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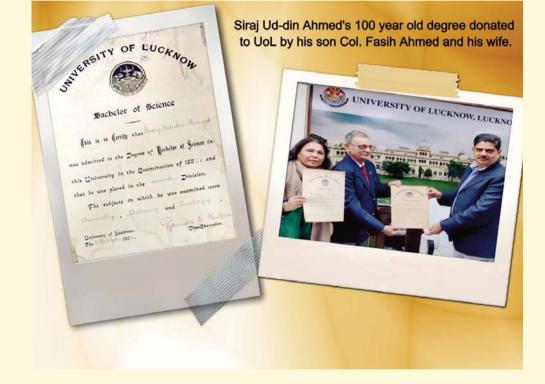
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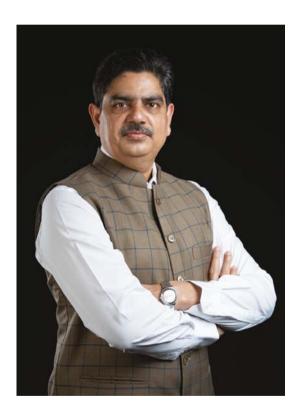






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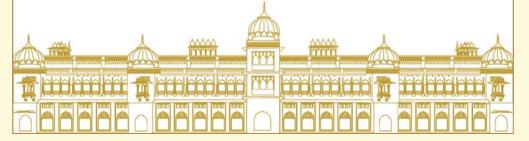


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Acknowledgements

I took over as Director of the Centre for Information, Publication and Public Relations on 13th January, 2020. The year started with a lot of promise as with the arrival of a young, dynamic and energetic leader in our Vice Chancellor Hon'ble Prof. Alok Kumar Rai the University of Lucknow prepared to jump into one of the biggest academic changes of all, the inception and implementation of the Choice Based Credit System. Team IPPR was soon appointed to handle the office's daily work and interface with the Press and Media. We had just begun our year when an unprecedented pandemic brought the whole world to a stand-still. Just when it was expected of the University to lay down arms and go into hibernation in the face of a world level challenge, Prof. Alok Kumar Rai taught the whole University family the meaning of finding 'opportunity in adversity'. He continued with the same energy and same dedication to his goals for the University, as if, there was no pandemic. Taking his lead, team IPPR continued to function under him and soon, added social media channels and coverage to their list of responsibilities and duties. Today we have a monetised YouTube channel and a Twitter following of more than 10 thousand people. We have successfully covered all the events held at the University, specially the grand coverage of the unprecedented #LUCentennial Celebrations.

I am thankful to Prof. Rai for giving me this opportunity to work as Director of IPPR and be the link between the media and the University. Prof. Rai also must be thanked for the amazing work he has done during this past year that has made the work of compiling this report a matter of special joy and pride. I would also like to thank Dr. Abhinav and Madri for their help in creating the content, Mohd. Zishan Hashmi for the cover photo, Dr. Ashutosh Singh for his help with composition, Aftab Anwar for designing of this 1st year report of Prof. Alok Kumar Rai's achievements at University of Lucknow, and all administrative office bearers of the University for their constant support to the office of IPPR.

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It must be said that even though this book is not to be considered a legal document or an administrative record of the University, it provides a glimpse of the phenomenal year that it has been for this institution in general. It has been a wonderful year, and we can only look forward with great enthusiasm for many more under the aegis of Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Lucknow.

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Prof. Alok Kumar Rai: Year One Vice Chancellor, University of Lucknow

Prof. Alok Kumar Rai took charge as Vice Chancellor, University of Lucknow on 30th December, 2019. The first year of his leadership has been inspiring and extremely productive. Prof. Rai has initiated several schemes and projects for the holistic development of the University of Lucknow family, including its teachers, students and administrative officials. The following is a summary of the major steps Prof. Rai has taken in his first year that have been the harbingers of change in administrative work ethic of the institute, the support system for a student centric approach of all stakeholders of the

प्रो. आलोक कुमार राय

रय को लखनक विश्वविद्यालय का नया कुलपति बनाया गया है। वह बनारसँ हिंद विश्वविद्यालय (बीएचय) के इंस्टीटयट ऑफ मैनेजमेंट स्टडीज में प्रोफेसरहैं। राज्यपाल व कलाधिपति आनंदीबेन पटेल ने उन्हें पदमार प्रहण करने की तारीख से तीन वर्ष के लिए कुलपति नियुक्त किया है।



पहुंचाने का खेगा प्रयास : मुल प्रयास करूंगा।



कहना है कि विश्वविद्यालय को न लिबिबि को शिखर तक ऊंचाइयों पर ले जाने के लिए हर संभव

University, and which have firmly established University of Lucknow as a reliable 'brand' in the field of education not just in the state of Uttar Pradesh, but in India.

I. Academic Reforms and achievements

Prof. Rai began his tenure with the firm approach of 'student



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इस पर रोक लगा है है।

first', and in order to achieve the best possible outcome for all students studying in the University, the teachers and researchers of the institute have to be empowered. (Scan the QR Code to watch related video). With this very belief in mind, Prof. Rai launched the following exceptional schemes.

BOOST Scheme (Building Opportunities for Original and Sustainable Thinking)

1. Incentivization Policy (ACCLAIM)

University of Lucknow (UoL) has always supported and promoted the research activities and achievements of its faculty who continuously strive to elevate UoLs research credentials. For this, the university in addition to its other research promotion schemes, started the ACCLAIM incentivisation policy in the year 2020. As per the policy, teachers whose academic achievements have already been recognized at the state, national and international forums via recognitions/awards will also be lauded at the University. For the purpose, UoL has resolved to honour such awardees with the following at a University function.

- Commendation and certificate of honour
- Monetary incentive of Rs. 5000/-
- Medal
- Announcement in the Newsletter and Website

The eligibility criteria to be kept in mind while consideration for ACCLAIM are as follow:

- The awardee should be a permanent faculty.
- Eligible awards range from study leave awards, fellowships, research awards with monetary and promotional benefits.
- The Award or recommendation should be from a recognized forum, i.e. State, National and International level, from Government/Govt. recognized bodies with a track record of at least 5 years.
- The Award or recommendation should be a result of an open call, competitive and based on evaluation of merit.
- Awards that are local in nature cannot be considered. (For Ex: avoid awards from urban local bodies/Panchayat etc.). Intra and inter university/institution awards to be avoided
- Participation / presentation certificates during paper presentation etc need to be avoided.
- Awards given by individuals are not to be considered.

2. PROTSAHAN Scheme

Research and Development (R&D) is an integral and important part of universities. University of Lucknow (UoL henceforth) has a practice of providing seed money to the faculty members by sharing overhead grants of sanctioned projects. The UoL in its initiative of promoting quality research and encouraging potential researchers has come up with a new scheme in 2020 of providing seed money to the young faculty members of the university. The seed money is a small amount of fund given to start/conceptualize a new project. The University of Lucknow (UoL) will provide seed money to a faculty member for initiating a project under following categories

Category I- To initiate a future project from an already sanctioned and funded project by some government/ non government agency. In this case UoL will provide 60% of the overhead amount sanctioned under the current project to the Principal Investigator (PI). The PI can utilize this amount for creating required infrastructure facility in lab or procure other required facilities/items (permanent/consumables/ services) necessary for smooth start and running of a pilot study. (Already in practice)

Category II- To conceptualize a project to be applied for funding from some government/ non government agency. If some of the faculty members require minor funds for executing some experiment/ survey/ other activity, which they feel necessary before finalizing their future project, regardless of whether they currently have funded projects or not, will be covered under this category. The maximum amount of seed money sanctioned under this category will be Rs. 20000/-.

