Annual Report 2017
The theme for SAU Annual Report 2017 is evening panorama of the eight capital cities of the member states of the SAARC.
Regional Co-Operation can do Wonders

The year that has gone by will be remembered for the many milestones that we, as a university, have achieved – some tangible and some intangible yet invaluable. Seeing new cohorts of young minds coming to the university from all parts of our region with hope in their eyes while another set of young minds passes out, equipped with a unique degree of confidence to face the world out there, can bring about a great sense of accomplishment.

We still continue to face some teething problems in many aspects of the University. But then establishing the first international university of its kind in South Asia can never be without challenges. The baby steps we have been taking, however, have given way to more confident strides and we are marching ahead with a renewed determination, spurred by an inspirational form of co-operation.

I am glad that a beginning for establishing the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) within SAU has been made and based on the recommendations of experts, a few research proposals have already been approved. I am sure ISAS will contribute significantly in achieving the objectives of SAU because one of the preconditions for the consideration of research proposals under the aegis of ISAS is the involvement of faculty from other Universities/Member States. This can lead to many ground breaking initiatives being taken on a wide variety of topics from diverse fields of studies pertaining to the region.

There is rapid progress on the construction of the permanent campus as many contentious issues have been ironed out. As we speak, the construction of 12 buildings is going on in full swing. The first set of five buildings is expected to be ready in early 2019.

The second well-attended Convocation of the University has also been held on schedule. Degrees were conferred on 185 Masters and 9 M.Phil students while 11 students were awarded gold medals for meritorious performance in their respective areas of studies.

This year, we also initiated the celebration of SAU Day on 7 March. Students from various parts of South Asia meticulously organised the colourful event. The South Asia Food Festival, which is an integral part of the celebrations, made sure that everyone had a memorable day with a variety of sumptuous South Asian cuisines distinctive in taste, colour and aroma. This will be a yearly affair and will always be a student-led celebration.

Whatever we are today, the achievements we have accomplished would not have been possible without the continued cooperation and support we have received from all member states and statutory bodies of the university. I cannot end this message without expressing my gratitude to all of them.

Dr Kavita A Sharma
President

Vision

The mandate of the South Asian University, as set out in the Agreement of the SAARC member states under which the University is set up, envisages that the choice of the programmes of studies to be offered at this University should:

- Enhance learning in the South Asian community that promotes an understanding of each others’ perspectives and strengthens regional consciousness;
- Provide liberal and humane education to the brightest and the most dedicated students of South Asia so that a new class of quality leadership is nurtured; and
- Enhance capacity building of the South Asian nations in science, technology and other areas of higher learning vital for improving their quality of life such as information technology, bio-technology and management sciences, etc.

These three elements i.e., building a culture of understanding and regional consciousness; nurturing a new class of liberal, bright and quality leadership and building the capacity of the region in science, technology and other disciplines considered vital for improving the quality of life of the people, therefore, form the core objectives of the South Asian University.
Decision Making Bodies of SAU

**Executive Council (EC)**

The Executive Council (EC) of SAU is the prime body responsible for major executive decisions. Besides senior functionaries of the SAU, the EC has four members who are nominated by the SAARC member states by rotation. The President of the SAU chairs the EC meetings. The Executive Council is vested with the powers to make teaching and other senior administrative appointments on the recommendation of the Selection Committees, fix their emoluments and define their duties. The Executive Council is also vested with the power to maintain discipline amongst the teaching and non-teaching staff in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Byelaws and manage and regulate finances, accounts and other administrative affairs of the University.

The Council deliberated upon various administrative and academic matters and took important decisions during the period under report. Some of the important matters considered and approved by the Council are as follows:

- Extension of the services of teaching/non-teaching staff members who have completed their five-year contract
- Interim Report on Presentation of University Accounts
- Status of Students’ Aid Fund
- Status of SAU’s Operational Funds
- Status of SAU’s Capital Funds
- Reconstitution of the Gender Sensitization Committee (GSC) and University Complaints Committee (UCC)
- Status of SAU’s Investments
- Revision of Investment Policy
- Extension of the term of University’s Statutory Auditors
- Status of acquiring/implementing an E-Governance (Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)) System for SAU

**Governing Board (GB)**

The Governing Board of the South Asian University (SAU) is the highest policy and decision-making authority of the University, which oversees the academic, administrative and financial management of the University. It consists of two members from each of the SAARC Member States, nominated by the respective Member State, in the manner prescribed in the Regulations.

During the period under report, the Governing Board deliberated upon various administrative, academic and policy matters and took important decisions. Some of the important matters considered and approved by the Governing Board are as follows:

- Status of Construction of South Asian University
- One time Faculty Research Grant
- Travel Support Scheme for Ph.D. Students of SAU
- Status of SAU’s Corpus Fund
- Detailed Academic Planning of Phase-II (2019-23) and Tentative Budget Estimates for SAU Phase-II (2019-23)
- Assessment and Promotion Policy of Non-Teaching Staff
- Byelaws emanating from Draft Assessment and Promotion Policy of Non-Teaching Employees and enabling amendments in Regulations
- Amendments in existing Regulations.
**Academic Council (AC)**

The Academic Council (AC) is the custodian of the academic activities of the SAU. It is vested with power to recommend the establishment and abolition of Faculties, Departments, Institutions, Inter-disciplinary Research Centres, Specialized Laboratories and Libraries, etc. The Academic Council is also vested with the power to recommend to the Executive Council the creation and abolition of teaching posts in the University, draft regulations regarding admission and examinations, appointment of examiners, conferment of honorary degrees and institution of fellowships and scholarships etc.

