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University of Lucknow (UoL) marks beginning of centennial celebrations with new logo

University of Lucknow (UoL) is currently in its 100th year of existence. In order to mark this glorious occasion, the University adopted a new logo designed specifically to mark its history of light and learning. The logo will be used throughout the year during all administrative and academic events as well as paperwork.



The newly launched logo marking the University's centennial celebrations

Choice Based Credit System implementation initiated



The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor meeting with University Deans, Heads of Departments and other administrative heads regarding the logistics of launching CBCS

The University of Lucknow has initiated the process to launch the first Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) with inter and intra-departmental credit transfer in all post graduate and PhD programme beginning July, 2020. In January, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor met with Heads of Departments,

Deans and other stakeholders on the 9th, 16th and 27th of the month, to chalk out the strategy of a successful implementation of the CBCS. The following key points were agreed upon to be incorporated in the system for the best interest of incoming students:

- Uniform credits for all programs
- Freeze Electives

- Open Electives
- Credited Value Added Course
- Non-credited Value Added Course
- Provision for MOOCs
- Inter-departmental Credit Transfer-
- Intra-departmental credit transfer
- Internship
- Dissertation



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Various faculties of the University have organized 6 lectures by invited scholars known nationally and internationally in January.
- 19 new research papers were published by faculty members, with Science Faculty alone publishing 10.
- 16 students clear UGC NET. 12 of the successful candidates (all from the Commerce Faculty) were also able to bag the JRF.
- 21 members of the University faculty delivered invited lectures at several national and international institutions.
- 3 new major projects funded by national and international agencies have been awarded to the University.
- The University has initiated the process to conduct B.Ed. entrance examination as entrusted by the state government consecutively for the fourth time.





The University creates history—plants 36262 saplings on Republic Day



Hon'ble VC planting the first sapling on R-Day

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor marked the beginning of his green initiative in the form of a massive plantation drive undertaken by the University together on the occasion of Republic Day, 2020.

Together with the associated colleges and the old and new campuses of the University, we were able to plant 36262 plant saplings. Not only this, each plant was adopted by a faculty member or a student, ensuring that it is taken care of and grows up happy and healthy. The plantation drive is also an attempt to reduce the University's collective carbon footprint and put the best foot forward in terms of developing an environmentally conscious student and teacher community.

VC meets with students; discusses issues, plans and motivations



January saw the Hon'ble VC meet with stakeholders from different sections from the university including Principals of associated colleges (14th January), faculty members of the University (17th January), PhD and Post-doctoral students (21st January), PG Students (22nd January) UG Students (23rd January) and faculty and students of New Campus (24th January). He discussed his vision for the University and called for everyone to "join hands" to achieve that.

UoL gears for PhD Admissions as previous issues get resolved

University of Lucknow advertised for fresh PhD admissions in various departments of the institution. All pending issues regarding the process have been resolved, along with the inclusion of seats in subjects like Computer Science and Tamil which were previously left out.

The total number of seats open for admission in the session 2019-20 are 492. Application process was initiated on 15th January. The last date to submit a complete application is 6th February, 2020. Those who are unable to

submit by the last date due to any reason, can submit their application by 10th February, 2020 with a fine for late submission. The entrance examination for admission into various de-

partments has been proposed to be held between 16th to 20th March, 2020.

Communication of the advertisement was sent to all the Honorable Governors and

Vice-Chancellors of the country. The result has been encourag-

Steps taken to ensure copying-free exams



The odd semester examinations of the University ended as per schedule. University has ensured copying-free examination by taking extra care and limiting the number of centers. The University has also taken all steps (like bar coded OMR sheets-based cover page of answer sheets) to ensure speedy transparent checking of answer sheets.

492 seats up for grabs, examinations to be held between 16th to 20th March, 2020

Think positive for emotional success—Brahmakumari Sister Shivani at UoL

On 31st January, 2020, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of University of Lucknow, Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, with a hall full of students and faculty members welcomed spiritual thinker and speaker Sister Shivani Ji from the Brahmakumari Foundation for the first of 12 Centennial Lectures to be organised throughout the University's centennial year. She spoke to the audience in her trademark calm and peaceful tone, and gave the listeners several tips on how to live life positively. She said that



peace is a human being's normal state, but today's culture of consumption has created a new normal—one that is not comfortable, one that creates conflict and strife. This new 'normal' is pushing us away from contentment, and towards emotional illnesses. She said that the need of the hour is to take care of our soul, because a healthy spirit creates healthy feelings, which in turn create a healthy body, which again results in a satisfied work life, and ultimately, a healthy

environment. Insisting on the importance of good energy for not just our selves but also for the environment, Sister Shivani called for making the University of



Brahmakumari Sister Shivani speaking to a hall full of students about soul, spirituality and inner health.



UoL gets 13 new Centres of Excellence

A sum of Rs. 1.03 crore has been sanctioned for the opening of 13 new centres of excellence at the University of Lucknow by the Higher Education Department of the Uttar Pradesh Government. These centres will be conducting research on industrialization of villages, human health, Gandhian ideology, cyber world, the condition of water resources in the city of Lucknow, etc.

The following departments will be starting their new Centres of Excellence this financial year:

- Applied Economics: Prof. R K Maheshwari will be studying the levels of industrialization and socio-economic changes in UP villages
- Biochemistry: Prof. Sudhir Mehrotra and Dr. Meenal Garg will be studying environmental impact and human health.

- Education: Prof. Amita Bajpai will be working on Scale Based Rehabilitation Program

- Geology: Prof. Ajai Misra will be conducting research on geo-hydrological assessment.