Eligibility:

Category I - a sanctioned project with overhead amount.

Category II - The following will be the eligibility criteria.

- Only Associate professors/ Assistant Professors can apply for the seed money.
- Out of total slots of seed money available, only 25% slots will be available to Associate Professors in an academic year.
- The applicants having 2 research papers published in SCOPUS indexed journals (For Science Faculty) and 1 research paper published in

- SCOPUS/WoS indexed journal (for faculty other then Science faculty) in last academic year will be preferred.
- In case of limited available slots candidate with lesser service period will be preferred.

75% of the grant will be released after getting assessment report of an expert committee constituted by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. Rest of the grant will be released after submission of the final report and deliverables to Dean Research and IQAC office.

3. UDDEEPAN: Best Research Paper Award

Research and Development (R&D) is an integral and important part of Universities. The University of Lucknow (UoL) in its initiative of promoting quality research is coming up with a scheme of rewarding research scholars and faculty members involved in research activity.

Eligibility:

For Research Scholars- A research scholar on the recommendation of his/her Supervisor & Head of Department will be given a cash prize of Rs.1100 for every paper published fulfilling the following criteria:

- In a journal listed in UGC approved journal list.
- Journal impact factor should be more then 1 (Science Faculty) and 0.5 (Other faculties). (Impact factor will be considered from international agencies Thomson Reuters & Scopus).
- In case of multi author paper, only first author will be given reward.
- The reward will be given for a particular academic session.

For Faculty Members- A Faculty Member on the recommendation of Head of Department will be given a cash reward of Rs. 1100 for the papers published

- In an international journal listed in UGC approved journal list.
- If total impact factor of Journals in which his/her papers/paper are published is more then 5 (Science Faculty) and 2 (Other faculties) (Impact factor will be considered from international agencies Thomson Reuters & Scopus).
- The reward will be given for a particular academic session.

बिजनेस वेंचर शुरू करने के लिए एलयू देगा ₹5 लाख

■ एनबीटी, लखनऊ: लखनऊ युनिवसिंटी (एलयु) ने स्टुडेंट्स के प्रोत्साहन और कल्याण अध्ययन केंद्र ह लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण निर्णय लिया है। महात्म योजना के तहत गांधी रोजगार अध्ययन केंद्र योजना के तहत अब स्टाडेंट्स को पांच लाख रुपये प्रति वर्ष विजनेर वेंचर को शुरू करने के लिए प्रोत्साहन राशि के रूप में दिया जाएगा। काउंसलिंग ऐंड प्लेसमेंट सेल (सीपीसी) के डायरेक्टर के अधीन एक अडवायजरी बोर्ड इसके लिए स्टूडेंट्स क चयन करेगी। इनोवेटिव बिजनेस प्रजेटेशन के प्राधार पर अडवायजरी बोर्ड स्ट्रडेंट्स को धनराशि देगी । एलयू की इस योजना का उरेडच स्टॉट्स को आर्थिक रूप से आत्मनिर्भर बनाना और नए आईडियाज को विकसित

एलयू नियुक्त करेगा 102 संविदा शिक्षक विभागों और आईएमएस जैसे संस्थानों के लिए 102 नए संदि शिक्षकों के पदों का सजन कर जा रहा है। इन सभी पदों को नेकर एलयू की प्रशासनिक बैठक में सहमति बन चकी है जल्द ही इन सभी पदों पर भर्ती

4. Karmayogi and Samvardhan

In the 'Aatmanirbhar Lucknow University' line of initiatives is another one specifically designed for the students of the institution—the Karmayogi Yojana.

Karmyogi Scheme: The university encouraged the students to take up part time jobs in the campus, to support their expenditure partially under the Karmayogi Scheme. The

objectives of this Scheme were:

- To make use of students' potential as a valuable human resource
- To earn while they learn
- To involve students in activities of the University
- To provide work experience to students before they obtain their real jobs
- To teach students dignity of labour
- To channelize youthful energies of the students in a positive direction

For doing the assigned jobs the student will be paid @Rs. 150/hour and would be allowed to work for maximum 2 hours a day, subject to a ceiling of 50 days in an academic session. The maximum amount paid to a student in any case under the Karmayogi Scheme would be Rs.15,000/-.

Another scheme providing students with great business ideas a part of the seed money to begin their start-up has also been launched. This scheme is titled Samvardhan. Samvardhan will identify viable business ideas and provide a sum of money that may function as seed money for the student.

5. Student welfare fund

The Student Welfare Fund(SWF) would be used for the following two schemes for the welfare of students under two different schemes:

Chhatra Kalyan Scholarship: This scheme will provide financial assistance to needy and deserving students to pursue their studies in the University. The Chhatra Kalyan Scholarship would provide financial assistance upto Rs. 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) or actual annual/semester fees, whichever is less.

6. Memorandums of Understanding

The University in the last year itself, signed 11 new memorandums of understanding with several noted institutes and organisations of the country in an attempt to enrich the University's





research and education output. Notable among those MoUs is the one with KGMU (for mutual collaboration to explore the possibility of cooperation, convergence and synergy to have a biological intervention in the field of medical sciences, and prevention of pandemic like Covid 19), NIFT and ISKCON.

7. Syllabus Up-gradation

A major drive was launched for the syllabus up-gradation Train during the academic session 2020-21. Many programs across faculties have revisited their curriculum and revised their syllabus as per the needs of the industry and market.



The University has completed the process to launch the country's best Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) with credit transfer system in all PG and Ph.D. programme from the 2020-21 academic session. The CBCS for P.G. program of University incorporates following key inclusions:

- Uniform Credit
- Freeze Electives
- Open Electives
- Credited Value Added Course (VAC)
- Non Credited VAC
- Provision for MOOCs
- Inter-departmental Credit Transfer
- Intra-departmental Credit Transfer
- Internship
- Dissertation

लविवि में 96 क्रेडिट का होगा पीजी

तीसरे सेमेस्टर में इंटर्निशिप और चौथे में होगा डेजर्टेशन माई सिटी रिपोर्टर

लखनक। लखनक विश्वविद्यालय में सभी पारुवकाों में एक समान १४ केटिए होंगे। हमके साथ ही तीसरे सेमेस्टर में जरूरत होने पर इंटर्नेशिप की व्यवस्था होगी और चौथे सेमेस्टर में डेजर्टेशन जमा करना होगा। लिविवि में परास्नातक स्तर पर चॉयस बेस्ड क्रेडिट सिस्टम (सीबीसीएस) लागू करने के लिए चार घंटे चली मैराथन बैठक के बाद इस पर सहमति बनी। कुलपति प्रो. आलोक कुमार राय की अध्यक्षता में हुई बैठक में सभी संकाय और विभागाध्यक्ष

कुलपति प्रो. आलोक कुमार राय ने कहा कि

सेमेस्टर में 90 दिन की कक्षा अनिवार्य सीबीसीएस में एक सेमेस्टर में कम से कम 90 दिन की अनिवार्य कक्षाएं होंगी। सप्ताह में पढाई के लिए 25 घंटे न्यूनतम घंटे समेत कुल मिलाकर 450 घंटे की पढ़ाई होना अनिवार्य होगा। सेमेस्टर स्तर पर न्यनतम 24 घंटे और इलेक्टिव विषयों के लिए भी न्यूनतम चार केडिट अनिवार्य किए जाएंगे। इसक के साथ ही हर चैप्टर के लिए अनिवार्य कक्षाओं तथा उसके लिए निर्धारित क्रेडिट भी पहले से ही तय होंगे।