The Academic Council deliberated upon various academic matters during the period under report. Some of the important matters considered by the Council are as follows:

- Change in the nomenclature of the existing MA Development Economics programme
- Amendments in existing Regulations relating to Doctor of Philosophy/Master of Philosophy/ Master’s Program.
- One time Faculty Research Grant
- Travel Support Scheme for Ph.D. Students of SAU
- Matters relating to submission of MPhil Synopses of students admitted in 2015
- Admission Schedule for the Academic Session 2017-18

**Finance Committee (FC)**

The Finance Committee considers the annual accounts, financial estimates and expenditure proposals of the University. The annual accounts and estimates duly approved by the Finance Committee, are submitted to the Executive Council for approval. The Finance Committee deliberated upon various important issues pertaining to the University’s finances in its 6th meeting held on 29.08.2017.

Some of the important matters approved or recommended by the Committee are as follows:

- University’s Accounts (Operational Expenditure) for Financial Year- 2016
- Status of SAU’s Investments
- Revision of Investment Policy
- Change of University’s Banker
- Extension of the term of University’s Statutory Auditors
- Tentative Budget Estimates for SAU Phase-II (2019-23)

**SAU Administration**

SAU is a relatively young University and at present administrative support is provided by a skeletal staff. Currently, there are only 43 non-teaching employees in the University. The Chairperson of SAARC is the Visitor of the University. Dr. Kavita A. Sharma is the President of the University and Prof. Santosh C Panda and Prof. Sasanka Perera are the Vice Presidents. At the Faculty level, administrative responsibilities are also shared by the Deans of various Faculties. Dr. A. K. Malik is the Registrar of the University.
Major Highlights of the Year

Second SAU Convocation

The University conducted its second convocation at the Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra, Chanakyapuri, on 12 June 2017. The ceremony was presided over by H.E. Mr. Deep Kumar Upadhayay, Ambassador of Nepal to India as the nominee of the Visitor, SAU. The Chairperson of SAARC is the Visitor of the university, the chairmanship being held by Nepal currently. Mr. MJ Akbar, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India was the Chief Guest. H.E. Mr. Amjad Hussain B. Sial, the Secretary General of SAARC was also present as a Guest of Honour along with noted academicians, high ranking diplomats and other dignitaries from around the South Asia region.

185 students – 21 from Afghanistan, 28 from Bangladesh, one from Bhutan, one from Maldives, 16 from Nepal, 11 from Pakistan, 3 from Sri Lanka and 104 from India, representing all the eight SAARC countries received their Masters Degrees. 9 students received their MPhil Degrees – one each from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan and 6 from India. The Degrees, in various programmes that include Applied Mathematics, Biotechnology, Computer Science, Development Economics, International Relations, Legal Studies and Sociology, were presented by the Nepalese Ambassador H.E. Mr. Upadhayay.

11 programme toppers were honoured with the SAU Gold Medal by the Chief Guest.

Ambassador Upadhayay, while congratulating the graduating students, also made an appeal to them to use their ‘wisdom and enthusiasm to embrace the responsibility to build a prosperous South Asia’. The region is not just about poverty and backwardness; the potential and determination of the nations of the regions was remarkable and needed to be exploited, he added.

In his speech, Mr. MJ Akbar said that history could not be changed but the future could be. For South Asia, if the nineteenth century was the century of dreams and struggle and the twentieth century was the century of hope, though riddled with havoc, the twenty-first will be the century of fulfilment. While stressing upon the important role that teachers play in shaping the future

University Finances

The capital cost of establishing the University estimated originally to be approximately, US $300 million for the first phase, has been borne by the Government of India as per the Inter-Governmental agreement on the South Asian University. In addition, the Government of India has also provided, free of cost, a plot of land of about 100 acres in South Delhi for setting up the main campus of the South Asian University. The operational cost of running the University is shared, on year-to-year basis, by all SAARC Member States and the contribution of individual Member States is governed by a formula that has jointly been evolved by the eight countries. The Business Plan of the University, that contains the University budget figures, has been approved by the Governing Board of the University.

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of a generation, he said the opposite of destruction was not necessarily creation, it could also be instruction— The South Asian region is entering an age of opportunity and the young minds of the region should seek to move their nations towards modernity—modern nations with freedom of expression, freedom of faith, gender equality as well as academic, social, political and economic equity, he added.

In her welcome speech, Dr Kavita Sharma, President of SAU informed the audience about the construction of the permanent campus of SAU on a 100 acre plot of land in Madan Garhi in South Delhi, now moving at a smart pace. The University, poised to enter its second phase after incorporating the recommendations of the Detailed Academic Planning Committee that was constituted by the Governing Board of SAU, would ideally move to this permanent campus with the arrival of the second phase, she hoped.

Mr. Amjad Hussain B Sial, the SAARC Secretary General, congratulated the graduating students of the South Asian University and acknowledged that SAU is possibly the most successful project of the regional body. He also expressed the hope that these students would play an important role in the future of the region.

