100 years ago, there were no cars, no highways, no electricity, no radio etc. and most of these inventions happened in the first half of the Twentieth Century. In the last 60 years, advances in engineering and technology have resulted in the invention of nuclear power, satellite communication, the transistor, the digital computer, the internet, the World Wide Web, the discovery of DNA, the decoding of the human genome and the landing on the moon. He further added, “Given the continuing exponential rate of change, it is reasonable to assume that the next 50 years will be even more dramatic than the last 100 years. Exponential improvement in computer technology will lead to dramatic discoveries in every discipline, leading to breakthroughs that we now think barely possible. It will affect the way we live, learn and work in the future”.

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At the same time, many things will hardly change: our social system, the food we eat and the clothes we wear. Others, such as the way we learn, we work and interact with each other; and the quality and delivery of healthcare will undergo profound changes. It is accepted that this exponential doubling will continue for the next ten to twenty years leading to an availability of unlimited competition, memory and bandwidth at the cost of pennies of today. He further added that the recent advances in artificial intelligence has been truly amazing: problems we thought unsolvable 15 years ago, have suddenly been solved. Dr. Reddy stated, “The implications of these advances in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for the developing economies are profound. ICT is not a cure for all the world’s problems but it can be a powerful tool to facilitate and enable scalable and sustainable to economic development, individual development and
Dr. Arvind Subramanian started his speech by congratulating the graduates and saying it was truly a great and exciting day for all the graduates representing the first batch of a budding and unique institution called the Shiv Nadar University. This University is a remarkable experiment in the history of Indian education.

Dr. Subramanian spoke on the importance of education and gave three reasons for it.

First, is the legacy of financial, human capital and intellectual capital that universities like Shiv Nadar University are going to give to the country. It is the intellectual capital that we give to our country, which in turn shapes our democracy. Because of education, the leaders during our freedom struggle were able to question and hold up the mirror to the colonial masters and could say that British ideals of liberty and equality were not practiced in their colonies. Intellectual capital can only come with education which brings about maturity, reason, moderation and judgement. First value of education is summed up by Mahatma Gandhi when he said, “I want the cultures of all the lands to be blown about my house as freely as possible. But I refuse to be blown off my feet by any.”

The second is to have a great system of higher education. We have produced IT giants like HCL, Inofsys and Wipro. Google, Amazon and Facebook are coming to India in a big way because of this great system of higher education.

The third value of education is that it has become a symbol of aspiration for India. It is the ultimate aspiration for all middle class Indians.

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Dr. Subramanian added that the intellectual capital, the knowledge economy and the symbol of aspiration; for all three, higher education is very important and Shiv Nadar University is in the forefront of that. In the last ten or twenty years, India has grown very rapidly. In part because our IT and services sector has boomed. These sectors have considerably slowed down in the last 4-5 years. If India has to maintain its growth momentum, it has to once again be a power house of exporting IT services and other services. For this to happen, Dr. Subramanian emphasized that “one needs to produce more and more graduates: not one, not two, but thousands of Shiv Nadar Universities are needed in order to make India the global power house that it deserves to be.”

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Dr. Subramanian highlighted that there are continuing challenges in higher education for some considerable period of time. The issues relate to centralization, bureaucratization, standardization, polarization of ideologies, completely neutering academic freedom and incompetency in running institutions. For this reason, he stated, “Shiv Nadar University is a remarkable and important experiment”. Given the difficulties which must have been faced by the founders of this University, he stated, it is a remarkable experiment because it is being led by the private sector.

Dr. Subramanian stated that India needs very strong institutions in higher education to provide the back bone for the system of education in India. So, the advantages of having institutions like Shiv Nadar, Ashoka, Jindal and Premji Foundation is that they create a healthy competitive pressure for the Public institutions.

The second part of his address was specifically meant for the students. Dr. Subramanian stated that students should realize the fact that being a part of this very special institution implies that they are very special themselves and have done a great job. Dr. Subramanian spoke about famous commencement speeches. Great authors, J.K. Rowling and David Foster Wallace in their commencement speeches to the students had highlighted one common theme: what is special about us, humans? One is, of course that we are thinking beings, the other is that human beings have an awareness of the past and the future like no other creature.

