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Pearls of Wisdom



"The goal of education is to increase awareness not information. Watching our inner responses, knowing that they are there increases our self awareness." -Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

This issue of Sri Sri University Newsletter is uniquely placed with regard to time. The year 2017 was full of activities for the faculty, staff members and students at the University. We successfully hosted the 'Happiness @ Workplace' Conference which was the first of its kind in the country. It would not be out of place to say that this was indeed a path breaking initiative by the University to bring in much needed changes in the work culture prevailing in corporate houses across the country. The participation shown by Industry and experts in the event was enthusiastic and encouraging. Even the Vagus Nerve Conference organised by Department of Osteopathy was a remarkable initiative in the direction of promoting awareness about Osteopathy among the masses. Both the events are the outcome of our attempt to translate Poojya Gurudev's vision on education into action.

It is with greater energy that we have entered year 2018. Starting with the Youth Festival of the Campus- **Orion2k18** which marked the fusion of **'The Best of the East and the Best of the West'**, there is a long and interesting journey awaiting to be charted. The coming days are likely to be colourful and vibrant, be it academics, training and development, sports and culture or social outreach, the SSU Community seems to be all geared up to make news.

Begining with this edition, this Newsletter will be seen in its new *avataar* as it will now carry a new name- SSU INSIGHT. In addition to this, we shall also be adding to the list of features this newsletter would carry in our forthcoming issue. At this juncture, I would like to convey my sincere thanks to one and all who have contributed in the best possible manner which has enabled us to release this issue in a short span of time.

We hope you will find this issue of the Newsletter quite engaging and informative.

Happy reading.

Dr. Rakesh Tripathi Editor

Spotlight

As a field of study, Yoga is absolutely new for me and I am really excited that I have an opportunity to explore it in detail during my course of study at the University. I find that even at the undergraduate level, the Programme is uniquely tailored not only to enhance the knowledge and skills of the participants but also to promote their well-being at the ground level. As a student of Yoga, my feeling is that it brings about holistic development in one's personality, be it at the physical, mental or spiritual level since all are essential.

Personally speaking, I have been experiencing tremendous changes in myself since the time I was about to complete the first semester of my study. I am growing stronger from within and there is mental stability in addition to being physically fit and flexible. Even my immunity has become stronger than ever before. It certainly wouldn't be an exaggeration if I say that I am discovering my new self through yoga, though this is just the beginning.

For a student, having a positive and healthy mind counts a lot as it is far more important than many other things which seem to have preoccupied a student's mind now-a-days. This is something Sri Sri University has offered me in abundance. The University values happiness of the students and has created a system of education that innately enhances their happiness quotient.

Being the first of its kind, it is a vice-free campus as smoking, alcohol and drugs are totally prohibited. Further, the experience as a student becomes even more wholesome as it is a purely vegetarian campus. All this definitely makes it an excellent place for studies. While I am on the journey of studying Yoga in this wonderful Campus, I can say with pride that I am a student of this University.



Tey Foong Junn (Malaysia) B. A. (Yogic Science)



Samruddhi Gharpure BBA

It was July 2016, A girl was about to start her new phase of life, her university life far away from home in a new city, a new country. Her journey had and has many surprises to unfold, but these 2 years taught her lessons that no teacher every taught, her biggest teacher was Life.

Hi ! I am Samruddhi Gharpure of BBA 2nd year and this is my journey.

Everything started in August 2016, where my superseniors gave me an opportunity to organise and host the Independence Day, that was my first step for a new me. Organising it was not easy but one amazing experience. That small event was an honest eye opener, it showed me all the hidden talents I had and that's where I recognised them and appreciated them. Here's where I took off.

All the skills just started pouring out, it is so overwhelming. Here are my few achievements: Organised Independence Day, 4 internships, Campus Ambassador for Business Standard, PR writer and most important Deputy Secretary General of Sri Sri University's maiden Model United Nations. If there is one event that changed everything, it was SSUMUN'18. It taught me how to be a leader. Here was just the gist of a lot things.

Department of Yoga



Students of MA 1st and 2nd year visited Pragnananda Ashram and had an interactive session on Patanjali Yoga sutra with Pragnanandji who is an internationally renowned teacher of Kriya Yoga on 12th January 2018.