South Asian University Foundation Day Celebrations

Colourful rangolis. An air of festivity. Aroma of the delectable kind. South Asian University celebrated its first Foundation Day on 7 March 2017 with a variety of events. The day marks the transition of the university from the project mode to a full-fledged university. This was also the day in 2011 when the first Governing Board meeting was held after the university came into being. The day-long celebrations saw vibrant shades of South Asia reflected in the activities, which kick-started with the inaugural programme in the morning when students, faculty members and official staff gathered in the SAU lawns.

Dr Kavita Sharma, President SAU, in her inaugural speech recollected how the idea of celebrating the SAU Foundation Day was conceptualised. She also traced the genesis of the university in her speech. While complimenting the students on organising the event, she said that the idea of a borderless South Asia as depicted in one of the wall installations done by the students, should be an inspiration for the politicians and policy makers of the region. She said that despite the complexities involved in getting the construction started, her priority would continue to be the completion of the construction of the permanent campus, which is going on at full swing in Madan Garhi. She hoped that by the end of 2018, the first set of buildings would be complete.

Prof. Santosh Panda congratulated the students on organising the first ever SAU Foundation Day and said this event will be celebrated every year and will always be a student-led event. Sariful Islam, the event co-ordinator, expressed gratitude to the management of the university for conceptualising the event and said the current batch of students were lucky to have been the batch that initiated the celebration of SAU Foundation Day.

Later in the day, a photo exhibition was inaugurated by Dr Kavita Sharma. The theme of the exhibition was “Everyday Life @SAU” and 10 photographs handpicked from numerous entries were exhibited. The South Asian Food Festival that followed after the inauguration of the photo exhibition ensured that life at South Asian University on this particular day was going to be pleasantly different. Food items of all hues and taste from the eight SAARC countries were on offer, prepared with noticeable passion by the students. With such delectable choices like the Afghani Aashaks (momos), Kabuli Pulav, Mama Haleem, Hilsa Palao, Bhatmas Sadheko, Chicken Cholia, Bhutanese Red Rice, Eza, Chapali Kabab, Sindh Biryani, Tuna and Chapati, Bati Chokha and Milk Rice, not to mention the aroma that complemented the air of festivity all around, everyone including the students, faculty, official staff and guests from high commissions and embassies were in for a delightful treat. Winding up the day and the celebrations in style, the students put up an inspired cultural event replete with music, dance and poetry recitation. The prizes to the winners of the competitive activities during the Hostel Fest were also given away by Dr Kavita Sharma. In all, it was a near-perfect celebration of the first ever SAU Foundation Day.
SAU Entrance Test Held Across SAARC Region

The entrance test to induct the eighth batch of students into the South Asian University was held on 9 April 2017 across 23 centres in the eight SAARC countries. The programmes for which the test was conducted are Masters and PhD programmes in Applied Mathematics, Biotechnology, Computer Science, Economics, Legal Studies, International Relations and Sociology. The university received 7188 applications against the 238 seats on offer. In other words, 30 candidates were vying for each seat. Applications were received exclusively through online submission on the university website.

The South Asian University reserves seats for each member nation. As per the agreed system, not more than 50% of students can be from India while Pakistan and Bangladesh have 10% of the total seats and the remaining countries, i.e. Afghanistan, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka have 4% each. The number of candidates who applied from India were 5875 while those from Bangladesh were 236, Afghanistan 854, Nepal 104, Pakistan 86, Bhutan 30, and Sri Lanka 22 and Maldives 5.

The entrance test was OMR (optical mark recognition) based for all the programmes except for International Relations, Economics and Sociology, which also required descriptive answers. The PhD paper in Sociology required only descriptive answers. While candidates were shortlisted and offered admission based on their performance in the test for the Masters programmes, PhD aspirants had to submit a research proposal and also face a personal interview. The new session began from 29 July 2017.

SAU Orientation Programme 2017

New places and new experiences help people find new perspectives. The newly inducted students of the 2017 batch, who joined SAU with much enthusiasm, got a warm welcome at the university-organised Orientation Programme in the campus on 1 August 2017.

Dr Kavita Sharma, President SAU, while welcoming the freshmen talked about the background of the university and how the university is a great platform for exchanging ideas, holding academic discussions, developing a broader outlook and for cultural exchanges. She informed the students about the many alumni of SAU who are playing significant roles in their respective countries. In his welcoming speech, Prof. Santosh Panda, Vice-President SAU, talked about some of the distinguishing features of the University. He congratulated the students for having outdone numerous other aspiring students to be in SAU. He said all students who pass out from SAU are the brand ambassadors of the University. He hoped that they would do well in their chosen fields and do the University proud. That is how institutions are built, he opined.

Vice President Prof. Sasanka Perera welcomed the students and talked about the visa challenges that the university has been facing. He encouraged the students to play an active role in making the university a vibrant space by being part of creative activities. He talked about the rich experiences one can absorb while being in the university and suggested that students should take back much more than their degrees. University officials including the Proctor, Hostel Wardens, Assistant Dean Students and the Medical Officer briefed the students about their rights and responsibilities - hostel rules, student societies, disciplinary guidelines, policies on sexual harassment, medical rules and health insurance.

Prizes for an activity held earlier where the freshmen were asked to list three things they wished to take back with them after their two year stint in SAU were also distributed by the President. Later, the students participated in a group art activity called Artologue where they jointly painted. The activity was conducted by art practitioners Jey Sushil and Meenakshi Jey.