ध्यान में रखते हुए सभी परास्नातक पाठ्यक्रम 9 क्रेडिट के करने पर सहमति बनी है। सीबीसीएर में विद्यार्थियों को यह सुविधा मिलेगी कि लविवि में विश्व का सर्वश्रेष्ठ सीबीसीएस इलेक्टिव विषयों की पढ़ाई अपने विभाग वे पास्त्रकम तैयार किया जाएगा। पिछली बैठकों में अलावा अन्य विभागों में भी कर मकें। विशाश टिए निर्देश के अनुसार विभागाध्यक्षों ने अपने यहां - विकल्प के रूप में अन्य विषयों के साथ ही मैसिव का सिलंबस प्रस्तुत किया। परीक्षाफल जारी करने ओपन ऑनलाइन कोर्सेज (मृक्स) से भी पढ़ई में समस्या न हो तथा पाठ्यक्रमों में एकरूपता को कर पाएंगे। इसके लिए क्रेडिट भी निर्धारित होंगे

8. More Colleges Going for NAAC

There has been a remarkable increase in the number of affiliated colleges going for NAAC accreditation during the current academic year 2020-21 as compared to earlier years.

II. Launch of New Courses and Programs

1. The University opened admission to 31 Diploma and Certificate programs in the year 2020-21, including the unique course on 'Garbha Sanskar'. Garbha Sanskar (scan the OR Code to watch related video) is a very unique and first of its kind programme at the University of Lucknow. Institute of Women's Studies in collaboration with the King George's Medical University of Lucknow, Bhatkhande University and the Government of Uttar Pradesh. 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. Both certificate and diploma courses will be available in the



programme at IWS, while the subject has also been 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.

2. Establishment of the Faculty of Yoga and Alternative Medicine, and IAMGID

Today, Yoga has got global recognition and an exalted status as an ancient health-building system. We have reached a stage where most people have a greater appreciation for Yoga as a complete medical science and philosophy of life, and increased acceptance of its scientific reasoning and basis. To encourage study and research in the traditional fields of Yoga and Naturopathy, UoL has established the Faculty of Yoga and Alternative Medicine. The Faculty will run self financed courses in two constituent departments and will run undergraduate, post graduate, PG Diploma, an integrated five years program and a PhD program. There will be two independent departments in the Faculty:

- Department of Yoga
- Department of Naturopathy. Both the departments will run their own programs.

The University is also starting an interdisciplinary research, teaching and training institute named Institute of Advanced Molecular Genetics and Infectious Diseases (IAMGID). The institute will teach, train and conduct research in the fields of -

- DNA-RNA analysis
- Understanding molecular biology of infectious diseases
- Techniques like real time PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction), electrophoresis, HPLC (High Performance Liquid Chromatography), mass spectrometry, etc.

3. Establishment of New Cells

An Executive Council meeting was held on the 20th of March where several policy decisions were taken. Three news Cells namely:-

- Academic Cell
- Research Cell
- Recruitment and Assessment Cell

were established in the University. Currently, Prof. Arvind Mohan is serving as the Dean, Academic Cell, Prof. Monisha Bannerjee is the Dean, Research Cell and Prof. Manuka Khanna is the Dean, Recruitment and Assessment Cell. A new Honorary Director was also appointed to the New Campus. Several policy documents were also approved, including e-waste management policy, students' grievance redressal policy, etc. the Vice Chancellor held that these initiatives were essential to improve the teaching and learning environment of the University.

III. Admission Reforms

1. Centralised Admission System

Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, taking a Dike historic step, started a centralized admission system for admission to various undergraduate and postgraduate courses in University of Lucknow and its affiliated colleges. The details of participating colleges



along with the information about the syllabus and the seats of the courses have been uploaded on the admission page of the Lucknow University website. In the present session, candidates were granted admission to the various courses offered at the University main campus and its affiliated colleges through this very centralised admission system. Candidates were able to get information from the website about how many colleges they were eligible to apply to by just filling the single University of Lucknow admission form. This historic decision provided a lot of convenience to the students as they did not have to fill the forms in different colleges during the Corona crisis.

2. Conducting PhD entrance and admission

The Ph.D. admission issue was resolved and the entrance for the admission was conducted. Admission process is set to be completed soon.

3. Conducting UG/PG admission and counselling via UnLOC

The process of applying online for the admissions in the different Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes of the University for the 2020-21 was streamlined and solidified during this year. Along with application process, the entire counselling process too was shifted online, in line with the initiatives taken during Covid-19 times to ensure student safety



and health. (SEE: Digital Reforms). Special helpline numbers for information regarding admission, form fill-up, and other examination related queries was also released to ensure everyone gets used to the new systems easily.

Examination Reforms

1. Conduct of Examination

The odd semester examinations of the University ended as per schedule. University has ensured copy 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 for ensuring timely declaration of results.

Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, the examinations University of Lucknow and associated colleges started, and the results were declared timely. Prominent initiatives for examination reforms that worked during the examination of 2020 were strict compliance of sitting plan for examinations, frisking at entry gate, check on wall and desk writing, video photography of examination centers, sanitisation of all desks and classrooms, etc.



2. NAD ID

The Examination Committee of the बिना नैड आईडी University 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 University also decided to digitalise its tabulation charts and give them a radio frequency identification tag to ensure that its results are not tampered with.



3. Successful conduct of UPJEE B.Ed 2020-2022

The joint entrance examination B.Ed. 2020-22 was completed on August 9th, 2020 even under the changed circumstances due to Covid-19. For this examination, 14 nodal centers, 04 sub-nodal centers, were established in 73 districts of the state. A total of 4,31,904 candidates were to attend 1089 centers in the state, out of which about 3,57,064 candidates appeared in the examination and attendance was about 82.67 percent. Several visually challenged candidates were also included in these, who as per rules were also provided scribes and given extra time at the examination center. Various candidates were found at various centers, whose body temperature was above normal, they were made to sit in the isolation room and the examination was conducted in that manner. In view of the changed



सफल आयोजन पर उप मुख्यमंत्री ने दी बधाई: उप मुख्यमंत्री डॉ. दिनेश शर्मा ने बीएड संयुक्त प्रवेश परीक्षा सफलतापूर्वक संपन्न कराने पर आयोजक लखनऊ विश्वविद्यालय व अन्य विश्वविद्यालयों के कुलपित, अधिकारियों, जिला प्रशासन के अधिकारियों एवं परीक्षा से जुड़े सभी अधिकारियों को बधाई दी है।





बीएड परीक्षा के दौरान रविवार को क्लासरूम में सोराल डिस्टेंसिंग का ध्यान रखा गया। इधर परीक्षा केंद्र के बाहर परिवार के लोग फुट ओवरब्रिज पर बैठे रहे। 🛭 कोटो : मनीष वर्मा

circumstances due to Covid-19 and the security of all the candidates, roominspectors and nodal officers; protocols and instructions were strictly followed. CCTV at each examination center, proper arrangements for cameras, routers etc. were all ensured. The examination being conducted at all the centers of the entire state was closely monitored with the help of the Command Control Room set up at Lucknow University.