Our BA & MA students attended National Parade on the occasion of 69th Republic Day at Parade Ground, Bhubaneswar on 26th January 2018.

Mr. Girin Govind, HoD- Yogic Science about to start the 3 kilometre run from the SSU Campus on 31st December 2017.

Department of Architecture





Bamboo Workshop at Tangi Forest, Khurda with Ghani Zaman by Traditional East



Department of Good Governance and Public Policy



Shri Jagadananda, Chairman, Mentor & Co-Founder-CYSD, Former State Information Commissioner, Odisha gave a lecture on 'Participatory Governance Framework: Basis of Sustainable Development' on 23rd January 2018.



"National Good Governance Day" was celebrated as YOGAKSHEMA' 2017 on 23rd December 2017. The event was marked by activities such as mime act, dance, theme writing, debate and quiz related to governance area. Around 70 students from different college and universities from Cuttack and Bhubaneswar participated.



The Good Governance and Public Policy Department organized a Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with the RedCross, Bhubaneswar in the University campus on 22nd December, 2017 in which nearly 230 units of blood were collected.



Two students of the Department of GGPP Mr. Manojit Panda and Mr. Jatin Gulati attended the 'Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad' at MIT School of Govt., Pune, Maharasthra on 19–21 January 2018

MANTHAN - The Churning



Poojya Gurudev had an exclusive interaction with all the faculty members of the University on his arrival at the Campus for participating in the Happiness Conference. Gurudev deliberated on various issues, especially with regard to how the University could be transformed into one of the leading universities of the world.

Department of Journalism and Mass Communication



Ms. Debastuti Dasgupta presented a paper titled "Indian Cinema: A Reflection of the Society or Dreams: with special reference to Bollywood on 14th January 2018 at Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Dhenkanal.



Shivanie Agarwal of MJMC 2nd year presented a paper on Bollywood Films: Reality or Dream under guidance of Ms. Debastuti Dasgupta, Faculty, at Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Dhenkanal on 14th January 2018.



Mr Narsingh Majhi, HoD- MJMC participated in a Film Appreciation Workshop "FILMI CHAKKAR" organised by Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Dhenkanal on 15th – 16th January 2018.



Anshuman Senapaty of MJMC 2nd year won Gold Medal in Badminton Open Tournament Grand Finale on 29th January 2018.

Department of Visual and Performing Arts

Applied Arts

Out Reach Program-2018 organised by Department of Visual and Performing Arts on 28th January 2018 included visit to Khandagiri- Udaigiri Caves, Lingaraja Temple, Dhauli Shanti Stupa.



The Department Visual and Performing Arts organised *International Art Sojourn 2018* at the University Campus from 25th January-3rd February 2018 in which participants from countries like France, Sri Lanka, Northern Ireland, Tunisia, Vietnam, Morocco, Macau, Nepal, Australia including India took part.



Out Reach Program-2018 organised by Department of Visual and Performing Arts on 30th January 2018 included visit to Chilika Lake.





Students of Bachelors in Visual Arts participating in the Orion Wall Painting Contest held on 20th January 2018



Ms. Ashima Hellan facilitated a four day (12th-16th January 2018) workshop on Videography for the students of Department of Visual & Performing Arts.



Display of students' paintings in the Orion Wall Painting Contest during Orion 2K18



The Department of Visual & Performing Arts organised a State Art Exhibition during the NHRD National Conference on Happiness at Workplace, held at SSU on 14th –15th December 2017. The exhibition was inaugurated by Shri Ananta Das, Minister for Higher Education, Odisha along with Ms. Rajita Kulkarni, President -Sri Sri University.





The Department of Visual and Performing Arts organised a 10 day (17th-26th December, 2017) workshop and lecture series on applied art, painting, photography, digital art, and field of aesthetics. This workshop was facilitated by Dr. Anand Jaiswal, Sr. Assistant Professor, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana.



Faculty members from VPA Department including Mr. Ravinder Singh, HoD and Mr. Pravesh Chopra, alongwith students from the department participated in DOODLE: 7th National Exhibition of Contemporary Art held from 25th-31st December 2017 at Rastriya Lalit Kala Akademi, Bhubaneswar. During their participation they also visited the Modern Art Gallery and the Church.