Gender Sensitization Committee Orientation

An Orientation Programme on SAU’s bylaws and policies against Sexual Harassment was organised by the SAU Gender Sensitization Committee on 22 August 2017. Chaired by Prof. Syed Ahsan, the Chairperson of the GSC, the members of the committee dwelt upon the various aspects of rules and guidelines concerning sexual harassment. Dr Deepa Sinha talked about the myths and facts of gender sensitization while Dr Shweta Singh discussed matters relating to gender violence. Dr Prabhash Ranjan spoke about the contours of sexual harassment, SAU Bylaws and the functions of the GSC. The event was attended by students, faculty and the professional staff and concluded with a well participated Q&A session.

The 33rd SAARC Charter Day was celebrated at the South Asian University with eminent lawyer and former Foreign Minister of Bangladesh Dr Kamal Hossain as the Chief Guest. The University has been observing this occasion which marks the day when the regional body came into being after the member states signed the charter in 1985. The theme for this year’s celebration was “Human Rights Discourse in South Asia”.

In his keynote address Dr Hossain said, “We can draw upon our national experiences to trace how international human rights were embedded in our struggles for independence and became integral to our aspirations for democracy and development.” He talked about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and how it provided insights for all peoples and nations to promote and respect our rights and freedoms. He also discussed the various interpretations of fundamental rights and directive principles in the South Asian nations. The right to shelter and the rights of the marginalised were some of the other topics he spoke about.

“The challenge for lawyers in South Asia is to evolve a fresh approach to activism which can truly keep human life human and safeguard that most precious right of all – the right to life”, he added while also appealing to legal practitioners and academicians to continue to make critical contributions.

Dr Kavita Sharma, President, South Asian University, spoke about how the South Asian University embodies the idea of regional cooperation in more ways than one.
She also updated the audience about the construction of the permanent campus of the university which is going on at Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.

This was followed by a panel discussion on “Human Rights Discourse in South Asia”. Prof Savitri Goonesekere, former VC of The University of Colombo, Justice Kalyan Shrestha, former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Nepal and Ms. Hameeda Hossain, prominent Bangladeshi human rights activist and academic were the panelists and Dr Ravindra Pratap, Associate Dean of Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University was the moderator. The panel discussion dwelt on important matters such as an overview of human rights in the South Asian region; the role citizens and civil society need to play to safeguard human rights; the necessity for a human rights charter for South Asia; the co-relation between human rights and social and economic rights and the need to sharpen mechanisms to protect human rights. The panel discussion was followed by a lively question and answer session with the panelists. Ms Aminath Eenas, President, Human Rights Commission of the Maldives, was also supposed to take part in the panel discussion but could not do so due to a personal emergency which required her to return home on the day of the event. Two short films were also screened as part of the celebrations – Khaleel Khan Ke Faaktey directed by Rizwan Siddiqui from India and News From Jaffna directed by Kannan Arunasalam from Sri Lanka.

**Maithili Paintings**

An Exhibition of Contemporary Maithili Paintings was on display from 22 May 2017 to 26 May 2017. The exhibiting artists were Shakuntla Jha, Hira Karna and Banarsi Pandit from Janakpur in Nepal. The exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Kavita A Sharma, President, SAU. Maithili painting, also known as Mithila or Madhubani painting, is a traditional art form practised in the Mithila region of India and Nepal. Known for its stunning geometric patterns and bright colours, Maithili art typically features mythological motifs. Some of the artworks presented were distinct in their use of contemporary motifs in addition to traditional ones.
Admissions

The process of admission for the academic session 2017-18 at the South Asian University began with the launching of a multimedia campaign and an announcement in major newspapers of all the SAARC countries, FM radio stations and select TV channels. Exhaustive information detailing the admission process, eligibility criteria, feedback mechanism, details of admission volunteers and other related information was uploaded on the University website. Candidates can comfortably register and apply online from anywhere in the world. Admit cards for the entrance test were dispatched to the eligible applicants by email. A common entrance test was conducted simultaneously in 8 SAARC countries on 9 April 2017. One test centre each was set up in Afghanistan (Kabul), Bhutan (Thimphu), Maldives (Male), Nepal (Kathmandu) and Sri Lanka (Colombo) while two centres each were set up in Bangladesh (Dhaka & Chittagong) and Pakistan (Karachi & Lahore). Considering the large number of candidates and the wide geographical spread, 13 test centres were set up in different cities in India viz. Bangalore, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai and Patna. Most SAARC Member States had appointed/nominated Nodal Officers to help and interact with SAU on all matters related to the conduct of the common entrance test. The University received full cooperation from the Nodal Officers in each Member State. Since Pakistan did not appoint a Nodal Officer, the University had to make private arrangements at the Information Technology University in Lahore and the Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences and Technology in Karachi. A total number of 7,188 candidates applied for the programmes on offer. Of these, 5,087 appeared in the entrance test. Offers of admission were sent to 451 candidates out of which 196 finally joined. South Asian University strictly follows a recommended quota system to ensure representation of students from all the Members States of SAARC. Merit lists are prepared country-wise and the competition is only amongst candidates within each country. Seats left unfilled for any country are filled by students from other countries, as per SAU rules.

