



# The Chorus

## Department of Chemistry makes locally resourced sanitizer, aides University's Covid-19 fight

The Department of Chemistry at University of Lucknow (UoL) has invented an ingenious way to prepare for and battle against the latest outbreak of Covid-19, the novel Corona Virus. A team of 5 inventors, lead by Head of Department Prof. Naveen Khare and consisting Prof. Anil Mishra, Dr. Desh Deepak, Dr. Joy Sarkar and Dr. Ravi Shanker Gupta have developed an innovative hand sanitizer named LUCHEM. Prof. Naveen Khare said, "The light of the current health crisis facing the world, we at University of Lucknow decided to rise up to the challenge and do what chemists do best—invent".

LUCHEM consists of 3 different types of alcohol to take care of any infectious element, rose water, distilled water and a colouring agent to differentiate it from any other liquid. The team guarantees LUCHEM's reliability and purity.



UoL VC Prof. Alok Kumar Rai launching LUCHEM with development team from Department of Chemistry

LUCHEM was launched on 18th March, 2020, at the Hon'ble VC Prof. Alok Kumar Rai's office. It has been widely covered in news channels and has even made a mark in national media. Watch the coverage here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xx6X9Wdlqzg&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xx6X9Wdlqzg&feature=emb_title)

### लवि वि ने तैयार किया सेनेटाइजर



सहस्रक विद्याविद्यालय के रसायन विभाग ने हार्ड सेनेटाइजर तैयार करने का काम किया है। विभागध्यक्ष प्रो. नवीन खरे ने लुकोम (सहस्रक युनिवर्सिटी केमिस्ट्री) के नाम से तैयार उपग्रह शुद्धकार को कुलरवि प्रो. अलेक कुमार राय को दिया। इस टीम में प्रो. नवीन खरे के साथ ही प्रो. अरुण मिश्रा, डॉ. देश दीपक, डॉ. रवि शंकर गुप्ता और डॉ. रवि शंकर गुप्ता शामिल हैं। लवि वि प्रकल्प डॉ. युनिवर्सिटी केमिस्ट्री ने बताया कि यह सेनेटाइजर अलग अलग अल्कोहॉल, गुल्मक जल, अम्ल जल जल से तैयार किया गया है। टीम का दावा है कि इसके कार्यक्षमता व शुद्धता को पूरी गारंटी है। यह त्वचा को भी कोई नुकसान नहीं पहुंचाता है। सोश ही विद्यविद्यालय के शिक्षकों और विद्यार्थियों को इस के लिए उपलब्ध होगा। इस पर लवि का सतत नवीन लोको भी मौजूद है।

## UoL celebrates International Women's Day, VC honours the University's 'femme force'



UoL VC Prof. Alok Kumar Rai with University of Lucknow's faculty members during the celebration of International Women's Day, 2020

Celebrating women's economical, political and social achievements, the University of Lucknow celebrated International Women's Day this month. The event was organised by the Coordinator of the Institute of Women's Studies Dr. Ar-

chana Shukla, and managed by Dr. Manini Srivastava, and saw the participation of several faculty members of the University, including the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Rai. Keeping with the event's title 'Womanhood',

Prof. Rai spoke of the many illustrious women faculty of the University, their exceptional work in both academic and administrative fronts, and acknowledged each of them by name. He said the tenacity, perseverance and will to work for the betterment of the institution as a whole of the women members of the great seat of learning that University of Lucknow is, is unique and often unparalleled. He gave away tokens of appreciation and a yellow hand-made flower to each of the present faculty members. Watch a short video of the event here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2srFAMITck>

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### SARS-COVID19 PRE-CAUTION CHECKLIST

**1**

Stay at home and isolate yourself from your family members for 14 days

**2**

Wash hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer after sneezing, coughing, touching surfaces, before meals and after using toilets

**3**

Cover your mouth with handkerchief/tissue while coughing and sneezing

**4**

Throw tissue in the dustbin after using it

**5**

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth



## Exams postponed, hostels vacated, special arrangements for foreign students: UoL's Covid-19 management action plan



International students at UoL (clip courtesy e-edition of newspaper Hindustan)

University of Lucknow is serious about the health of its students and conscious of the danger SARS Covid-19 poses to the entire world. Therefore, the University postponed its annual examinations till the 2nd of April (subject to change as per Government guidelines).

Students were asked to vacate hostels to prevent the spread of the disease. However, special measures were taken for international students who have been unable to go home due to the current flight ban and the obvious dangers of international travel at the moment. Their hostels were sanitized and masks were distributed to them. They were provided with all facilities within their hostels so as to minimize chances of infection. They were asked not to go out and were assured that basic amenities would be provided to them in their rooms itself.