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One very distinctive feature of us humans is that we can learn and understand without actually having experienced everything directly. Dr. Subramanian emphasized that Rowling and Wallace want us to think about what an education should have? Dr. Subramanian said, “It is in fact the quality of imagination, to be able to imagine the lives of others, of people other than ourselves”. The youth is always told to imagine to think big, to imagine to be scientists etc. all of which is worth imagining. But they should also imagine what it is to live the lives of others. The need is to do the act of moral imagination, time and time again. The Bhagwad Gita says, “All that you can change is your action”. In this Postmodern, post Freud world, all the things one can change and control is what one thinks inside one’s head. Like Plutarch stated, “What we achieve inwardly will change outer reality.”

To the students Dr. Subramanian stated, “Today is your day graduates! Don’t forget you are here because of many who made it possible. Think what your parents are thinking for you now. And, I think you will be much happier. Savor the day! Enjoy the sense of accomplishment! Enjoy the sense that you are the on the verge of some great adventure that Shiv Nadar University has made possible for you. Above all, given the privileges, don’t forget to exercise the moral imagination of trying to live and inhabit the lives of others. Good luck and Congratulations!”
A Vague
Villanelle

The clouds went scurrying by,
Pale moon gave in to blinding sun,
And the stars fell out of the sky.

Silent, I watched the still night die.
In the morn, I knew you’d be gone,
Like the clouds went scurrying by.

I hadn’t got a chance to bid goodbye.
Suddenly, things had come undone,
And the stars fell out of the sky.

They said you’d given me the lie,
And took pity upon the jilted one.
The clouds went scurrying by.

I knew they’d never understand why,
The things we’d done, the reason you’d run.
And the stars still fell out of the sky.

I know you’ll be strong, I’ll never cry,
Fearless, careless, we’ll face that gun.
The clouds went scurrying by,
But the stars fell out of the sky.

Adrija Chaudhuri,
II Year, B.A. (Research) History

My Flight

My flight
I weave the many threads together
Of things I look forward to
I gaze upon the spotlight of transformation
Seeking for a throne that I should possess
Unbounded thoughts that cling upon
Will be the waves of some sounds of future
Will be a journey through
my shores of victory
And I’ll sit by its margin
holding on to the possession
Ever singing aloud to the heavens above
Till my voice dies away in silence
Yes, my heart says that I’ll conquer it
But still I question on its faith for times
As doubt, it’s said, always for a positive
Shattering my hopes into pieces
Half sad, half dull, I sit and wonder
Beneath the stars dream to fly high
The compassion gives the proof soon
Making the clouds to clear up and brighten

And my vision broadened
more for my much waited
Yes, I wait and wait and honour the law
Of the time to come
That my journey begins
Starting with the new start,
beginning with a new beginning
To walk with my dreamful sights
And I set off through
the journey of MY FLIGHT.

Saanika Singh Deo,
II Year B.A. (Research) English
A workshop on “Rural Credit and Farm Distress” a day long discussions on the observations from Yavatmal and Sangrur, was organized in Aurangabad by Centre for Public Affairs & Critical Theory (C-PACT), Shiv Nadar University.

Department of Civil Engineering, School of Engineering, organized a lecture by Professor Dinesh Mohan, IIT Delhi on “Urban Transport, Safety and Climate Change: New Concerns for Cities”.

Department of Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, organized a talk by Dr. Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, Associate Professor at the Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI). Dr. Mukhopadhyay gave a talk on “Tertiary Education and Prosperity in Developing Countries: Catholic Missions to Luminosity in India”.

The Department of Sociology, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, organized a seminar by Pr Jules Naudet on “The three worlds of Indian capitalism: Revisiting the Owner/Manager Opposition through an Analysis of the Social Space of Indian Top CEOs and Chairmen”.