Country-wise quota for students from SAARC Countries:
- India 50%
- Bangladesh 10%
- Pakistan 10%
- Afghanistan 4%
- Bhutan 4%
- Maldives 4%
- Nepal 4%
- Sri Lanka 4%
- Countries outside SAARC 10%
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SAU is committed to awarding Scholarships/Freeships to needy and deserving students. The following Scholarships/Freeships were made available to students admitted to SAU in the Academic Session 2017-18:

a) **President's Scholarships (For MA/MSc and LLM students only):** Two scholarships were offered for each academic programme this year: one to the student scoring the highest marks in the Entrance Test in the Indian list and the other to the student scoring the highest marks in the non-Indian list (South Asian countries other than India) who finally joins the University. The scholarship comprises: Tuition fee waiver + Hostel fee waiver (if applicable) + INR 7,000 per month as living allowance. Awardees also receive an amount of INR 10,000 (in respect of non-Indian Students) and Rupees 5,000 (in respect of Indian students) as a “Start-up Allowance” at the beginning of their tenure so as to help meet part of their inbound travel cost and book purchases etc, and as a “Pack-up Allowance” at the end to cover their outbound travel and excess baggage cost respectively.

The continuation of the President’s Scholarships for the subsequent year is subject to good conduct and the recipients obtaining the highest CGPA in the Indian and non-Indian (South Asian countries other than India) lists, which must, however, not be below 6 CGPA at the end of the 2nd semester.

b) **SAARC India Silver Jubilee Scholarships for Master’s and MPhil/PhD Programmes:** SAARC-India Silver Jubilee Scholarships (SJS), instituted by the Government of India, are offered for Master’s and Doctoral level studies to meritorious students coming from the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the region i.e., Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives and Nepal. This Scholarship includes full Tuition Fee waiver + Hostel Fee waiver + living allowance of INR 7,000 per month (Master’s level programmes) or INR 25,000 per month (PhD programmes). Awardees also receive an amount of Rupees 10,000 as a “Start-up Allowance” at the beginning of their tenure so as to help meet part of their inbound travel cost and book purchases etc, and as a “Pack-up Allowance” at the end to cover their outbound travel and extra baggage cost respectively.

SJS Scholarships are awarded to students from the LDCs scoring the highest marks in the Entrance Test. Students from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are not eligible for the Silver Jubilee Scholarships.
The continuation of the SJS for the subsequent year is subject to good conduct and recipients maintaining their meritorious positions at the end of the 2nd semester, which, however must not fall below a CGPA of 6 (for Master’s Students) 6.5 (for PhD students).

c) SAU Merit Scholarships (For MA/MSc and LLM students only): Ten scholarships were awarded in each academic programme during the academic year: five to the next highest scoring students in the Indian list and five to the next highest scoring students in the non-Indian (South Asian countries other than India) list in the Entrance Test, after the award of the SJS and Presidents Scholarships, who finally join the University. The scholarship comprises: Tuition fee waiver + Hostel fee waiver (if applicable) + INR 5,000 per month as living allowance.

The continuation of the SAU Merit Scholarship for the subsequent year is subject to good conduct and recipients maintaining their meritorious positions at the end of the 2nd semester, obtaining a CGPA not below 5.5.

d) SAU Freeships (For MA/MSc and LLM students only): As per SAU mandate, no student will be denied admission to the University because s/he cannot pay the fees. Therefore, SAU provides free education to such students by waiving the tuition and hostel fee (if applicable). No additional support for living expenses is provided.

The continuation of freeships for the subsequent year is subject to good conduct and obtaining a CGPA of 5 or above at the end of the 2nd semester.

e) SAU Tuition Fee Waiver for PhD Students: All PhD students receive a tuition fee waiver.

f) Financial Support from SAU for PhD Programmes: Financial support for PhD students of INR 25,000 per month is awarded to students not receiving any kind of scholarship/sponsorship or JRF support from agencies like UGC/CSIR/DBT/ICMR etc. or similar agencies in other SAARC countries.

However, the continuation of SAU Financial Support in subsequent years is subject to good conduct and satisfactory performance.

Duration of Scholarships/Freeships: In all cases, scholarships and freeships are granted for one year. They are extended in subsequent year(s) subject to satisfactory academic performance, maintenance of hostel/university discipline and good conduct, to be reviewed at the end of the first year. All recipients of scholarships and freeships must therefore be regular in attending classes and make full efforts to sustain and improve their academic performance. The maximum duration of SAU PhD scholarship is 5 years.

First year scholarships cover the summer vacation period at the end of the first two semesters. Scholarships for June and July to continuing students are disbursed at the end of July, after they re-join the University. In the second year of all Master’s level programmes, scholarships and freeships cease at the end of the academic session i.e. end of May 2017 and do not cover the summer vacation period at the end of the second year.

PhD fellowships from external agencies: PhD students who have qualified for JRF support from agencies like the Indian UGC/CSIR/DBT and ICMR, avail the fellowship as per the terms and conditions of the granting agencies. However, if they receive fees and hostel allowances, these are recovered from them to the extent of their allowance.

Details of Scholarships/Freeships Disbursed:

For the academic year 2017-18, President’s Scholarships were awarded to twenty eight Master’s students, 3 from Afghanistan, 4 from Bangladesh, 6 from Nepal, 1 from Sri Lanka and 7 from India. Full scholarships under the Silver Jubilee Scholarships were awarded to 75 Master’s students from the Least Developed Countries, while 122 SAU Merit Scholarships was awarded to Master’s students which includes 25 from Afghanistan, 13 from Bangladesh, 3 from Bhutan, 1 from Nepal, 4 from Pakistan, 5 from Sri Lanka each and 71 from India. Master’s students were granted SAU Financial Support with the quantum of financial support ranging from INR 67,000 to INR 103,000 per year.