The entire University also heeded to Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi's Janata Curfew call on 22nd March, 2020. Hon'ble VC Prof. Alok Kumar Rai also advised the students and members of the society to follow certain precautionary measures and protect themselves as well as their family members against the Corona virus. Through repeated messages on television and its Twitter account, UoL has been at the forefront of public sensitization about this dreaded virus.

Listen to the VC's appeal here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2aUMmBsS2M>

Watch UoL's special tribute to healthcare professionals here:

<https://twitter.com/lkouniv/status/1241772798428626944?s=09>

## Classrooms become virtual as both teachers and students work from home

DSW holds first online OPD, over 38 students attend



Setting an example of dedication, our Dean of Students' Welfare Prof. Poonam Tandon held the first online Our Pupils' Day for the University's students on 28th March, 2020. Several students attended, asked questions about their exams and other issues.

As the loss of precious teaching hours looms over teachers and students, UoL turns to its YouTube channels for content dissemination. Since we reported in Vol.1 of *The Chorus*, the number of departments to have launched their YouTube channels have increased to 44. At the behest of the Hon'ble VC, teachers at UoL are now uploading teaching content to these channels (already 400 videos uploaded) so that learning doesn't stop.

*YouTube, Zoom,  
Google Classroom,  
TeamLink, Google Meet  
become the new  
classrooms*

Origin of Sedimentary Rocks by Prof. D.S. Singh, Lucknow University, India  
1,175 views • 29 Mar 2020

Prof. Dhruv Sen Singh  
207 subscribers

Prof. Dhruv Sen Singh, Department of Geology during one of his online lectures on YouTube.

## Special 3-member committee to oversee e-content modalities



Dr. Kiranlata Dangwal, Prof. Poonam Tandon, Prof. Audhesh Tripathi of the newly constituted committee on e-content modalities

Hon'ble VC Prof. Alok Kumar Rai has constituted a three member committee to formulate modalities of online activities to be undertaken during the lockdown. Prof. Poonam Tandon (Dept. of Physics), Prof. Audesh Tripathi (Dept. of Commerce) and Dr. Kiranlata Dangwal (Dept. of Education) will oversee content creation, timely uploading in relevant video hosting sites, etc.





## UoL students become master chefs at Swad-Utsav 2020



Scenes from Swad Utsav-2020, the first ever inter hostel culinary festival organized at University of Lucknow

The first ever culinary festival of its kind was held at University of Lucknow on the 4th of March, 2020. Students irrespective of gender were seen participating in the festival and its competitions. They prepared snacks, a main course and different desserts. This competition was judged by Hon'ble VC Prof. Alok Kumar Rai

and the Dean, Students' Welfare. Prof. Poonam Tandon. Prof. Rai told the students that this competition was organised as a part of the Inter hostel competitions at the suggestion of Hon'ble Chancellor Smt. Anandiben Patel. Her Excellency has always wished to encourage students to pursue cooking as one of the extracurricular

activities.

Several teams from different hostels participated in the cooking competition.

The winners of the SWAD UTSAV 2020 were given prizes by the Vice Chancellor and the Dean, Students' Welfare in the Prize Distribution Ceremony organized at the Malviya Hall.

**Mega Job Fair on 5th March, 50+ companies and hundreds of students attend. Watch the coverage here:**

<https://youtu.be/0nMabbZAxMg>

**UoL hostels to have open gyms, RUSA grants 1.75 crore for equipment and 50 lakh for ground maintenance**

**University boys' football team beats PoliceNew Boys by 2-1 to win Prize-money Football Competition**

**EC approves creation of three new cells at UoL: the Academic Cell, the Research Cell and the Recruitment and Assessment Cell.**

**'Happy Thinking Lab' proposal passed in EC to tackle student depression, stress and anxiety, and teach the 'art of being happy'**

**UoL introduces MSc in Computer Science from 2020-21 with 20 seats . MA Astronomy seats reduced to 20 and MSc Food Processing seats reduced to 30.**

**University takes steps towards an MoU with Bath Spa University, UK for a Student, Teacher Learning and Training Program involving Faculty of Arts.**

**Prof. RP Singh takes over as Vice-Chairman, Delegacy. Prof. Dhruv Sen Singh takes charge as Director, ONGC. Prof. Nand Lal Bharti becomes In-Charge, University Guest House.**

## Saving the *Gauraiyya* : Celebrating World Sparrow Day



Prof. Amita Kanaujia, Coordinator, Institute of Wildlife Sciences distributing sparrow houses on World Sparrow Day

A special programme was organized for the protection of sparrows in the Institute of Wildlife Sciences on 20th March, 2020, World Sparrow Day. The Institute gifted sparrow houses to volunteers who promised to work for the cause of protecting sparrows.