Dr. Nishant Chadha, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, gave a seminar talk titled, “How Long the Shadow of the City? Schooling in Rural Gautam Buddha Nagar”. He detailed on the increase in urbanization in the last decade and its effects on schooling in Gautam Budh Nagar using data from the census (2001-2011) and District Information System for Education.

Dr. Garima Malik from Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education (CPRHE), National University of Educational Planning and Administration, gave a talk on “India and China’s social sector reforms” at Shiv Nadar University.

US Embassy in India and Education USA hosted a delegation of US Universities at Shiv Nadar University campus. Students had an interaction with representatives from University of South Florida, University of South Haven, Bradley University, Indiana University-South Bend, Rochester Institute of Technology, Education USA and British Council. The fair helped students gain knowledge about the process of graduate admissions in these Universities.

School of Management and Entrepreneurship organized its first Annual Management Symposium “MOQSH, 2015”. Students from various colleges such as Sri Ram College of Commerce, IIM Indore, Delhi School of Management, IIT Kharagpur, XIMB Bhubaneswar participated in competitive events across various spheres such as Finance, Marketing, Strategy, Innovation and won prizes worth 2.5 lakhs. Eminent personalities from the corporate world graced the occasion and shared their insights of business world with the students: Mr. R. Anand, Global Head: People Practices, HCL Technologies; Mr. Nipun Mehra, VP Sequoia Capital; Mr. Indrajit Sen, Founder Mosaik Global, Former HR Head; Mr. Mandip Singh Soin, Founder & Managing Director, Ibex Expeditions Pvt.Ltd. India. The fest was a grand success!
A musical evening by Advaita, an Indian Fusion Band was held as part of Shiv Nadar University's First Convocation celebrations.

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The Department of History, School of Humanities and Social Sciences organized a talk, “Good to Eat, Good to Think: India's Changing Food Cultures" by Dr. Amita Baviskar, Professor of Sociology, Institute for Economic Growth.

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The day of the convocation began with a Panel Discussion on “India at 100: My vision for 2047”. The Moderator was Prof. Dipankar Gupta (Director, C-PACT, Shiv Nadar University), Panelists were: Mr. Arun Kapur (Director, Vasant Valley School), Ms. Aruna Roy (Founder, Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan), Mr. Kiran Karnik, (Former Chairman, NASSCOM), Ms. Leila Seth (Former Chief Justice, Himachal Pradesh) and Mr. Vikram Singh Mehta (Executive Chairman, Brookings India). The panelists shared their views on India's future and where is the country expected to head 30 years from now.

The First Convocation was both a solemn and grand event. It was an overwhelming moment to witness the Founding Batch enter the convocation area. It was a moment that is etched in our memory for years and years to come. Degrees were conferred upon 295 students on this momentous occasion. The ceremony was graced by dignitaries from Government of India, Corporate- and Academic world. The Guests of honor were: Dr. Arvind Subramanian, Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India and Dr. Raj Reddy, Professor, Carnegie Mellon University, USA. Honorary degrees were conferred upon Dr. Faqir Chand Kohli, the Father of Indian Software Industry; Mr. Syed Haider Raza, India’s greatest icon of Modern and Contemporary Art and Dr. Ashoke Sen, Renowned Theoretical Physicist.
The Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering, Shiv Nadar University invited Prof. Anupam Dewan, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, to deliver a seminar talk on “Challenges and Recent Advances in Computation of Turbulent Slot Jet Impingement Heat Transfer.”

Dr. Rajeswari Sarala Raina, Scientist, National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS - CSIR) gave a talk at Shiv Nadar University on “Agriculture and the development burden: Opportunities for institutional change”.

The Department of Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, organized a talk by Professor Anuj Bhowmik, ISI-Kolkata on “Rational Expectations Equilibria of Mixed Economies with Asymmetric Information.”