SAU Freeships with stipend were awarded to 7 Indian students and without stipend to 3 Afghan, 5 Bhutanese, 26 Indians students respectively. Likewise, 141 Doctoral students were awarded scholarships of which 25 were Silver Jubilee Scholarships awarded to students from the Least Developed Countries were as follows: 6 from Afghanistan, 5 from Bangladesh, 1 from Bhutan and 13 from Nepal. SAU Financial Support was awarded to 4 students from Afghanistan, 13 from Bangladesh, 14 from Nepal, 2 from Pakistan, 3 from Sri Lanka and 80 from India. 119 students received an amount of INR 3,58,960 per year each under the SAU Financial Support.

Annual Worth of Scholarships/Freeships Awarded:

President’s Scholarship to Master’s programmes: INR 161,000 (Non-Indian students);
INR 156,000 (Indian Students)

SAARC Silver Jubilee Scholarship
Master’s programmes: INR 161,000
Doctoral programmes: INR 377,000

SAU Merit Scholarship: INR 127,000
Doctoral Students Full Tuition fee waiver and Living allowance: INR 358,960
SAU Freeships with stipend: INR 103,000
SAU Freeship without stipend: INR 67,000
SAU Gold Medal

The University awarded Gold Medals along with Merit Certificates to programme toppers of the academic batch 2015 – 2017. Listed below are the Gold Medalists.

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SAU Distinguished Lecture Series

SAU Distinguished Lecture Series is a lecture series that features noted academicians, subject experts, leaders, heads of organisations, ambassadors and eminent personalities representing various fields of knowledge. This year’s lectures included the following.

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CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

International Mother Language Day
The cultural committee of the University, taking forward the continuing tradition, enthusiastically organized the International Mother Language Day on 21st February, and highlighted the linguistic and cultural richness of the region of South Asia. Students from different cultural backgrounds presented cultural pieces in their mother tongues.

Concert and Lecture by Moushumi Bhowmik
Renowned Bengali singer, writer and researcher Moushumi Bhowmik was invited to perform in SAU on 3 March 2017, which was attended by people from across the city of Delhi. Moushumi Bhowmik was joined by Harpreet on the guitar. She started the program with a video of her new album ‘Songs from 26H’ after which she performed various numbers including Pakhir Danay, Gaach, Anonno, Pakhi Ure Jay Kathay and Jessore Road. The two musicians created music almost spontaneously and improvised on a number created out of a poem by Avtar Singh and Moushumi’s own lyrics ‘Na Phota Sontan Or Ghoss which left the audience spellbound. The final piece of the evening was one of Moushumi’s most popular numbers Swapno Dekhbo Bole, on which the audience sang along with her throughout. Moushumi also delivered two lectures: ‘Musical Flows Across Borders’ (6th March) and ‘Exploring Arnold Bake’s Recordings from the Subcontinent’ (7th March). The programme was coordinated by Dr Ravi Kumar from the Department of Sociology.

Hostel Fest – SAU Utsav Reloaded 2.0
The students of the University organized a four day hostel festival titled SAU Utsav Reloaded 2.0 from 16 to 19 February 2017. Cultural and sporting activities were the mainstay of the fest. Students competed in various sporting events that included Football, Cricket, Marathon, Tug of War, Badminton, Table Tennis, Carrom and Chess. Competitions were also held for Dance, Rangoli, Face Painting, Antakshri, Music and Skits. The festival kickstarted with a bang with the popular band Traffic Jam belting out popular sing-along numbers one after another. The prizes to the winners of the Hostel Fest competitions were given away on the SAU Foundation Day on 7 March 2017.

Sports Tournaments
The Sports Committee organized various inter-department sports tournaments. During the Hostel Festival, students participated in various sporting events including Football, Cricket, Marathon, Badminton, Table Tennis, Carrom and Chess.
The University Library was established to fulfil the academic and research needs of the students and the staff of the South Asian University. The current library spreads over a total area of 4500 square feet. The library functions seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to midnight. The reading rooms on the Mezzanine Floor and 8th Floor are open round the clock.

**Library Collections**

The library has text and reference books and journals covering all subject areas taught at the South Asian University. Library resources include around 13,800 volumes of books, 408 e-books, 6917 e-journals, 11 print journals, 14 databases, 28 CD/DVDs, newspapers, magazines and encyclopaedia.

**Services**

The library provides a broad range of services that includes Circulation (Lending Service), Access to Physical and Virtual Bookshelf, Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) with Library 2.0, Current Awareness Service (CAS), Full-text Journals, Online Databases, Integrated Search Facility, Inter-Library Loan through DELNET and Reference.

**Off-campus Access**

Prof. G. K. Chadha Library provides off-campus access to subscribed electronic resources through EZproxy. All valid library members can avail this service using their library user id and password.

**Cyber Centre**

There is a cyber centre available inside the library with a capacity of 14 workstations. Library members can access electronic resources through these workstations.