The Nikon School Photography organised a workshop on "Master the art of Portrait and Landscape Photography" on 18th December 2017 in association with Orion at University Campus.



Mr. Ravinder Singh, HoD - VPA was awarded for his participation in National Art Exhibition held on the occasion of 'World Artist Day' (*Shilpi Divas*) from 8th-11th December 2017, at Modern Art Gallery, Bhubaneswar.





Mr. Pravesh Chopra was felicitated on the occasion of 'World Artist Day' (*Shilpi Divas*) from 8th-11th December 2017, at Modern Art Gallery, Bhubaneswar. Prof. Behera, guest speaker from Utkal University, alongwith faculty members and students in the VPA Department.

International Art Sojourn at SSU Campus held from 25th January to 3rd February 2018



















SOJOURN

Hindustani Vocal





Meeting the legendary flutist Padma Vibhushan Pt. Hari Prasad Chaurasia during a visit to Vrindavan Gururkul, Bhubaneswar on 8th December 2017, with all students and faculty members of Visual and Performing Arts Department.



Mr. Santosh Panda and Ms. Bandita Ray performing alongwith students during the International Art Sojourn.



Students of VPA Department during their rendition of National Anthem and patriotic song on the occasion of 69th Republic Day celebration.

Odissi Dance



Ms.RashmiRekhaDas, faculty member-Odissi choreographed and performed a new dance-drama called *'The Origin of Painting'* alongwith students of the department.



Rashmi Rekha Das choreographed a new Odissi dance drama name called **'Sarve Mangalam Bhavantu'** with 108 Artist at 12th National Craft Mela organized by Government of Odisha.



Ms. Arupa Gayatri Panda, faculty member- Odissi performed a dance called *'Madhurasthakam'*.



Ms. Arupa Gayatri Panda directed a dance performance titled 'Shiva Panchaka' by students of BPA (Odissi Dance).

Undergraduate Studies



The Undergraduate Section (FCMS) observed the Armed Forces Flag Day on 7th December 2017. Col. Rajesh Menon was invited as the speaker on the occasion who spoke of the valour of Indian Army.

Mr. Asit Mohanty of BBA 2nd year participated in Chakravyuh-Genesis 2017 Techno-Cultural Fest of ITER on 21th-23th December 2017 and Bagged 1st prize in B Plan Writing Competition and won the 3rd prize.





Students from BBA Programme participating in Odissa StartUp event titled 'Hot Pitch' organised by SoA University, Bhubaneswar.

Department of Agriculture

Department of Agriculture hosted its 1st 'Student-Parent-Faculty Interactive Meet' on 28th December 2017



Students of B. Sc. (Agriculture) hosting cultural program on 1st January, 2018 in the department.



Students of B. Sc. (Agriculture) interacting with Prof. Kumarswamy, HoD - Agriculture during their Field Visit to Satkosia National Park.



Faculty of Management Studies



Happiness @ Workplace Conference

The Faculty of Management Studies hosted a two day National Conference on 'Happiness @ Workplace' on 14th & 15th December 2017, in collaboration with National Human Resource Development Network (NHRDN), Bhubaneswar Chapter. The conference was first of its type in the country and was graced by His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar as the Key Note speaker.



Ms. Rajita Kulkarni, President, Sri Sri University delivering her address during the inaugural session.



Leading Industry Captains participating in the Conference: Mr. Sanjiv Sarin, MD & CEO, Tata Coffee Ltd., Ms. Shweta Vyas, BDM, Barclays Wealth, Mumbai, Ms. Nidhi Rana, Head Personal Excellence & Orgn. Transformation, TCS, Mumbai, Ms. Smitha Murthy, Former Head-Organisation Development, Infosys BPO.









'Krishimukh 2018'

The Faculty of Management Studies hosted its 3rd Annual Agribusiness Conclave "Krishimukh 2018" on 6th January 2018, bringing together policy makers, researchers, producers and industry leaders/practitioners and agribusiness management students to discuss economic, policy and societal issues on agriculture and current business practices.





Students of MBA bagged 3 prizes in 3 different B-fest events at the "annual festival of "Birla Global University" held on 27th - 28th January.

Students of MBA 2nd year gearing up to 'Learn, Lead, Serve'.









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