The results for the UP-JEE B.Ed Entrance 2020-2022 were declared on 5^{th} September.



V. Social outreach and reforms for students' holistic well being:

Prof. Alok Kumar Rai took charge as the Vice Chancellor of University of Lucknow at one of the toughest times ever seen by not just the University, or the city, but the whole mankind. Covid-19 had wreaked havoc across the world and as the whole of humanity scurried to safety, Prof. Rai led the University with wisdom and courage, towards innovation and invention, thereby turning the obstacle into a world of opportunities. Here are some of the steps taken this year to fulfil the University of Lucknow's social responsibility towards the city of Lucknow, the people of Uttar Pradesh and India.

1. Sanitizer

The Department of Chemistry, University of Lucknow, invented an ingenuous way to prepare for and battle against the outbreak of COVID-19, the novel Corona Virus in March 2020. 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 developed an innovative hand sanitizer named LUCHEM. 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 sanitizer is 100% reliable, and its effectiveness and purity is guaranteed. It is also skin friendly. On 25th April,



2020, UoL signed a technology transfer agreement with Toral Herbal Private Ltd. for production and marketing of its indigenous hand sanitiser LUCHEM. This is the first instance of the University garnering revenue from its research output.

2. LU-RAM19

Faculty of Ayurveda at the University of Lucknow created an ayurvedic immunity boosting drink. Named LU-RAM19, the drink is completely organic and resourced from naturally available ingredients. At the behest of Hon'ble ViceChancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Rai University of Lucknow's Faculty of Ayurveda prepared the immunity

boosterto help improve the body's ability to fight off infections and diseases. It has 16 Ayurvedic components and herbs, and has been inspired from techniques given in Yogratnaakar, one of the most revered treatises of Indian Medicine. LU-RAM19 was launched from the Vice Chancellor's Office on 2nd April. 2020.



3. Community Kitchen

Hon'ble VC inaugurated the University's Community Kitchen at Nivedita Girls' Hostel to cater the needs of the socially and financially deprived people on 6th April, 2020. The food packets being prepared at this Kitchen were handed over to the representatives of the district administration for distribution among the needful. These packets were prepared twice everyday by the University. 1200 packets are prepared every day and distributed.



On 6th June, 2020 the University's community kitchen wrapped up its services as the city slowly prepared to come out of the nationwide lockdown. Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, who has been seminal in its operation felicitated the cooks and helpers at the kitchen who have tirelessly worked during these troubled times for the help and benefit of others. He presented

the workers of the Nivedita Hostel (the site of the kitchen) with small tokens of appreciation in a socially distanced event attended by Prof. Amita Kanaujia (Provost), Prof. Nalini Pandey (Chief Provost), Prof. Manuka Khanna (former Chief Provost) among others.



4. Donation to Chief Minister's Covid Care Fund

Fulfilling University of Lucknow's mission of 'service to humanity', Hon'ble VC Prof. Alok Kumar Rai presented a cheque of Rs 34 lakh 81 thousand and 918 only to the UP government's Covid Care Fund as humble contribution made by the faculty, officials and staff of UoL on 11th April, 2020.



5. Mask Bank

In an attempt to provide the most needy in the University with the awareness of the necessity of a mask, the Lucknow University chapter of the National Service Scheme is launching a unique initiative. NSS volunteers

developed a massive Mask Bank in the University wherefrom, durable, washable, reusable and most importantly, free masks were distributed among the Class 3 and 4 workers of the University. The Mask Bank has been accessible since its launch in September to everyone else at the University as well. The NSS has also been continuously at the forefront of the University's community outreach programs, especially during the Covid-19 times.



6. 112 counselling

Department of Psychology, University of Lucknow started offering its services through counselling of students of the entire University to empower them with right information and much needed emotional support during the isolated accompanying the lockdown on 4th April, 2020. The able teachers of the Department offered their counselling services to those suffering in any manner due to the isolation experienced during this crucial period of self quarantine to fight SARS-COVID19. The University and the UP Police Emergency Service 112 signed an MoU to provide counselling to servicepersons and volunteers providing their most valuable expertise on the emergency 112 lines on 10th April, 2020. The counselling team on behalf of the University was led by Dr. Archana Shukla and counselling began on 15th April, 2020. An innovative and successful #CoronaCommando campaign was also launched on Twitter by 112 and the University's official Twitter handle.

7. Counselling and Guidance Cell

A Counselling and Guidance Cell at the University was created in October, 2020 for the benefit of enrolled students both in improving their mental health as well as to receive guidance for their career and professional future. Prof. Madhurima Pradhan of the Department of Psychology has been appointed as the Director of the Cell. This new cell has been created after the Counselling and Placement Cell of the University was recently renamed as Central Placement Cell and the counseling and guidance section was assigned to the new Counselling and Guidance Cell. Scan the QR code to watch its launch program.

8. Happy Thinking Lab

The word Spirituality comes from Latin word "spiritus" meaning breath of life. This means that spirituality is as much essential for life as our breath. Despite it being so important, lack of education of psycho-spiritual development in Indian higher education is alarming. Keeping this missing link in mind, the Department of Psychology established the Happy Thinking Laboratory in 2020. The lab was formally inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor Her Excellency Smt. Anandiben Patel during the 63rd Convocation of the University of Lucknow on 21st November, 2020. The purpose of this laboratory will be to provide spiritual knowledge to students in very simple and easy manner. This would infuse enthusiasm, happiness, happiness and energy into the lives of students so as to enablethem to actualize their hidden potentialities to achieve the goals of their lives. Scan QR code to watch the media coverage of the University's student counselling initiatives.

9. Nutrition Kits to TB patients

Prof. Alok Kumar Rai and the Department of Social Work of the University of Lucknow together distributed Nutrition Kits to children recovering from Tuber Culosis on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi. The association with these children and others suffering from TB continued



as they were also included in the University's centennial celebrations during the 63rd Convocation of the University of Lucknow.

VI. Digital Reform

1. E-content creation

Teachers of the University of Lucknow created a huge body of e-content and digital subject matter, including but not limited to power point presentations on topics in the syllabus, video lectures recorded and uploaded on departmental and personal YouTube channels, etc. All the e-content created by the University's faculty members is available on the University website under respective Department tabs. Under Prof. Rai's leadership, the University teachers had started creating

and uploading e-content much before any other institution. More than 20,000 books and even more articles were also made available to students via the online remote access system of Tagore Library as well.



2. YouTube and Twitter

Over the past year, the University has been able to establish itself as a strong social media presence in the two platforms YouTube and Twitter. The University's YouTube channel was able to monetise itself within six months of its formation and the Twitter account has been a constant source of contact with the students of the University. Both the accounts have more than 10,000 subscribers/followers. The YouTube account was also the source of live streaming of all the events during the week long centennial celebrations and has over 2 lakh views on a mere 80 videos. The University's official channel was started due to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Rai's vision of creating a global platform to disseminate not just the institution's research and education output, but also to showcase the brand that is Lucknow University. Over the year

- Hon'ble Governor Her Excellency Smt. Anandiben Patel's addresses to the University at two gala virtual inaugural events of the University,
- Hon'ble Dy. CM Prof. Dinesh Sharma's addresses,
- Speeches of several eminent speakers given at webinars hosted by the University.
- Hon'ble VC Prof. Alok Kumar Rai's interactions with audiences over multiple social media platforms,

have been streamed live or uploaded in the official channel.