**Integrated Search Facility**

Prof. G. K. Chadha Library provides the Summon Discovery System (http://southasianuniversity.summon.serialssolutions.com) provided by the ProQuest to its users:

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**Hostel And Sports Facilities**

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**Healthcare Facilities**

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Inter-Library Loan

The University Library is a member of DelNet (Developing Library Network), therefore Library members can send their loan request for a book from member institutions from India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Pakistan through the Inter-Library Loan service of the DelNet.

Integrated Library System (Koha)

The University Library uses Integrated Library System Koha (http://library.sau.ac.in) that extends its Library 2.0 technology facilities to patrons. Patrons can search for physical holdings, customise their user profile, subscribe to the RSS feed, get notified by auto email, hold or reserve an item, create their private/public book list, share an item list, comment, tag, rate any item, look into their search history, view most popular books, check borrower status, link with online social network, etc. using this system.

Events organised by the Library

30.03.2017: User Orientation for LLM Students.
12.05.2017: A presentation on Web of Science (a scientific citation indexing service).
16.08.2017: General user orientation programme
22.09.2017: Special ProQuest user interaction program for Faculty Members

Acquisition in 2017

Books: 351 volumes worth approx. INR 7.72 lakh
Donation/Gift books 593 volumes
CD-ROM: 04 value approx. INR 5.53 lakh
Subscription:
- e-Journals: 6917
- e-Databases: 21
- Print Journals: 07
- Cast: Approx. INR 3.5 crore

Photo: Screenshot of DELNET website
Campus Construction
Thimphu, Bhutan
After completion of Package-I, (Boundary Wall and Site Office) in Jan 2016, the work of Package-II, 5 Nos. of Buildings (Faculty of Life Science and Earth Science, 3 blocks of Staff Housing, Faculty Club & Guest House and Guard House no.2) was awarded in May 2016 to M/s ACIL at a cost of Rs 401.58 crore. The work is likely to be completed by December 2018. The structural work of two basements and six stories above ground level has been completed in LS & ES. Similarly, the structural work of two basements and eight stories above ground level has been completed in two housing blocks. Block work on walls, plaster and flooring etc. is also in progress at site. The work in faculty and staff housing block F4 could not start before Dec 17, as the land was under litigation.

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“Five Star” Griha LD V2c Master Plan For SAU

The South Asian University bagged the much coveted “Five Star” Griha LD V2c Master Plan rating for its permanent campus project at Maidan Garhi. The award was conferred at the GRIHA Annual Summit held on 19 December 2017 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

GRIHA LD rating is awarded for efforts to conserve the environment during the construction and operation stages of the project. The certification is based on a variety of environment friendly practices to be followed regarding Site Planning, Water Strategy, Energy Efficiency, Waste Handling Strategy, Social Impact and Transportation Planning. Projects are judged on the impact these five categories will have on the environment. A five star rating is the highest possible level.

From its inception, the South Asian University has considered the environment as one of the most important aspects of its project and accordingly various environment-friendly features have been incorporated in the design as well as in the construction of the campus. Some of the key features include a passive architectural design which will have minimal heat gain. Air conditioning and lighting systems are designed to have low energy consumption. Solar P.V. panels will generate electricity on site. Low flow fitting fixtures reduce water demand and water is recycled and reused. Rainwater harvesting is also planned. Because of their initiatives, the South Asian University achieved an impact score of 32.1% and thus reached the topmost certification level of five star. This is an exceptional achievement by the University.

Project site Visit by the Members of the Governing Board of South Asian University

Some Members of the Governing Board, visited the construction site at Maida Garhi on 18 Dec 2017. They also inspected the sample flat for the Faculty & Staff Housing and praised the quality of work and the progress made during the last year. A presentation regarding the ongoing building was also made. Members applauded the efforts of the university and the construction team.
Faculty of Economics

The third edition of the international conference on South Asian Economic Development was held on 23-24 February 2017 and focused on the developmental challenges facing South Asia. It also delved into the methodological advances in economic theory and empirics to provide a deeper understanding of the development process in the region. The two-day conference comprised eight technical sessions, where 24 research papers, selected from more than 200 submissions, were presented by scholars from around South Asia. The inaugural address of the conference was delivered by Prof. T.C.A. Anant, Chief Statistician of India and Secretary, MOSPI, GOI, who elaborated on the idea of sustainable development goals and their specificities in the South Asian context. Dr. Min B. Shrestha, Vice Chairman, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal delivered the keynote address on ‘Reversing the Flow of International Migration for Global Growth and Prosperity’. The plenary speaker, Prof. S. 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The Faculty has an active weekly seminar series in which speakers from established research institutes or universities in the region are invited. The details can be found later in this report.