The Department of Physics organized a talk on “String Theory and Cosmology: Tying the two ends” by Prof. Ashoke Sen, Distinguished Professor, Harish-Chandra Research Institute, Allahabad. String theory is the study of the laws of nature at the smallest conceivable length scale while cosmology is the study of the universe at the largest conceivable length scale. Yet these two subjects are intimately connected. Prof. Ashoke Sen gave a brief overview of this interconnection.

An international conference on India’s role in World War I was organized by Shiv Nadar University and the United Service Institution of India (USI) on November 6-7, 2015. Dubbed, “India and World War I: Across Generations”, the conference took place at the USI on November 6th, before moving on to SNU on November 7. On behalf of SNU, the conference was put together by Dr. Vikram Kapur (English) and Dr. Samuel Berthet (Sociology).

The conference saw spirited discussion on India’s involvement in World War I by an eminent group of scholars and writers. The first session, moderated by his excellency Mr. Jan Luyks, Belgium’s ambassador to India, focused on the import and impact of the War today. Squadron Leader Chhina and esteemed Belgian historian Mr. Dominiek Dendooven debated why India’s role in the First World War has gone missing in public memory for so many years even though it has remained an integral part of regimental history and tradition in the Indian armed forces.

The SNU-USI Conference shifted to the SNU campus where Dr. Sumantra Sengupta, Professor and Head, Department of Art Design and Performing Arts put up an exhibition titled Hahakar. The exhibition was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Dr. S N Balakrishnan, Chancellor and Chairperson, Executive Council, Shiv Nadar University followed by recitation of a poem based on the letters of Indian soldiers by Dr. Akhil Katyal, Assistant Professor, Department of English.
The School of Natural Sciences organised an Open House and Science Fair for high school students. The event saw participation from schools such as Shri Ram School, Ryan International School, Step By Step, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bharti Public School and Vidyagyan. Inspiring career talks were given by professors from various departments, which was followed by interactive sessions with students. The school students also had an opportunity to visit all the laboratories on campus, view posters and converse with students who did their OUR (Opportunities for Undergraduate Research Program) research projects over the last year. It was a pleasure for all the organisers and faculty, to be able to meet these future scientists and guide them towards choosing the right path.

School of Management and Entrepreneurship organized a talk by Professor Rajendra Sisodia, FW Olin Distinguished Professor of Global Business and Whole Foods Market Research Scholar in Conscious Capitalism at Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, on the topic of “Conscious Capitalism - Creating Organizations in Which Everybody Matters and Everybody Wins”.

Prof. Sisodia is highly respected academician and thought leader, a bestselling author and influential speaker on leadership and high performance organizational cultures. His books have been translated in several languages. His ideas have been implemented in several organizations across US, Europe and Asia.

Shiv Nadar University along with India International Centre (IIC) organized a lecture series titled “India and the World: International Experience & National Policy.” This lecture series was curated by Prof. Dipankar Gupta, Distinguished Professor at Shiv Nadar University and the Director of the Centre for Public Affairs and Critical Theory.

The month-long series probed the viability of India learning from experiences of other countries on some of the most pressing issues facing our policy makers. The eminent speakers included Dr. Pronab Sen, Country Director, International Growth Centre; Dr. Rathin Roy, Director and Chief Executive, NIPFP; Dr. Nachiket Mor, Chair, CARE India Board; Mr. Manish Sabharwal, Chairman, Teamlease; Dr. Surjit Bhalla Chairman, Oxus Investments and Senior India Analyst, Observatory Group.

The Department of History, School of Humanities and Social Sciences organized a talk by Dr. Sudipta Sen, Professor of History, at the University of California Davis, titled “A River and Its Two Bodies: The Pure and the Polluted”.

Department of Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences organized a talk by Dr. Suchismita Tarafdar, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics on Generalized Envelope Theorems: Applications to Dynamic Programming.

A Go-kart competition was organised by MechJunction, Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering. It involved designing and building a Go-kart right from the scratch to give a practical exposure to the industry and how to work on a certain product while designing and building it.
Dean of Student Welfare organized a play named “Bhima” by OUR Theatre, Bangalore. Bhima explored the space between where we come from and where we want to go. How love can lighten and brighten our lives us as much as weigh it down. It was inspired from the Book ‘The Child Man’ by Ashok Malhotra.