The channel has also hosted the University's first ever live stream of Flag Hoisting and Independence Day celebrations, launch of University's first ever video cultural magazine as well as all important examination and admission related announcements.

All instructional videos related to the University's very own LMS SLATE: Strategic Learning Application for Transformative Education are also available on the channel. Currently each department of the University has their own very successful and popular



YouTube channels, as well as Twitter accounts for quick redressal of student issues. With the positive response from the students around the country, it may be hoped that all these channels too will soon be monetized.

Scan the QR code to SUBSCRIBE to our channel.

3. Website refurbishing

The Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh and Chancellor of University of Lucknow, Her Excellency Smt. Anandiben Patel Ji inaugurated the new and revamped website of University of Lucknow from the Governor's office on 1st April, 2020. HE launched the



website and browsed through some of the new content and expressed her best wishes towards the University. HE's message to the University and it's members is available for public access on the new website. At a time when the entire world is facing the global pandemic of SARS-COVID19, this launch event was ingeniously held and conducted online with video conferencing. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Rai said that the new website (www.lkouniv.ac.in) was launched with the sole purpose of facilitating the University's students' continuing education at a time when the cannot come to class. He informed that the website contains all updated e-content from almost all departments of the University, as well as improved online library remote access and accessibility of Tagore Library's massive selection of e-books, journals and articles.

4. SLATE

Generally, 'SLATE' signifies the beginning of education on one hand and on the other hand it signifies ease of education. At University of Lucknow, 'SLATE' stands for 'Strategic Learning Application for Transformative Education'. SLATE is a Learning Management System which is going to revolutionize the teaching system of the University. SLATE has been specially designed for online classes to be conducted. On 'SLATE', teaching materials have been made available to

students and online tests have also been conducted. Through 'SLATE', students have been able to submit their assignments online. Keeping in mind the



overall development of the students, their performance will also be evaluated and analyzed on SLATE. 'SLATE' can be used by computer as well as mobile phone so that the students who do not have computers can continue their studies through smart phones.'SLATE' is a unique step taken in the interest of the students which in itself incorporates unique initiatives of Government of India like Digital India, Self-reliant India, e-education, vocal-for-local etc. SLATE has been developed completely inhouse and both the copyrights for the software as well as its trademark have been obtained by the University.

SLATE was inaugurated by the Honourable Her Excellency Governor of Uttar Pradesh on 15th September, 2020 and officially adopted as the LMS of the University of Lucknow on 17th September, 2020.

5. SIMS

SIMS or the Student Instant Messaging System, is a communication portal that is one of the quickest steps taken in the last few months by the University in an attempt to stand with the world's best educational institutions. With the help of this portal, the university can send any necessary information to all its students at the same time. Information is sent via sms or e-mail. It has been kept in the notice that if information is to reach only one faculty, one course or even students of the same department, then this can be done. SIMS was inaugurated by the Honourable Her Excellency Governor of Uttar Pradesh on 15th September, 2020.

6. Online Recruitment Portal

The Online Recruitment Portal of the University was also launched with SLATE and SIMS on 15th September, 2020 in a digital event by the Hon'ble Her Excellency Governor of Uttar Pradesh Smt. Anandiben Patel. The portal has been designed to invite and accept applications called for recruitment to all vacant academic posts. The candidates then will be tested on the basis of the qualifications prescribed by the University Grants Commission, and information will be sent to the selected applicants for

interview. After this, the list of selected members will also be displayed through the portal itself. Step by step information of the process of filling the application form till the release of the list will continue to be received by the applicant through this portal. Along with saving time and resources, this portal will also maintain continuity, efficiency and transparency in the process. Immediately after the launch of this online portal, the University advertised the vacancy of 180 posts and initiated the selection process all through this portal.

7. Integrated Financial Management System

University of Lucknow in 2020 began work towards creating a portal of Integrated Financial Management System for Accounts Department, in which the university's salary-module has been completed in the first phase. While doing the accounting work through this portal, on one hand there will be speed, improvement and transparency in the execution of information and receiving information, on the other hand, it will become easier to provide external agencies(funding or audit) with information about their standards/requirements. There will be facility to provide certificates etc. as well. The teachers and non-teaching staff working in the university will also get information about their salary and various deductions being made out of it, GPF etc. easily. The IFMS was inaugurated by the Honourable Her Excellency Governor of Uttar Pradesh on 15th September, 2020.

UnLOC (University of Lucknow Online Counselling) The University has also brought a lot of digital reforms in the

year 2020. Automation of the student login process is also one of them. This year the University has adopted a centralized admission process in which more and more colleges have participated. In order to provide this online off-campus counselling to the students seeking admission in the university, this portal has been developed which we have named UnLOC, ie University of Lucknow Online Counselling. The specialty of this portal is that the student can complete the entire process from his home. Students upload their documents on it, whose verification is done online. The biggest challenge in Online of Campus Counselling is choice filling and subject allocation of subjects in the BA syllabus. The reason for this is the subject combinations that occur. Through its portal, the student will have to select only the college and the subjects of his choice in the order according to his choice. From that he will be allotted on the basis of college and subject merit. It will also be kept in mind that the allocation should be from the state government and University's rules. This online off-campus counselling process is not being done in any of its regular courses at any other university.

9. Virtual cultural magazines and monthly newsletter

The University cultural wing Sanskritiki ensured that the morale of students during one of the most difficult times faced by humanity was not down and the spirit of recovery, healing and togetherness was prevalent at a time of isolation and quarantine. 3 vibrant and virtual cultural magazines: Hope in the times of Covid-19, Jijeevisha and Jashn-e-Azadi were curated with the help of very enthusiastic students. Their performances were woven together with commentary and uploaded on the University YouTube channel and have gathered thousands of views.

Scan the QR Code to enjoy our first virtual cultural magazine.

A monthly newsletter *The Chorus* has also been published every month since Vice Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Rai took over. *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.

VII. Upgradation of Infrastructure and Facilities

In the year 2020, the University saw several student and teacher centric facilities being launched in the campus. The following list the major new facilities:

1. Happy Thinking Lab: **SEE Social outreach and reforms for students'** holistic well being: Point G.

2. A new computer center in the Faculty of Engineering and Technology was inaugurated on 15th September, 2020 by the Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Her Excellency Smt. Anandiben Patel. Prof. Rai spoke of the success of the faculty within a very short time of its establishment. The new computer center was opened for public use on the birthday of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, 17th September, 2020.

3. GenSen Committee

The University of Lucknow has adopted a policy of zero tolerance of gender based violence in the campus. Every effort is to be made to provide the University community with an atmosphere in which education (in both 'universes' of citizenship and of knowledge) can be freely and fearlessly pursued. For this the University of Lucknow has constituted Gender Sensitization Committee.

Responsibilities of the Gensen committee:

- To assist and support University to meet mandatory requirements to end gender-based violence and harassment including provisions for the safety of women students and employees on campus.
- To monitor the compliance with the requirements of the Sexual Harassment Act of 2013.
- Produce materials for courses and workshops on issues pertaining to gender sensitization, sexual harassment and legal literacy with the help of recognised experts in the field and make these available to all affiliated colleges.
- To ensure that regular training programmes including workshops and short term courses on gender sensitization become an on-going activity within both the curricular and co-curricular spaces.
- Provide information on research work, publications and lecture material with regular updates on the University website.

