



The Chorus

Hon'ble CM of UP Yogi Adityanath Ji inaugurates University's 'भारतीय भाषा महोत्सव'

University of Lucknow's Department of Hindi and Modern Indian Languages in association with the Uttar Pradesh Bhasha Sansthaan, organised the Bharatiya Bhasha Mahotsav during 22nd to 24th February, 2020. The language festival was attended by hundreds of delegates from around the country and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of UP, Yogi Adityanath Ji. During his inaugural address, Shri Yogi spoke of the unique linguistic make up of Sanskrit and other Indian languages and said that nowadays several new and novel job opportunities are offered by an education in languages.



UoL VC Prof. Alok Kumar Rai felicitating Hon'ble CM of UP during inauguration ceremony of Bhasha Mahotsav

University of Lucknow inks MoU with US University



Officials from California State University with Prof. Alok Kumar Rai and Prof. Nishi Pandey

The University of Lucknow (UoL) and California State University, Long Beach, California signed a Memorandum of Understanding arriving at an agreement to conduct short term courses for students at each others' campuses. The classes will be conducted online via the internet and classroom hosting platforms. Director of International

Collaborations at the University, Prof. Nishi Pandey informed that the MoU is being drawn to finalise programmes in Business Administration, English Literature, biosciences, teacher training and education, and cultural studies. California State University and University of Lucknow have been working together in the field of furthering an education of international standard at UoL for the past 12 years.



Toronto Professor speaks at UoL

Prof. Alan Law of the Department of Sociology, University of Trent, Toronto, Canada spoke to students of the Department of Sociology at UoL about the challenges of qualitative research in social sciences. The lecture was organised by the Department in association with Lucknow University Teachers' Association, as a part of the centennial year lecture series.



Norway varsity students visit UoL, discuss yoga and spirituality



Vice Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Rai hosted a delegation of students from the Inland University of Norway. The students expressed their interest in yoga and spirituality and enjoyed the campus.

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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



University of Lucknow to begin programmes on 'गर्भ संस्कार'



VC Prof. Alok Kumar Rai meets with Hon'ble Governor of UP Smt. Anandiben Patel Ji (File photo)

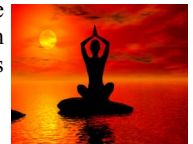
The Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh has become the source of inspiration for a very unique and first of its kind programme at the University of Lucknow.

Institute of Women's Studies in coll-

aboration with the King-George's Medical University of Lucknow, Bhatkhande University and the Government of Uttar Pradesh, a novel and unique course on 'garbh sanskaar' will be started in the University of Lucknow. The course will be the first of its kind in a state university, and will be targeted at educating women of deprived sections as well as anyone else who wishes to learn, of healthy practices to be adopted during pregnancy for the health of the mother as well as the child. Dr. Archana Shukla, Director, Institute of Women's Studies (IWS) said that the curriculum that is being designed currently will have elements like what to

do during pregnancy to ensure a healthy mother and child, good eating habits, exercises, yoga that can help during delivery, etc. and will also deal with difficult issues like post-partum depression, mental and physical health of the mother, importance of a strong psychological and emotional support system in the form of her family and husband, etc.

Both certificate and diploma courses will be available in the programme at IWS, while the subject will also be included in the curriculum of Department of Home Science as a Departmental elective course so that students studying in different programmes of the University too, can choose to study this course.



UoL makes NAD ID mandatory to fill examination forms

In continuation with the Digilocker initiative started in January, the Examination Committee of the University was held in February wherein along with other decisions it was also decided that the students will be permitted to fill the online Examination forms after they have a national academic depository ID. This is in pursuance of the digi locker scheme launched in January. The

UoL examination department's work not to be conducted via the National Information Centre

not tampered with. It may also be noted that the University will now conduct all its examination related work via the National Information Centre. Three new services have already been launched for students. Students will now be able to obtain a second copy of their marksheet, get it attested or apply for a migration online.

Hon'ble VC starts taking classes at Department of Business Administration



After almost three months of his appointment as the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of UoL, Prof. Alok Kumar Rai seemed to miss teaching and empowering young minds with education. This has led to an utmost happy news for students as he has decided to begin taking classes in the Department of Business administration twice a week!

All UoL Departments start Student OPDs

Keeping with the University's push towards making the campus student friendly, and to ensure that each student feels safe, secure and empowered with her teachers, each Department of the University is launching a special OPD for its students. This OPD, or Our Pupils' Day is an initiative where in every day, for a period of at least one hour, a teacher will be available at the Department to help guide a student in any way possible. Each student is encouraged to use this hour for any kind of counselling, be it educational or psychological.

Teachers and staff members learn to use GeM



Participants of one day training program targeted at teaching how to use GEM portal

GeM (Government e-Marketplace) is the one stop government e-market where common user goods and services can be procured. This February, GeM consultant Praveen Vadhvani conducted a training programme for teachers and administrative staff of the University including the Registrar, Finance Officer and Controller of Examinations, and explained the ways how purchases can be made via the GeM portal, how are goods and services classified in the various areas of the portal, how can tenders be posted or utilised, etc.