BHIMA - A PLAY

20 November

Nature Exhibition showcasing artworks of MFA students and faculty member, a poster competition on the theme of environmental issues and a movie screening was organized over two days highlighting the collective attention on environmental issues.

SNU Ecology Day

20-21 November

Department of Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences organized a talk by Dr. Trishita Ray Barman on “Are Transitory Effects of Pollution Important for Optimal Fiscal Policy?”

Economic Seminar Series

23 November

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When we talk about beneficial plants how many of us think about weeds?
Very few, isn’t so!
Weeds, just by the name of it, seems the most useless kind to be thwarted before it can take roots.
But when we talk about plants especially with medicinal properties we need to scurry around the bushes, search deep inside the soil and at times even look for symbiotic growth on a tree. And the plant may come in practically all shapes, sizes and types! In this edition we bring you another wonder growing on campus which actually grows as a weed in moist and marshy areas but is a potent ayurvedic medicine. Belonging to the Sunflower family, the whole plant of Bhringaraj as well as parts of it are useful for various medicinal purpose. Its leaves, its stem and its roots cure a range of disorders like respiratory ailment, inflammations, stomach disorders, skin disease. It is a potent hair vitalizer and has even been used as snake venom neutralizer. Eclipta Prostrata is the scientific name and this is a herb available throughout the year.

Medicinal Plant: Bhringaraj

The Siberian stonechat is an insectivorous bird and belongs to the flycatcher family. The male has a conspicuous white collar and has a clicking call as that of two pebbles knocked together.
Its scientific name is *Saxicola maurus* meaning black rock-dweller. This feathered friend is often seen on Shiv Nadar University Campus.
Tell us what sparked your interest in poetry. Who is your favourite poet/s? Please share your favourite poem/ couplets.

A. Poets have the enviable quality of being able to distill the complexities of experiences in a sentence or image so that the reader is left gasping – “that’s what I felt but didn’t have the words to describe”. Poetry, though written in words, reaches past what is only verbal.

In a poem called “Moving Forward” Rilke describes what it means to “feel closer to what language can’t reach” and how it is to find your feet on less than solid ground – “my falling sinks, as if standing on fishes.” Some poets I re-read are Shakespeare, Melvil, Mir, Ghalib, Emily Dickinson, Philip Larkin, Elizabeth Bishop, Derek Walcott, Mary Oliver, Mark Doty and Suzanne Buffam among others. Akhil Katyal is my favourite Delhi poet. I am fortunate to have him as a friend and colleague at SNU. He is a powerful, prolific and generous poet whose presence has brought many Delhi poets together. All my favorite poets are able to make language do their bidding. I admire these poets so much that the only way I can express my admiration is by trying to write a little bit like them. As for favorite lines, I am sharing the last words to describe.

About your journal Bodaki Crossing- how was the idea conceived? How did it take shape finally, please share a little about this journey.

Bodaki Crossing is the joint endeavor of six of us: Gitanjali Kolanad, Akhil Katyal, Ganesh Srinivas, Arpan Deb, Adrijna Chaudhuri and me. It was conceived during an evening walk, to be precise, when Gitanjali and I talked about an idea which was written during Daily Riyaaz over the past few years. I really value the company of other poets in the practice of poetry. The evening was also made special by the SNU students who put some of the poetry to song and performed them. Prof. Maya Rao read out a sestina, those being notoriously hard to read. In the pipeline are: a poetry-art project with the artist Tapati Chowdhury, a book of short stories and a photo exhibition in Delhi.

When did you join SNU? How has been your experience? What do you feel is unique about SNU?