4. Central Placement Cell (CPC)

In 2020, the Counselling and Plancement Cell was split and divided into the Counselling and Guidance Cell (SEE: Social outreach and reforms for students' holistic well being) and the Central Placement Cell. The main endeavour of CPC, University of Lucknow is to get students placed in reputed multinationals, government NGO's and the private sectors, all

registered students CPC will be given placement assistance, counselling for employment and even self- employment. The CPC assures support to the visiting companies at every stage of the placement process by making university infrastructure available to them. The CPC will act as an interface between the industry and the students and will primarily enable the students to select from their career options. We shall facilitate the selection process of all the companies as per their requirement. The CPC will liaison with corporate/organizations to provide suitable jobs for the candidates completing their graduation from the University of Lucknow. The CPC also proposes to conduct seminars and workshops to enable the students of University of Lucknow to become successful professionals.

5. Girls' community washroom

The foundation stone of two Girl's community washrooms was laid by the Hon'ble Chancellor, University of Lucknow on 22nd May, 2020 in digital mode. The necessary funds of Rupees 10 Lakhs for establishment of these washrooms was given by Hon'ble Chancellor, University of Lucknow Smt. Anandiben Patel Ji. These washrooms will aid the girl students of the University to have an access to 'home-like washrooms' where proper hygiene is maintained. These washrooms are equipped with facilities like changing rooms, well lit toilets, etc.

VIII. Administrative Reforms

- 1. The University of Lucknow is coming up with an online feedback system from the students. The feedback will be in two formats. One is for the academic that will cover curriculum, teaching learning process, and evaluation system. This format will have 20 questionnaires. The second is the administrative feedback that will cover issues related to the library, internet facility and other offices like HoDs, Dean, Proctor, Registrar, etc. This questionnaire will have 26 points. The students can go to the University web site for the feedback link, enter their email id and registration id to access the feedback Performa. They can also use their smart phones for feedback.
- **2.** A four layer grievance cell: Head-Dean-Pro Vice Chancellor-Vice Chancellor has been activated.

- **3.** Separate Coordinators and Directors were appointed to the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, and Institute of Management Sciences, respectively. With full time dedicated directors and coordinators these programs are showing huge improvement in efficiency and functioning.
- **4.** Meritorious Students Council (MSC): Due to legal hassles, the formation of students union has not been possible in the University for a long time. To cater to the grievances of students at large and also for student's participation in various decision making in the University a Meritorious Students Council has been formed in the current academic session. This will serve as an interface between the students at large and the University administration.

IX. Green Reform

1. 26th January plantation

On this day in both old and new campus of the University as well as all the affiliated and associated colleges twenty six thousand (36262) saplings were planted with concomitant pledge that all the saplings will cared as child. In this plantation drive, 2600 saplings planted in the old as well as new campus of the University of Lucknow, while rest of the saplings were planted in colleges. This effort was a world record for which a committee also come to the campus to oversee this World Records claim. Apart from these geotagging of these newly planted saplings were executed. In addition, it had been resolved to execute this plantation drive throughout the year.

2. Three new gardens

On the occasion of Van Mahotsav, University had set up three new gardens in different places of University, "The Navgrah Vatika", "Panchvati Vatika" and "Aushadhiya Vatika". These new gardens were established with the assistance from Union Ministry of Environment and Forestry. Around 30 saplings were planted in these gardens. Saplings of five trees—peepal, banyan, bel, amla and Ashokhaving ecological relevance were planted in the Panchvati Vatika created in the open space outside ONGC multi-disciplinary building. Plantation of nine saplings—shami, peepal, goolar, madarpalash, banyan, kush, durva, apamarg and

kher—representingnine planets and the sun, as per ancient Hindu scriptures, was done in the 'Navgrah Vatika' set up at Tagore Lawns.

3. Vanmahotsav celebration

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Rai along with several members of the faculty planted rare saplings in the University campus on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5th June, 2020. Among the saplings planted were Rudraaksh, Parijaat and Harshringaar. The National Service Scheme chapter of the



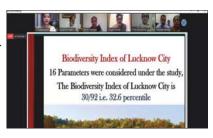
University also organized a plantation drive for the occasion.

4. Green audit

The University of Lucknow also conducted green audit to analyze and document the level of cleanliness which helped in making the campus green and eco-friendly. The university tied up with a team of experts at a private organization, who, along with professors and 20 students had worked on various facets of 'Green Campus' including water conservation, tree plantation, waste management, solar energy used, paperless work, mapping of biodiversity and monitoring of air and water quality.

5. Lucknow Biodiversity Index

For the first time the biodiversity index of Lucknow city was released by the Hon'ble Chancellor, University of Lucknow. In this index 16 parameters were considered and it was found that the Biodiversity Index of Lucknow city was 30/92 that 32.6 percentile.



6. Organic farm and solid waste management system

The University has a dedicated gardens' department that takes care of the greenery of the institute. A new organic farm has now also been added to the University's green assets. The organic farm is already fully functional and is aimed to produce green leafy vegetables to be used in the hostels and guest

houses of the institute. This is a unique initiative aimed at becoming self sufficient in matters of agricultural produce. A solid waste management system to create vermi-compost on-campus is already in place.

X. Some Special Achievements

1. Prof. Alok KumarRai has been nominated as Member of General Council of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council for a period of three years.

2. Addressing a conclave with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a conclave aimed at discussing the transformational reforms under the National Education Policy on 7th August 2020 via video conferencing. The conclave was attended by Vice Chancellors, educationists, scholars and other eminent personalities from around the country.

University of Lucknow was also a proud attendee of this conclave and was represented by our Hon'ble VC Prof. Alok Kumar Rai. Shortly after the Prime Minister's address, Prof. Rai was invited to address the conclave with his observations on the NEP. Prof. Rai summarised the new education policy in a succinct



acronym LIFES. He said the NEP stands for:

- The development of 'L-life coaching',
- 'I-internationalisation' of Indian education',
- 'F-flexibility',
- 'E-employability generation',
- 'S-structural change' in the existing education system'.

Prof. Rai welcomed the student centric approach of the NEP and expressed his belief in everlasting change via its implementation.

3. University of Lucknow's teachers and students utilized the lockdown period for sharpening research skills and publishing research work. An internal report on research published during lockdown records 60% growth in total number of communicated, accepted and published work.

4. Over 200 Webinars, quizzes, elocution competitions, Guru-Dakshata, all conducted **ONLINE**

Turning the obstacle of Covid-19 into opportunities, the University saw an upsurge in the number of webinars (national and international) in a

large number of topics. More than 200 webinars were hosted during the entire year, with the month of May holding the record for a webinar on all 31 days of the entire month. In June, the webinar spirit has given way to more formats and we saw online counseling for NET aspirants (Dept. of Psychology), quiz (FoET) and even elocution competitions (Legal Aid Centre). Participants from across the world have attended these events and made each one a success. In October, even the orientation and refresher courses for teachers at the UGC-HRDC were conducted online. The 'Guru Dakshta' programme of UGC-HRDC, University of Lucknow, was inaugurated on 1st October, 2020. About 40 participants from various Universities & Colleges were connected online to this function.

5. Honouring retiring teachers

On 01 July 2020, teachers of University of Lucknow who retired on 30th June, 2020 were specially recognized for their lifelong contribution to the

institution by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Alok Kumar Rai. Prof. Rai started this new tradition today and honored the retired teachers by giving mementos and shawls at the Uma Harikrishna Awasthi Auditorium. The honoured teachers include Prof. Seshu Lavania (Botany), Prof.