On the occasion, the Department of Zoology of the University too took the initiative to spread awareness about the conservation and the protection of the sparrows whose population even though has increased in the

past year (16324 in 2020 from 11575 in 2019) is still alarming.

The department of Zoology enlightened people about the importance of the conservation of the sparrow species saying that they are the indicators of the quality of the environment and the environmental conditions as well.





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### About The Chorus

chorus *noun*

\* a group of performers in ancient Greek drama who comment together on the events of a play

The Chorus is a monthly newsletter published by the Centre for Information, Publication and Public Relations, University of Lucknow. It contains information about achievements of the University's students, faculty members and athletes during the given month, as well as information about different events one can look forward to participate in during the next. The Chorus also has a section where the student-reader can check deadlines for upcoming conferences, scholarship applications, fees submission for examinations, etc. as well as information about ONLINE courses that Universities around the world are offering. Every month, we also run a section featuring 'student stars', i.e. students who have made a significant contribution to enriching their fellow students' educational and intellectual quotient.

Please send us an email at:

ipprlu2020@gmail.com to have your event featured in our 'Mark your Calendars' section.

If you are a student, you may also send us nominations for our 'Student stars' section. Write the name of the student group/individual you want to nominate and include a brief profile of why they deserve to be included in The Chorus.

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## Mark your calendars!

1. **Schedule of Online Our Pupils' Day for each department and every teacher is available on [www.lkouniv.ac.in](http://www.lkouniv.ac.in). Please go to the University website, and ensure that you do NOT miss these OPDs!**
2. **Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships for Masters Courses in UK, 2020** have been announced. Last date to apply is 12th April, 2020. Apply here: [https://fs29.formsite.com/m3nCYq/form43/form\\_login.html](https://fs29.formsite.com/m3nCYq/form43/form_login.html)
3. **ICGEB call for Research Grants for Member States, 2020.** Last date of application is 30th April, 2020. Apply here: <https://www.icgeb.org/activities/grants/>
4. Join IIM Bangalore's free online course on Introduction to Investments. Apply here: [https://www.edx.org/course?search\\_query=Science](https://www.edx.org/course?search_query=Science)
5. Enrol in Rochester Institute of Technology's free online course on Critical Thinking and Problem Solving. Enrolment starts on April 20th. <https://www.edx.org/course/critical-thinking-problem-solving-2>
6. **Oxford University's Free Online Course on Economic Development.** Course starts on April 20th, 2020. Apply here: [edx.org/course/from-poverty-to-prosperity-understanding-economic#!](https://www.edx.org/course/from-poverty-to-prosperity-understanding-economic#!)
7. Faculty of Science Online Masters funding for International Students at University of Strathclyde, UK. Application is open now, apply here: <https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/scholarships/sciencescholarships/facultyofsciencescholarshipsforonlinemastersstudents202021/>
8. Division of Infectious Diseases – Paulista School of Medicine has a Postdoctoral Fellowship Position for International Students at Federal University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Read <http://www.fapesp.br/bolsas/pd> for more information.

### Know your student stars!

## UoL alumna shines at UN Conference



Alumna Faiza Mumtaz with her art at the CTAUN Conference

This month, an alumna has made the University proud with her achievement in the field of art. Ms. Faiza Mumtaz was awarded at the Committee for Teaching About the United Nations Conference, 2020, held at New York for her piece on the theme 'War No More'.

Faiza Mumtaz is a Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant at the University of Texas at Austin. She completed her MA from the Department of English and Modern European Languages of the University of Lucknow and is currently at Austin's South Asia Institute.



## बेबाक कलम

### The student column

रामचंद्र कह गए सिया से  
ऐसा कलयुग आयेगा  
जब आबादी अपने चरम पे होगी  
और आधा विश्व भूखा सो जायेगा  
प्रभु लेंगे धरती पर दसवां अवतार  
परन्तु कैसे प्रकट हो,  
जहाँ भगवान का ही हो रहा व्यापार

लेके छोटी सी चीज़ की आढ़  
प्रकट हुए महादेव लेके कोरोना अवतार  
बड़े छोटे महिला पुरुष, सब भस्म हो जायेंगे  
इंसानी मौत का तांडव होगा  
परन्तु प्रकृति को कुछ अच्छे दिन दिख जायेंगे.

From the poem **दसवां अवतार** by Ajay  
Upadhyay, BA III Semester