I joined SNU in July 2013. There was only one building then and no separate library. My office overlooked the lake. I am an idealist so SNU felt like a chance at setting up utopia. I could participate in building it up with the opportunity to get some things right from the start. I have been able to design and teach courses after my heart. I have had support in organizing conferences as well as literary and cultural events. SNU worked out a collaboration with Duke University for funding research. I was able to compete for and get a grant to support my research in the field of writing pedagogy. I have wonderfully warm and smart colleagues who I learn from every day. We are beginning to attract students who see the same chance for a utopia that I saw first coming in. What is unique about SNU is the palpable promise and potential for a truly meaningful place for higher education.

Any message to the students especially to the ones who would like to explore the world of creative writing.

Creative writing is not unlike walking, running or riding a bike: you have to do it to be doing it. It requires a lot of alone time but it helps to have company to share the writing with. Write in the company of writers who you can only know through their writing. Write as a way to know your self. Write as a way to get to know things you don’t understand. Write and don’t be afraid to revise.
Tell us a little about your journey in the field of creative writing. How did it all start?

I tried very hard not to be a writer. It is a tough profession to survive in and not an easy industry to break into. My dad was an army officer and my mother a housewife. While there were lots of books in the house and the reading habit was instilled very early, this was still not a preferred professional field for someone coming from a middle-class background. I always enjoyed literature but never thought I’d do it. I started a Bachelor’s in Business, however, in my third year I transitioned into English literature. It was fun! One good thing was that in Athens, Georgia, where I did my Masters, there were plenty of writers’ groups. I got very active with one of the groups and in the University of Georgia campus, which was headed by a creative writing professor and well-known American writer Anthony Grooms. It had students from all over the university and not just literature students. While I have fallen out of contact with the other members, I have stayed in touch with Tony over the past 20 years. He is my first mentor.

After three years of working in public relations, I started teaching journalism and along with that I freelanced for newspapers. While I was at Seattle Central Community College, which was a Time Magazine College of the Year in 2001, the opportunity came to teach creative writing as I had already published short stories. I wrote a novel that came out in 2002, and the second one came out in 2004.

Since 2004 I’ve written for a number of major Indian publications: Times Of India, The Hindu, The Pioneer, Frontline, Firstpost etc. All my publications are available on my website www.vikramkapur.com.

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You were one of the organizers of the SNU-USI Conference? Please tell us more about it and your interest in World War I (WWI).

I did not know anything about India’s involvement in World War – I (WWI) till I read Samuel Berthet’s (Associate Professor, Department of Sociology) work. I wasn’t interested in the military aspect, I was interested in the cross cultural aspect. During WWI, a lot of people were recruited from Punjab. In 1914 the literacy in Punjab was less than 5%, yet there were thousands of letters being written to soldiers. Most soldiers from India were non-English speaking rural men. How did they react and what was the interaction like? That was the most fascinating thing for me about WWI.

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Belgium was the first country which was attacked by the Germans in 1914 and that is where the Indian troops first fought in Europe in years. I started with the exhibition, the Belgium exhibits at Shiv Nadar University in August 2015. Samuel and I worked with USI – United Service Institution of India. One of the things USI does is to popularize the public memory of WWI and WWI in India.

The SNU – USI conference had elements of history, literature and art. Prof. Sumantra Sen (Head, Art Design and Performing Arts) prepared that Ha-Ha-kaar exhibition. One of the outcomes of the conference was a plan to offer a Core Common Curriculum Course (CCC) on India and WWI in next semester. In a university it is important to raise awareness of what are called the “missing memories”

When did you join SNU? How has been your journey so far?

I joined in May 2013 and it’s been good so far. In my second semester I came up with the idea of The Freewheeler, a literary magazine published by students. I am very happy with the support it has received and the response it has got.

In India, people rarely have reading habits barring few communities. If one wants to do creative writing, one needs to be a good reader. That’s where the challenge lies, to make them read beyond the grade. In creative writing you have to produce something out of your own mind. Some students are very good with highly developed reading habits and there are others who are not. Then the other exciting challenge is that here you teach students from all over the spectrum. Here we get students from Engineering, Sciences and a variety of disciplines; so we are dealing with different goals and motivations.

How would you like the students to be groomed, any particular thing you would like to see more among the students?