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Padmakant (Chemistry), Prof RM Naik (Chemistry), Prof VS Yadav (Chemistry), Prof JK Sharma (Business Administration) and Prof Rajiv Sharan (Political science). Prof. Ashutosh Mishra (Political Science), and Prof. Nupur Sen (Education) also retired on June 30 but could not come to the University due to ill health.

XI. Student-centric Reforms

1. Student OPD

Prof. Rai initiated the student OPD (Our Pupils' Day) program. The OPD initiative has been started to ensure students of the University are taken care of mentally as well. Each Department of the University will have one hour every day assigned specially for students to come in and talk about anything on their mind.

2. TREE Program

their emotional health.

Prof. Rai also initiated, Mentor-Mentee Program TREE (Teaching, Research, Emboldening, Evolving) which aimed to utilize the academic and life experience of faculty to nurture, empower and abet students in their transition from students to successful confident citizens. Under TREE, each faculty would be expected tomentor a set of post graduate students from their own department from entrance to exit. The responsibilities of the mentor will be to:

- Listen, learn and respond to difficulties faced by the students in their curricular, extracurricular as well as personal lives.
- Guide both academically and socially.
- Ensure the facilitation of untapped as well as tapped potential
- Work as an anchor to their mentees
- Train them into responsible, confident, successful individuals.
- 3. Students and their well being is always the foremost on Prof. Rai's mind. He initiated the process of formation of a 'Happy \square Thinking Lab', a program to teach the students the art and importance of being happy, having emotional stability and taking care of



Scan the QR code to watch the media coverage of the inception of the Happy Thinking Lab.

4. EASE: University of Lucknow has been at the forefront in the fight against the Covid-19 virus. The century old institute has done everything possible to continue with the teaching and education of students, including online classes, availability of study material on an easily accessible website and even, counselling of isolated and worried students. In the same context, as preparations to hold final year exams in various educational institutions of the country are going on, the University has made arrangements for

students to access as many services

EASE OF GETTING DOCUMENTS as possible related to examinations online. On 17 July, 2020, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University of Lucknow, Prof. Alok Kumar Rai launched the new scheme called EASE: Electronic Access to



Services of Examination, aimed at making services related to examinations easily available to its enrolled students in a socially distanced event at his office.

XII. University Ranking

1. University of Lucknow has been ranked 88th in INDIA in an international ranking of July 2020. UoL improved it's own ranking by 3 points in 6 months. In January, it was ranked 91st in the Country. This ranking is published by Cybermetrics Lab, of Spanish National Research Council, Madrid, Spain.

This special ranking takes into account a University's online presence, including its website, the volume of content on the website including publications and citations, visibility and impact of the content, etc.



The improvement in this ranking is an obvious nod to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Rai's push towards a strong online presence, and active engagement with students though the University website.

2. In a survey conducted by reputed magazine India Today of the best colleges of India, a faculty from Uttar Pradesh's University of Lucknow has found a place of pride. Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow has been named the 10th best place in the country to study law. National Law School of India University in Bengaluru was named No.1. The University also ranked 22nd in the overall ranking of institutions in the country. This month, University of Lucknow has found a place of pride in several rankings

published by different issuing authorities. In a list of the top 120 government institutions of the country taken out by Education World India, UoL has placed 51 which is a huge leap compared to last years ranking at 94! Within the state, the University was able to secure the 7th place.



3. In 2020. University of Lucknow secured a spot with only 62 other institutes from the country in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. This is the first time the University has been considered for a spot in these coveted rankings. The University was kept in the >1000 bracket of institutes and was even able to improve its score based on research papers published as well as quality of research in the Science Faculty section within six months and land in the >800 bracket.

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लखनऊ विरिष्ट संवाददाता

लखनऊ विश्वविद्यालय ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर जारी की गई टाइम्स हायर एजकेशन वर्ल्ड युनिवर्सिटी रैंकिंग 2021 में जगह बनाई है। दावा है कि आईआईएससी, आईआईटी और आईआईएम जैसे देश के टॉप 63 संस्थानों को ही रैंकिंग में शामिल होने का मौका मिला। इसमें लखनऊ विश्वविद्यालय भी एक है।

लविवि के 100 वर्ष के इतिहास में यह पहली बार है जब विवि प्रतिष्ठित विश्व स्तरीय रैंकिंग में जगह पाने में सफल हुआ है। कुलपति प्रो. आलोक कमार राय ने शताब्दी वर्ष में इसे विश्वविद्यालय के लिए सबसे बडा

तोहफा बताया है। कलपति ने बताया कि टाइम्स रैंकिंग में आवेदन के लिए पिछले 5 साल में 1500 पब्लिकेशन के प्रतिष्ठित अंतरराष्ट्रीय जर्नल स्कोप में प्रकाशित होने की अनिवार्यता है। कुलपति ने बताया कि इस अंतरराष्ट्रीय रैंकिंग में जगह पाने वाले देश के 63 संस्थानों में करीब 14- 15 संस्थान लखनक विश्वविद्यालय के बाद हैं।

अभी हाल में ही एक मैगजीन की ओर से जारी रैंकिंग में लखनऊ विश्वविद्यालय को देश में भर के उच्च शिक्षा संस्थानों में 22वें स्थान स्थान मिला है। इस रैंकिंग में जवाहर लाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय ने देश में पहला

The annual publication of the UK based magazine assigns ranks up to 300 only, while for others it gives a rank range.

XIII. Centennial Celebrations

(Scan QR code for entire#LUCentennialCelebrations playlist)

Day 1: The Centennial Celebration week of University of Lucknow was inaugurated by Honourable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji and Deputy Chief Minister Prof. Dinesh Sharma at the Malviya Hall of the University of Lucknow. Prof. Rai enumerated the achievements of the University in his welcome address. Deputy Chief Minister Prof. Dinesh Sharma in his address talked about the illustrious past of the University of Lucknow and remembered many distinguished faculty



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members of the University. He said that the presence of Honourable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji in this program indicates his willingness and enthusiasm to improve the standard of Higher Education is Uttar Pradesh. Prof. Sharma also mentioned that during Vidyadaan month, University of Lucknow had contributed 11500 e-contents in the digital library and more than 1.19 lakh times these contents have been viewed and downloaded. Honourable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji in his keynote address congratulated the University of Lucknow and gave blessings for successful conduction of the centennial celebration.

After successful conduction of inauguration session Heritage Walk from Bhaurao Devras Dwar to Machhli Dwar was conducted. was conducted. During this event Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, Prof. Nishi Pandey in kind association with Nawab Jafar Mir Abdullah and Nawab Masud Mir Abdullah made a short trip in a Bagghi through Bhaurao Devras Dwar → Malvival Hall → Prem Chand Vatika → Arts Quadrangle→Lal Baradari→Tagore Library→Machhli Dwar. During this walk Prof. Peeyush Bhargay, Department of Ancient Indian History in association with Dr. Anupma Srivastava and Dr. Prashant narrated the architectures and structures of all the buildings.

The first day of the centennial celebration concluded with the performance of Awadh ki Raushan Chaukee, by University alumna Padamshree Malini Awasthi and Yatindra Mishra.



