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Dept. of Chemistry conducts Symposium for Ph.D. Students

The Department of Chemistry, Goa University, in association with the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) West India Section, organized the Ph.D. Students Symposium 2010 on September 3rd and 4th, 2010 at Goa University.

The Symposium was inaugurated by Prof. Dileep Deobagkar, Vice Chancellor of Goa University. The inaugural function was followed by five technical sessions spread over two days. Prof. A.V. Salker, Head, Department of Chemistry, welcomed the delegates which included Ph.D. students from various institutions across the country, invited speakers and office bearers of the RSC. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Prof. M. M. Sharma, F.R.S., an eminent scientist credited with several distinctions and honours, including Padma Vibushan, in his illustrious academic career. This session was chaired by Prof. Dileep Deobagkar, Vice-Chancellor.

In addition to fourteen research scholars from the Department of Chemistry, sixty two research scholars from NCL Pune, IISER Pune, IIT Mumbai, TIFR Mumbai, IIT Madras, Madras University, IISc. Bangalore, IACS Kolkata and other institutions participated in the two day symposium. Prof. G. Mugesh (IISc Bangalore), Prof. P. Ghosh (IIT Mumbai), Prof. D. Mukesh IIT Madras, Prof. N.G. Ramesh (IIT Delhi), Prof. S. Srivatsan (IISER Pune) and Dr. S. Sengupta (NCL Pune) delivered invited lectures in this symposium. Prof. G. Mugesh and Prof. P. Ghosh were honored by the RSC for their research contributions. Twenty three Ph. D. students made oral presentations of their ongoing Ph. D. work.

At the poster session conducted on the sidelines, forty six posters were presented out of which twelve were presented by students of Goa University. Faculty members of the Dept. of Chemistry actively participated in the academic deliberations. Prof. R. N. Shirsat, Prof. V. P. Kamat and Prof. A.V. Salker chaired a technical session each while Prof. S.N. Dhuri was one of the members of the panel of experts to evaluate the posters.

The main aim of the two day symposium was to provide a common platform to young research scholars for interaction with invited scientists and research scholars from various institutions across India. The symposium offered ample scope for fruitful discussions and deliberations that would be of immense value to the research scholars, especially in their doctoral thesis.

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Symposium for Ph.D. Students

Glimpses of the technical sessions and poster presentations at the symposium



Hindi Divas celebrated at Department of Hindi

The Department of Hindi celebrated Hindi Day on 22nd September 2010. The programme began with welcome song presented by M.A. Part II students followed by lighting of the traditional lamp. Prof. R. N. Mishra, Head, Department of Hindi, welcomed and introduced the Chief Guest. Well known linguistic scholar Prof. Uma Shankar Upadhyay, Dean, Bhasha evam Pradhyogiki, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, and Former Professor & Head, Department of Hindi, Pune University, was the chief guest & main speaker. Prof. Upadhyay described the shloka “Vagartha view Samriktau.....” written by Kalidas and applied in the context of language, literature and society. He made a detailed analysis of the complex relationship between language and society.

Prof. K. S. Bhat, Dean, Faculty of Languages & Literature, in his speech, referred to the famous Nadhi Sloka of Kumara Sambhava and highlighted the fact that language alone with its power of abstraction separates human being from other species. Prof. B. K. Sharma Rohitashva expressed his views on importance of Raj Bhasha Hindi in the present context.

The programme was conducted by Ms. Vipra Rawool. Dr. Vrushali Mandrekar, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, proposed the vote of thanks.

Awareness Program on

Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace

The Committee for the Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace (CPSHW), Goa University, conducted a workshop on prevention of sexual harassment of women at the workplace, on 12th August 2010. About 300 students of the University attended the awareness programme titled “*Say NO to Sexual Harassment.*”

At the inaugural session, Ms Anagha Sarpotdar, a Mumbai based consultant working on gender issues and socio-legal concerns related to violence against women presented the key-note address. Ms Sarpotdar discussed the landmark judgment in the case of Vishaka vs State of Rajasthan and highlighted some of its guidelines for the protection of women from sexual harassment at the workplace. Prof. Dileep N. Deobagkar, Vice Chancellor, Goa University, in his inaugural address, stressed the importance of the issue of sexual harassment and the need for judicious handling of cases. Ms Ezilda Sapeco, chairperson of Goa State Commission for Women congratulated Goa University for taking the initiative towards framing a policy to deal with sexual harassment. Dr Edith Melo Furtado, chairperson CPSHW, welcomed the gathering and Ms Rajal Shinkre, member CPSHW, presented the vote of thanks.