Well, creative writing helps everybody. It helps you to think outside the box which is very much needed in India. I would like to see the Indian education system support and promote such activity.

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Is creative writing more inherent or can it be developed?

You can teach anyone to write. You can’t teach them to write well. To write well beyond what goes on in a classroom and what a professor can teach you, you need to have an innate talent. It also takes a lot of practice and discipline. Anybody who pursues creative writing has to have some sort of talent but the stage where you have your own signature style comes not only through talent but practice and discipline. It is akin to building a muscle where you need to work out every day. Otherwise it is not going to happen.
The first convocation ceremony at Shiv Nadar University was a defining moment both for the University and for the Founding Class. For the Class of 2015, this marks the end of one journey and the beginning of another: many have started working with leading organizations, while 33 students are pursuing higher education at globally acclaimed universities.

"Amazingly, in four years from the start, others are looking at us as a role model."
- Dr. S.N. Balakrishnan, Chancellor and Chairperson, Executive Council, Shiv Nadar University
Shiv Nadar University started Big Data Analytics Center (BDAC) in the year 2014, envisaged with a vision and mission to develop theoretical and innovative, scientific and technological solutions to cater to the needs of industry, society and environment in the domain of Big Data. All the current first batch BDAC students are well placed either for higher studies or for their corporate internships. For example, in SAS – Research, Skoltech – Moscow, Arizona State University and so on. According to Dr. Santosh Singh, Head, Big Data Analytics Center, SoNS, “The next step effort is to develop the center as a self-sustainable center by offering two programs. One program focuses to create the future elites for dealing with futuristic theoretical and conceptual problems in the domain of big data analytics, whereas the other program’s focus is to develop skilled intellectuals to deal with the current needs of industry.”
The Shiv Nadar University-Duke grant is enabling Dr. Anannya Dasgupta, Assistant Professor, Department of English to develop ways of teaching ‘Academic Writing’ to undergraduates at Shiv Nadar University. This course, lovingly referred to as the Brain-Pain course, is being taught by four visiting faculty, Ms. Suchismita Chattopadhyay, Ms. Aratrika Das, Ms. Madhura Lohokare and Mr. Subhashim Goswami.

One section of this course “On the Edge, In the Margin: Making the City” being offered by Ms. Madhura Lohokare has been modified to run on a model that is on the lines of a course being offered at Duke University. Students of Ms. Lohokare’s class have been interacting with their peers at Duke about what it means to write research papers and on the experience of taking a very demanding writing class. This year the students of Academic Writing were also fortunate to have the help of tutors trained specially for this class. Ms. Neha Mishra, Ms. Anupama Shukla, Mr. Sameer Thomas, Ms. Ishita Mahajan and Ms. Jyotis Elizabeth of the Masters English class worked closely with the students to help them tackle challenges of this course successfully.

As researchers started work, the first step was to formalize “mapping” protocol and “focus-group” protocol. Researchers discussed and debated issues related to IRB proposal through WebEx bi-monthly meetings. Prof. Truls Otsbye from Duke University visited Shiv Nadar University in August, 2015 to work closely with Dr. Prasad Avinash Pathak, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering and Dr. Gatha Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of English, School of Humanities and Social sciences. Three days of intense brain-storming sessions led to the documentation of qualitative and quantitative study protocols and creation of ‘consent-forms’ and ‘questionnaire’ for focus-group discussions. In September and October, Dr. Prasad Avinash Pathak and his Ph.D. student, Mr. Bakul, worked hard to put together geospatial datasets for the city of Greater Noida. Duke team also helped in procuring satellite data for the project. Prof. Gatha and her Teaching Assistant, Ms. Aadhya Prasad, translated IRB proposal into Hindi from English. Through random selection method, 10 sectors in Greater Noida have been identified for further study (i.e. ‘focus-group’ discussions and neighborhood assessment).