November 2002, started at 7.30 am with yoga camp organized at Shiva Ji Stadium of the University of Lucknow campus followed by the Shatabdi Sports Festival. The Science Festival was inaugurated later during the day by Dr. Ravi Bhatt, historian and Vice Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Rai. Total 9 departments of Faculty of Science and 3 institutes participated from the University. Apart from that, Lucknow Public College, Amity Lucknow, C. Gupt Agricultural College, Integral University also participated. An Arts Festival was also inaugurated on the same day. Apart from a physical exhibition organised by the Faculty of Arts, a special online

international Art exhibition (scan QR code for video) was also organised

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wherein more than 100 artists from 30 countries around the world participated. The online art exhibition can be accessed through the University YouTube Channel.

In the cultural evening of the second day, Yash Chauhan and colleagues made the entire courtyard lively by presenting the live performance of Ram-Leela. Everyone was left enthralled as they witnessed the birth of Lord Rama, his exile and his life in jungle, his victory over Rama, the waw of good over evil and the final victory. They also cheered with everyone as Lord Rama, Lord Laxmana and Devi Sita returned home.

Day 3: Scan the QR code to watch the 63rd Convocation of University of Lucknow held during the week long Centennial Celebrations.



On the third day of the Centennial celebration, a large yoga health camp was organized in the premises of the Faculty of Law of the Second Campus of the University from 07:30 AM in the morning.



Thereafter, at 11:30 am the 63rd Convocation was held at Malaviya Auditorium of Lucknow University in which the Chancellor, Honorable Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben Patel, Honorable Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Prof. Dinesh Kumar Sharma, Vice Chancellor of Lucknow University, Professor Alok Kumar Rai were present on the stage. The academic procession began before the commencement of the convocation ceremony in which the Chancellor, led by the Registrar, Honorable Governor Uttar Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben Patel, Honorable Vice Chancellor of Lucknow University, Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, Honorable Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Prof. Dinesh Kumar Sharma, all honored the Vidya Parishad Members, Executive Council members, faculty of all faculty were present.



Degrees were awarded to students of arts, science, commerce, law, education, fine arts, Ayurveda and Unani faculties. Subsequently, Chancellor's Gold Medal, Vice Chancellor's Gold Medal, Chakravarti Gold Medal, Chancellor's Silver Medal and Chancellor's Bronze Medals were awarded to the students. 13 books written by Faculty members of the University were released and the Radhakamal Mukherjee Art Gallery and Museum, Happy Thinking Lab and Treehouse Replacement Art were inaugurated through remote by the Hon'ble Chancellor Madam. Thereafter, Her Excellency distributed books, bags and gifts to the children adopted by University.

The third day of the Centennial celebration week ended with the presentation of Kathak by Professor Kumkum Dhar and stunning performances by students of the University.

Day 4: The fourth day of the Centennial celebration of University of Lucknow saw the Centennial Walk of several members of the University family from the Proctor Office, University of Lucknow to Chancellor's Residence Raj Bhawan at 6:30 AM.



Thereafter at 8.30 am, a plantation drive was organized in the University campus. Students of Prakriti, the nature wing, of Zoology department

student club (Vitals), undertook a centennial plantation of 100 Palash trees. Thereafter, 2nd Heritage walk of the University of Lucknow started from Bhaurao Devras Dwar.

In the third day of the Science fest today, poster making and collage making competition was also held in which students from faculty of science participated with full rigour. Apart from that real demonstration of different aspects of principles of physics such as vibrational motion, fluid movement, laws of reflection was also showcased.

A virtual interface with Mr. Anupam Kher, author and eminent actor in the Indian film industry was organized as a part of Literary Festival organised during the Centennial Week. Mr. Kher conveyed about all the lessons life taught him. He also told about his views on acting and Indian cinema and talked about his state of the art film "Saraansh" and Accidental Prime Minister".

This day ended with the performance of drama "Paansa" directed by the noted director Mr. Saleem Arif.

Day 5: The day started with Yoga at 6:30 am and the third heritage walk of University of Lucknow. The Science and Arts Fests continued to be enjoyed by visitors and students alike. The Department of Medieval and Modern History organised a series of lectures by eminent historians in which eminent professor P.K. Ghosh delivered a lecture titled Whispering Reminiscences: Lal Baradari of Lucknow University. The Department also organised an Exhibition on the theme "Bylanes of History". Museum visits were also organised on this day.

A hockey match was organized in the sports complex of the University. Famous players of Indian hockey team participated in this hockey match, who have won many medals by playing various international hockey matches and increasing the pride of the country. Some of them are Shri Ravindra Pal who received a gold medal for India in the Olympic Games in 1980, Sujeet Kumar (Olympian), Rajneesh Mishra (International Hockey Player), Dhyanchand's son Devendra Dhyanchand, Indian Hockey Team Goalkeeper Negi Ji, Rizvi G (International Hockey Player) and Mukul Shah



etc. who played a 20:20 minute hockey match with boys and girls to encourage them.

This day ended with the performance of noted poet Dr. Kumar Vishwas in the evening.

Day 6: The fifth yoga camp started at 07.30 am at the Government Unani College, Unani Faculty, and Heritage Walk afterwards. The Science and Arts fests concluded today. Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Mr. Keshav Prasad Maurya and Jal Shakti Minister Dr. Mahendra Singh attended the closing ceremony of the Science Fest.



The day ended with the performance of Bhajan Samrat Padamshree Anup Jalota, lead singer of famous Indi-pop group Aryans DJ Narain and the international alumni meet attended by hundreds of noted names from around the world who joined online as well as offline.

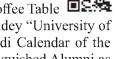
Day 7: Scan the QR code to watch Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Address.



The final day of the centennial week began with Yoga and a Kavi Sammelan of the University's students and teachers. In the evening, the 100th foundation day celebration of the University of Lucknow began with great pomp and splendour. Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Professor Dinesh Sharma and Minister of States for Higher for Higher Education Neelima Katiyar joined the program as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath and Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh ji joined the program in online mode. The Chief Minister and Defense Minister inaugurated the documentary film about



University of Lucknow which was prepared by Prof. Mukul Srivastava, Head of Department of Journalism and Mass Communications and his team. They inaugurated the Coffee Table Book and then another book written by Prof. Nishi Pandey "University of

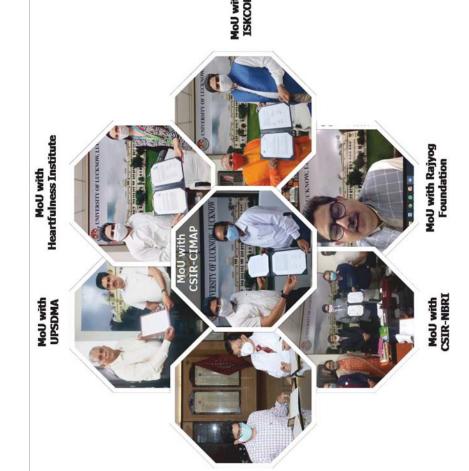


Lucknow: An Odyssey of Hundred Year", the Shatabdi Calendar of the University. Illustrious alumni were felicitated as Distinguished Alumni as well.

Finally, honourable Prime minister of India Shri Narendra Modi ji joined the festival in online mode. He released the commemorative centennial postal ticket, its special cover and a special centennial coin of hundred rupees. Hon'ble Shri Modi then addressed the thousands of people who were watching him online through the LIVE stream of the event on our YouTube Channel and those present in the historic Arts Quadrangle of the University on this auspicious day.

The Centennial Week concluded with a stunning display of talent by the students of the University in a cultural evening titled 'Celebrating the Present'.

Some of the MoUs etched in UoL in 2020



Glimpses of Mission Shakti Program



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