The awareness programme began with the screening of a film on sexual harassment, made by the Human Rights & Law Network. The screening was followed by a lively discussion facilitated by Ms Sarpotdar on gender, patriarchy, the root cause of sexual harassment, and the meaning of sexual harassment. Ms Sandhya Ram, member, CPSHW, spoke on how sexual harassment was a manifestation of gender inequality in society and was a violation of the rights of women and the Constitution of India. Adv. Albertina Almeida, member CPSHW, spoke on the evolution of the law on sexual harassment at the workplace. Dr. Shaila Desouza, member secretary, CPSHW, explained the redressal mechanisms as outlined in the draft policy as well as what students can do to stop sexual harassment. The programme concluded with a lively quiz coordinated by Dr K. Priolkar, member CPSHW. Dr Rahul Tripathi, member CPSHW, summed up the proceedings of the day.

Ms Natasha Gomes (Dept of French) and Mr Roman Rodrigues (Dept of Konkani) were declared the winners of the CPSHW logo competition announced on the occasion of the awareness program.

Saad Angaan, an NGO, displayed at the venue educative banners and posters on the issue of sexual harassment.

Goswami Tulsi Jayanti celebrated

The Department of Hindi at Goa University celebrated Goswami Tulsi Jayanti on 23rd August 2010. The programme began with lighting of the traditional lamp, followed by a Bhajan presented by students of M.A. Part I. Prof. R. N. Mishra, Head, Department of Hindi, welcomed and introduced the Chief Guest Prof. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, a noted Hindi poet, critic and editor and former Head, Department of Hindi, Gorakhpur University. Ms. Swina Naik, Shri Pritam Sakhalkar, Shri Udesb Pednekar and Ms. Gauri of M.A. Part I presented papers. Students of M.A. Part II recited poetry from Vinay Patrika written by Tulsidas.

In his address, Chief Guest and chief speaker at the event Prof. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari talked on Tulsidas. Through his poetry, Tulsidas gained victory over the hearts of common people. This victory was more durable than the victories of any ruler of that time, Prof. Tiwari said.

In the presidential address Prof. Kedarnath Singh, a well known Hindi poet from New Delhi stressed upon the need to discover new perspectives of Tulsidas in 21st century and the need to derive human values from his literature. Dr. B. K. Sharma Rohitashva presented the vote of thanks. Dr. Vrushali Mandrekar compered the proceedings of the event.

Prof. Kedarnath Singh also delivered a lecture in the Department of Hindi on the topic “Life & Literature of Mirza Ghalib”.

Directory of Open Access Journals

The academic community all over the world is facing a problem called the “Serials Crisis.” The ever increasing cost of periodicals and frequent cuts in university budgets have forced libraries to stop subscribing to many journals. Consequently, research scholars and others from the academic community are not able to access literature published in leading journals.

The creation of new knowledge and its peer review are done by the academic community. Later the published articles are subscribed and utilized by the academic community. However, the total financial benefits go to the intermediary publishers. Moreover, present developments in technology and the Internet have removed the hurdles of distance and time. It allows anybody to publish instantaneously and the published item gets global access too.

These scenarios made the global scholarly communities to think about an alternative to the traditional scholarly publishing model. The outcome was the OPEN ACCESS concept. They have started OPEN ACCESS journals over the Internet keeping all features of the traditional journals. This includes peer review and evaluation. Open access journals are defined as journals that use a funding model that does not charge readers or their institutions for access.

A subject-wise listing of these journals is available on the Directory of Open Access Journals. The web site is available at the URL www.doaj.org. A journal to be included in the directory, the users must have the right to “read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of these articles” (Budapest Open Access Initiative). There are now 5435 journals in the directory. Currently 2275 journals are searchable at article level.

The aim of the Directory of Open Access Journals is to increase the visibility and ease of use of open access scientific and scholarly journals thereby promoting their increased usage and impact. DOAJ aims to be comprehensive and cover all open access scientific and scholarly journals that use a quality control system to guarantee the content. In short the DOAJ is the one stop shop for users to Open Access Journals. A link to this webpage will add a considerable amount of online resources to your library collection.

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New Additions to the Library

Author	Title	Stock N
David Whitford	Proteins Structure and Functions	130280
Micah Hester	End-of-life Care and Pragmatic Decision Making	131655
David Hardiman	Histories of the Subordinated	129730
Yvonne N. Bui	How to Write a Master's Thesis	127608
James R. Holton	An Introduction to Meteorology	130766
Julio Polaina and others	Industrial Enzymes: Structure Functions and Applications	130283
Lesley - Jane Eales	Immunology for Life Scientists	130275
Pranab Bradhan nad Isha Ray	The Contested Commons	131680
Kanchan Chopra and Vikram Dayal	Oxford Handbook of Environmental Economics	131681
Gautam Chakravarty	The Indian Mutiny and the British Imagination	120448

Independence Day at GU

The Independence Day was observed at the University on 15th August with the unfurling of the national flag by Prof. D. N. Deobagkar, Vice Chancellor.

In his I-Day address, the Vice Chancellor emphasized the need to work collectively for the betterment of our institutions and lamented the increasing display of self-serving attitude. Such attitude, he said, could at best serve the individual well, but could hardly serve the interests of the larger society.