A team of Shiv Nadar University material scientists led by Dr. Susanta Sinha Roy, Associate Professor, Department of Physics has teamed up with civil and environmental engineers led by Prof. Marc Deshusses at Duke University to develop novel low-cost composite ceramic filters that will effectively remove biological contaminants such as fecal coliforms and viruses, as well as heavy metals, in particular arsenic. If successful, the filters could have widespread application in India or in regions where access to safe drinking water is limited. In India alone, over 35 million people are affected by waterborne diseases annually.
Below are the testimonials of students who have got the wonderful opportunity to study at Babson College, Boston under our student exchange programme.

**Sambhavna Biswas**  
IV Year, B.Sc. (Research)  
Economics

The program at Babson College was a transforming experience as I studied with students from across the world. It was an enriching experience as I learnt not just from class activities but also from travelling to different parts of United States. It gave me new insights about entrepreneurship and taught me a lot of values which I believe will stay with me for a very long time.

**Alka Gupta**  
IV Year, B.Tech. Computer Science and Engineering

My experience at Babson Global has been an exhilarating, brain racking and above all a wonderful learning experience. I have had a great opportunity to interact with outstanding professors, experts as well as professionals. Since most of the participants were from different walks of life, cultures and countries, group discussions enlightened me on business environment in different countries of the world and helped me sharpen my analytical skills.

**Shrey Jain**  
IV Year, B.Tech. Electronics and Communication

I have always thought of myself as an Engineer with the spirit of an Entrepreneur. It was to satisfy my thirst for entrepreneurial knowledge that I applied for the Global Summer Program at Babson College, Boston. One of the best summers of my life, at the end of which I had friends and knowledge that would stay with me for a lifetime. A big thanks to Shiv Nadar University and Babson College, for making it possible!
Career Development Center started 2nd successful placement season in August 2015 by hosting largest global player Dell on 11th August and selected 29 students.

CDC-SNU hosted many companies for students’ placements. Cognizant, another giant of industry selected 72 students. CDC-SNU was proud and happy to host many front runner companies for first time to select students, like HP, Kronos, Infoedge, Azcom, Cinda, Axis bank, etc. One of the largest Real Estate Company “Sobha Developers” also visited campus for the first time & selected 4 students.

We are in the middle of placement season and more companies will visit campus in the coming months.

Prior to placement season, CDC-SNU organized a series of training sessions for students to make them placement ready. These sessions included Online Aptitude Tests, Career Profiling, Resume Building, Interview handling, Dressing up for Interview, Technical Questions handling, GD, etc. There were dedicated 3 days on 3rd, 4th & 5th August for intensive training & grooming.

Many people from industry spent time to help students prepare for interviews and share various career options available in industry. CDC-SNU hosted senior leaders from L&T, CSC, Cognizant, Central Warehousing Corporation, Altran, etc.

Going forward besides placements, CDC-SNU is geared up for summer internships in Public Sector Units like NHPC, Central Warehousing Corporation, Airport Authority of India, MTNL, etc to name a few.

Companies hosted by CDC in this placement season so far are:
Publications

3 Book and Book Chapters
36 Journal publications

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Dr. Mekhala Krishnamurthy

Dr. Gitanjali Kolanad
Book Chapter: Gitanjali Kolanad, “Kiss it Better” Soliloquies Anthology 20.1, Concordia University, December 2015 Anthology Online.

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- 1548 Undergraduates
- 149 Masters’ Students
- 100 Doctoral Students
Over 300 Students got work experience through On Campus Jobs

First High Performance Computing Cluster (HPCC) at a Private Indian University
Opportunity for Undergraduate students to undertake research projects
Ongoing research in Labour Law, Analysis of Big Data, DNA Bioinformatics, Education, Cancer, Malaria, Nanomaterials, Renewable Energy

Scholarly & Creative contributions (2011-15) of faculty members
- 65 Books and Chapters
- 300 Journal Articles
- 310 Conference Papers & Presentations
- 30 Active Extramural Projects
- ₹ 10 Cr. - Extramural Research Funding
- ₹ 198 Cr. - Internal Research Investment
- 65 Exhibitions & Performances

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