University students showcase talent during cultural and inter hostel sports fest



Scenes from Udaan and Vividha, the cultural festivals organized at Kailash and Tilak Hostels, and the annual inter hostel sports

The Cultural Festivals - Udaan of Kailash Hostel and Vividha of Tilak Hostel were held with great enthusiasm in mid February. A variety of cultural and sports competitions were organised for girl students. The week long Inter Hostel Sports Fest also happened this month. It started from 26th February 2020. Several cultural and

sports competitions were organized in all the hostels of the University. Students participated with great vigour and enthusiasm. This is the first time when parallel events were organized in boys as well as girls hostels. The inter hostel competitions included singing, dancing, poetry writing, debate, just a minute Quiz as well as matches of

Volleyball, Badminton, Cricket, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, tug of war and relay races. A Masterchef competition too was organized and not just girls, but boys too participated in the same with great excitement.

UoL New Campus's annual cultural fest 'Sanskriti Surabhi' was also organised in February with fervour.

School of Management Sciences organises 2 day seminar on 'Impact of Non Conventional Energy Resources'.

UP JEE B.Ed online application system begins.

Dr. Avatar Singh Memorial Lecture Series and Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Memorial National Article Writing and Debate Competition was held in Faculty of Law, New Campus.

The Legal Aid Centre of Faculty of Law organizes camp in St Mary's Inter College, Janki Puram to make students aware of constitutional provisions.

UoL starts innovative counselling and conversational therapy sessions with NGOs Suraksha and Navkalyani for its students, encouraging dialogue and discussion about mental issues like stress.

Dr. Geetanjali Kaushik delivers lecture on Management of Air Pollution at the Department of Physics.

Ms. Shalini Raizada spoke on Intellectual Property Rights at the Department of Physics

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UoL students win Champion of Champions Trophy at Aura!



UoL students with their winning trophies

Students of the University participated in different cultural and athletic competitions held in Isabella Thoburn College's annual festival Aura-2020. Many of them won their respective competitions among competitors from several colleges in the state. Ultimately, the total points of University of Lucknow were the highest in the point tally and our students' team was awarded the coveted Champion of Champions Trophy. The victorious team met with the Vice Chancellor who congratulated them on their feat.

Lucknow Police officials speak at Kailash

The Lucknow Police officials visited Kailash Hostel, the biggest girls' hostel of University of Lucknow on 29th February to show their concern for the safety of girls. Assistant Commissioner of Police (Crime Against Women) addressed students and assured them of responding to any distress calls from girl students.



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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. USIEF opens application processes for separate Fulbright Fellowships. Visit www.usief.org.in for details on different programs.
2. 12th March, 2020: TASS 2nd International Conference on Business, Economics, Management, Humanities & Social Sciences (BEMHS) Taipei, Taiwan
3. 23rd March, 2020: 13th Academic International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities : AICSSH 2020 March (Boston) Boston, United States of America
4. University of British Columbia is opening free online courses. Visit this page for more details: <https://www.freeeducator.com/top-free-online-courses-at-university-of-british-columbia/>
5. Edinburgh Global Online Distance Learning Master's Scholarships in UK, 2020 applications are open, apply here: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate/international/global/distance-learning>
6. Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships for Masters Courses in UK, 2020 applications are open, apply here: <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/distance-learning/#terms>
7. IE3 Global Internship Program in USA, 2020 applications are open, apply here: <http://ie3global.org/school/oregon-state-university/internships/>
8. IIM Ahmedabad is starting a free online course on Introduction to Investments, join here https://www.edx.org/course?search_query=Science
9. Harvard University's Online Course on Modern Masterpieces of World Literature are now open. Apply here: <https://www.edx.org/course/modern-masterpieces-of-world-literature>

Know your student stars!

Future Parliamentarians and Akshamya!



Aparna, Deepali, Praful and Vaibhav in action during the 10th Indian Student Parliament

From the 20th to 23rd of February, Vigyan Bhavan hosted the 10th Indian Student Parliament. The event was attended by hundreds of aspiring young minds who strived to understand their nation and her democracy better. 6 students from the University of Lucknow too, represented our strength of thousands in this enriching event. Guided by Dr. Alpana Bajpai, Deepali Singh, Aparna Jain, Darshita, Vaibhav Dev Singh, Praful Gupta, Ayush Tripathi and Suryanshi Nigam held up our University's banner. The students were selected after a rigorous intra university speech competition.

Nukkad Natak is one of the oldest art forms of storytelling. It is a dramatic and effective communicating tool for social awakening and reformation.

Nukkad Nataks have always stirred people's movements to ensure that justice is served. With that in mind, a few students of our University took the initiative to form a dramatics society and fondly christened it Akshamya. *Akshamya* means 'inexcusable', conveying the issues that the group tackles and strives to portray in each play and the desire for wrong

Akshamya was also in Top-3 performers at 'Riwayat', 'Varchasva', and 'Paighaam' 2019.

Akshamya is open to students from all Departments and both the campuses of the University. Anyone who wishes to join may contact Director, Sanskritiki Prof. Rakesh Chandra, or Sanskritiki board members Dr. Prashant Shukla and Dr. Roli Mishra.

Watch out for their upcoming performance on the occasion of International Women's Day!



Some of the current members of Akshamya