Drawing attention to the multi-faceted progress our nation has achieved, especially in the past one decade when the phenomenal economic growth has catapulted India among the league of powerful nations of the world, Prof. Deobagkar emphasized the need to guard against complacency. A nation on the move demands hard work and commitment by its citizens if the trajectory of high growth is to be maintained, he stated. He pointed out that educational institutions have their task cut out to educate a vast pool of human resources. Drawing attention to the fact that India now has a very high percentage of young population, Prof. Deobagkar stated that the onus was on institutions of higher education to impart education of very high caliber.

Later, the Vice Chancellor laid the foundation stone of the new hostel for girl students. The Independence Day function was attended in large numbers by members of the faculty and non-teaching staff of Goa University.

7th Study India Program for Nihon University commences



Students of College of International Relations, Nihon University, with SIP coordinators

The 7th Edition of the Study India Program (SIP 2010-11) for students of Centre for International Relations, Nihon University, Japan, began with a colourful inaugural ceremony on 20th September.

Addressing the gathering of students and faculty, Prof. Dileep Deobagkar, Vice Chancellor, welcomed the Japanese students to Goa University. India is a fascinating country in terms of its diverse languages, cultures and landscapes and foreign students have plenty to learn about, he said, and expressed the hope that the exchange students from Nihon University would utilise the Study India Program to acquaint themselves with the various facets of India.

Speaking about the success of the Study India Program with Nihon University, Mr. Hirofumi Irifune, Chief of Student Affairs, Nihon University,

commended Goa University for its innovative program which has benefited several students of Nihon University since the past seven years. The Study India Program is a model exchange program, he said, and added that Nihon University would now look forward to expanding cooperation between the two universities to other areas of mutual interest. Thanking the university for taking good care of their students, Mr. Irifune stated that Nihon University now looks forward to welcoming students of Goa University for a short duration exchange program.

Earlier, Dr. Rafael Fernandes, faculty, Dept. of English and module coordinator, SIP, welcomed the audience, Dr. Ganesha Somayaji, academic coordinator, SIP, presented an overview of SIP 2010-11, Dr. Rahul Tripathi, academic co-coordinator, SIP, proposed the vote of thanks.

Sports Round-up

GU Inter-Collegiate Sports Events 2010-11

Badminton

Post Graduate Students of Goa University won the Inter-Collegiate Badminton Championship 2010-2011 organised by Goa University. Padre Conceicao College of Engineering, Verna won the Women's Championship. Dr. S. V. Deshpande, Principal of Dhempe College of Arts & Science and member of the Sports Council of Goa University was the Chief Guest for the Finals and awarded trophies to the winners.

Chess

Goa Engineering College, Farmagudi, won the Inter-Collegiate Chess Championship 2010-2011 organised by Goa University, with a score of 17 points. Goa Medical College, Bambolim, emerged the Runners-up team with a score of 14 points while St. Xavier's College were placed third with 13.5 points. A total of 26 colleges participated in this event. Shri P M Bhende, Principal of GVM's College of Commerce & Economics, Ponda and Chief Guest at the prize distribution function awarded medals and trophies to the winners.

Weight Lifting

DM's College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Assagao, won the Inter-Collegiate Weight Lifting Championship 2010-2011 organised by Goa University. Post Graduate Students of Goa University won the Runners-up position. Mahesh Shet of DM's College won the Goa University IRON MAN title. Shri Milton L. Fernandes, Asst. Director of Physical Education & Sports, Goa University, was the Chief Guest for the prize distribution function and awarded medals and trophies to the winners.

Tennikoit

Rosary College, Navelim won the Inter-Collegiate Tennikoit Championship organised by Goa University at University Sports Complex. The college has won the championship for the third consecutive year. In the finals Rosary College beat Shree Mallikarjun College 2-0. Dr. Gopakumar, Librarian, Goa University, was the Chief Guest and awarded trophies and medals.

Basketball

Prof. A. V. Afonso, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Goa University, inaugurated the newly laid Basketball Court. The court has aesthetically designed back board support fitted with the fibre boards and dunking rings. The court also has the latest technical markings of FIBA.



Malhar Darshan – an innovative fusion of art and music

Faculty members and students of Goa College of Art and Goa College of Music collaborated in a unique fashion to present Malhar Darshan, an innovative program wherein students of Goa College of Music presented Malhar ragas amidst a spectacular ambience created by students of Goa College of Art. The programme was conducted in the foyer of the administrative building of Goa University.

Faculty and students of Goa College of Music, led by Pandit Kamlakar Naik, Principal, presented a wide range of Malhar ragas in celebration of the rain. On the sidelines, faculty and students of Goa College of Art, led by Shri M. V. Vengurlekar, Principal, created an artistic ambience at the venue with a colourful display. The highlight of this endeavour was the live demonstration of murals and paintings organised by students and faculty of Goa College of Art. This innovative fusion of art and music enthralled a large gathering on the evening of 20th August. The blend of artistic strokes and melodious ragas created an enchanting harmony not witnessed in the precincts of the University earlier. It was an evening to remember and the experiment opened up the possibilities of similar collaborations of these institutions in the future.



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