- Geology: Prof. Vibhuti Rai will be conducting research on urban water quality monitoring system.

- Geology: Dr. Rajesh Singh will be studying slope stability investigation in hilly area

- Law: Dr. Anurag Kumar Srivastava will be studying Gandhi vision.

- Physics: Prof. Rajiv Manohar will be conducting research on innovation materials and cyber world.

- Public administration: Dr. Shraddha Chandra will be working on crime against women and women police.

- Social work: Prof. Anoop Bharatiya and Dr. Garima Singh will be working on violence against girls in school.

- Statistics: Prof. Sheela Misra will be studying data analysis for sustainable development.

- Zoology: Prof. Monisha Bannerjee will be working on molecular analysis of genetic disease.

- Zoology: Dr. Manoj Kumar will be working on fish productivity.



18 departments launch YouTube channels

Heeding the Vice Chancellor's call to reach a wider audience, 18 departments of the university launched Youtube channels. These channels will be used to showcase each department's special events, lectures and other achievements.

Oriental Persian organizes international workshop on Nawabs and Kings of Awadh

IQAC organises NAAC awareness and participation workshop, 75 colleges participate

Cyber library becomes fully functional on 10th January, 2020

Prof. DNNS Yadav took charge as UoL New Campus's new administrative head to enhance coordination between the New and Old Campus.

Students create Shatabdi Wall to commemorate centennial year



Residents of Kailash Girls' Hostel with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, Proctor Prof. Dinesh Kumar among others

Students of Kailash Girls' Hostel, University of Lucknow have created art commemorating the centennial year of the University's establishment on a wall extending to almost 160 ft. This feat was achieved by girls of B Com and B Fine Arts program residing in the hostel.

UoL students shine in athletics and extra-curricular activities

Students from the University of Lucknow won silver medal in All India Inter University Karate Championship at Satyabhama University, Chennai.



Successful athletes with Hon'ble VC Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, LUAA President Dr. Neeraj Jaim.

As athletes soared in their fields, as many as 14 teams of students from the

University participated in a quiz competition on the Constitution of India organized by the University's cultural group Sanskritiki. The theme of the competition was 'conceptualization of the Indian constitution and fundamental rights'. The LU event

was aimed at commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Constitution. On 18th January 2020 a Fit India Cyclot-

hon was organized by National Service Scheme (N.S.S.), University of Lucknow. Several students as well as faculty members participated in the event.



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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. World Wetland Day to be observed in the Institute of Wildlife on 2nd February.
2. Brahmakumari Sister Gopi Patel to have special session on happiness and stress management in Institute of Management Sciences, New Campus, University of Lucknow on 3rd February
3. Special lecture on Intellectual Property Rights by Ms. Shalini Raizada at Department of Physics on 9th February
4. Special lecture on Management of Air Pollution at the Department of Physics on 10th February
5. **UPJEE BEd applications to begin on February 12th (please check <http://www.lkouniv.ac.in/en/article/bedadmission2020> for details)**
6. Hostel festivals Udaan in Kailash hostel and Vividha in Tilak beginning second week of February
7. International Mother Tongue Day to be celebrated in Department of Linguistics
8. Bharatiya Bhasha Mahotsav in the Department of Hindi from 22nd to 24th February
9. Inter Hostel Sport Fest to begin on 26th February
10. New Campus's annual cultural fest Sanskriti Surabhi to begin in
11. **Harvard University's FREE 6 week online course titled 'Leaders of Learning' to begin on 25th February on edx.org.**
12. Rochester Institute of Technology's Professional Certificate Program to begin online in February. The course is self paced and can be accessed on edx.org
13. Tsinghua University's FREE online course on Writing, Presenting and Submitting Scientific Papers in English to open enrolment in February.
14. **USIEF opens application processes for separate Fulbright Fellowships. Visit www.usief.org.in for details on different programs.**

Know your student stars!

RUBAROO

Rubaroo is the official rock band of the University of Lucknow. It started its journey in September 2016. The idea of Rubaroo was conceived by the team of Sanskritiki, led by then Director Prof. N.K. Pandey. Dr. Roli Misra, Sanskritiki's very active member, then translated this idea into reality with Zubair, Kevin, Harshit, Garima, Kushagra, Prabhat, Abhishek and Rohan as the founding members. Dr. Misra currently is the mentor of the group that actively practises and performs in and out of the University.

Rubaroo has won several laurels for the University— Isabella Thoburn college's annual fest Aura, IIT-Kharagpur's annual music fest Antarangini, to name a couple. They have performed at IIM Lucknow, BHU Kashi, I-Next Cyclothon, CII North India Auto Expo, Open Mic Café at Sheroes, etc. Rubaroo has also performed at the University's Convocation every year since its inception. Don't forget to watch their performance this year!

The band consists of one bassist, lead guitarist, rhythm guitarist, drummer, flute player, synthesizer player, and table/dholak player and singers. Students from the University campus are selected every year through auditions in order to give a fair chance to all the genuine talent of the campus. Maybe next time, you too can be a part of Rubaroo! (Watch this space for audition dates!)

Currently, along with the members in the photograph, Rubaroo has Naitik, Advitya, Shreyansh, Aditya and Abhinav.

You can listen to their original composition dedicated to the city of Lucknow *Ye lakhnawi andaaz hai* (composed on YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06oRwANV1So>



Some of the current members of Rubaroo (from left): Kashish (singer), Suraj (singer), Aniruddh (flautist), Avinash (singer), Shashank (drummer), Ajay (guitarist)