Students admitted and country-wise break-up

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Students admitted and country-wise break-up

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<td>Syed M. Ahsan</td>
<td>McMaster University (Hamilton, Canada) 1974</td>
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Grants and Fellowships conferred on members of the Faculty


Dasgupta, Anirban, Visiting Fellow, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, 14th-18th March 2017

Gulati, Namrata, K.N. Raj Fellowship for Teachers at the Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, for the year 2017-18 availed from 18th December 2017 to 17th January 2018.
Editorial/Reviewing and Refereeing Apointments


Anhal, Rohin - Reviewer for Journal Applied Economics

Anhal, Rohin - Reviewer for Journal Applied Economics Letters

Dasgupta, Anirban - Journal Of Peasant Studies (3), Development and Change, Member of the Commissioning Panel for the Development Frontiers Research Fund 2016-17 (DFID and ESRC, UK)

Goswami, Binoy – Reviewer for Journal of Land and Rural Studies (2 manuscripts), and Asian Journal of Agriculture and Development


Panda, Santosh C., Member, Editorial Advisory Board, RBI Staff Papers. (Journal published by RBI, Mumbai)

Books (single author)


Edited Volume


Article/Chapter in Book


A glimpse of Prof. Santosh Panda, Vice-President and Dean, Faculty of Economics welcoming the guests and the audience at the 3rd ICRIER Conference on “Experiences and Challenges in Measuring Income, Inequality, and Poverty in South Asia”, UKIERI-UGC Research Methods Node Workshop, TISS, Mumbai, 09-10 Nov, 2017.

Dasgupta, Anirban “Structural Transformation and the Changing Rurality in India” 48th Regional Science Conference, Tripura University, Agartala 6 Jan, 2017


Keynote Addresses and Invited Talks


Datta, Soumya, ‘Can limits of arbitrage explain bounded rationality among speculative traders in foreign exchange markets?’ at Faculty Seminar Series of Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, 8 April, 2017.


Goswami, Biny, Visiting faculty, Centre for Economic Studies and Policies, Central University of South Bihar, 20-25 March and 1-4 April 2017.


Saha, D., Three special lectures on Research Methodology, Department of Business Economics, University of Delhi (South Campus), 8, 15 and 22 Sept 2017.

Papers Presented and Lectures Delivered


Datta, Soumya, ‘Exchange rate dynamics under limited arbitrage and heterogeneous expectations’ at the ‘22nd Annual Workshop on Economic Science with Heterogeneous Interacting Agents (WEHIA)’, organized by the Society for Economic Studies with Heterogeneous Interacting Agents, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy, 12-14 June 2017.

Datta, Soumya, ‘Exchange rate dynamics under limited arbitrage and heterogeneous expectations’ at the ‘Asia Pacific Econophysics Conference (APEC) 2017’, organized by Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Delhi and Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics and Centrale Supélac at Delhi, 15-18 Nov 2017.


Kumar, Sunil presented a paper on “Performance measurement using data envelopment analysis” at the School of Development Economics, National Institute of Development Administration, Bangkok, Thailand on 3 March, 2017.

Kumar, Sunil presented a paper entitled, “Opening the Black Box of Bank Efficiency in India using a Network DEA model” at the 2nd NIDA International Business Conference held at National Institute of Development Administration, Bangkok, Thailand on 4 March 2017.


Newspaper Articles


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<td>Dr Ramprasad Sengupta, Professor Emeritus, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi &amp; Mahatma Gandhi National Fellow at ICSSR at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata</td>
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<td>Revisiting South Asian Integration; Trade Flows and Implied Distances Between Members</td>
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<td>Local institutional structure and clientelistic access to employment: The case of MGNREGA in three states of India</td>
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<td>Trade Competition, Labour Market Duality and Productivity Growth</td>
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<td>Dr Bruno Dorin, Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi</td>
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<td>Nature and Dynamics of Agrarian Crisis in India: A smallholder and farm worker perspective</td>
<td>Dr Sukhpal Singh, Director General, CRIRD, Chandigarh, and Professor, CMA, IIM, Ahmedabad</td>
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<td>Imperialism: The Missing Link in Growth Theories</td>
<td>Dr Rohit, CESP, JNU, Delhi</td>
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<td>Debt Equity Swap and Restructuring of Sovereign Debt under Incentives and Austerities</td>
<td>Prof. Sanjay Banerji, University of Nottingham, U.K.</td>
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<td>Some principles for corrective taxation of externalities in a second-best world</td>
<td>Prof. Sushama Murty, CITD, SIS, JNU, Delhi</td>
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**Students’ Achievements**

**Vasuprada, T.M.** (with Debdatta Saha), read a paper titled “The Role of Networks in Promoting Innovation: The Interesting Case of Ayurveda Research in India” at the National Conference on The Indian Economy: Contemporary Issues and Challenges, Department of Business Economics, South Campus, University of Delhi, 28 Feb 2017.

**Vasuprada, T.M.** (with Debdatta Saha), presented a paper titled ‘Rethinking Innovation: The Case of Diabetes Drug Discovery’, at the 2017 Winter School, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, 13 Dec 2017.


**Kesar, Surbhi,** has been awarded the Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship for 2017-18 tenable at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA, to work on “Economic Dualism, Structural Transformation and the Role of the Informal Economy: A Study of Labor Surplus Economies.”
Faculty of Legal Studies

FLS organized the SAARC Charter Day on 08 December 2017 at which the Keynote Address was given by Dr Kamal Hossain, Academic, Senior Advocate and Former Foreign Minister of Bangladesh. The distinguished panelists were Mr Kalyan Shrestha, Former Chief Justice of Nepal, Prof. Savithi Goonasekere, Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Colombo, and Dr Hameeda Hossain, Eminent Human Rights Activist, Bangladesh. FLS also organized a Workshop on “Civil Society and Governance: Challenges in South Asia”, supported by the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) under the Global Civil Society Legal Enabling Environment Project 2 on 11 December 2017 as well as the "Asian Regional Consultation on Strengthening and Enhancing the Effective Functioning of Human Rights Treaty Bodies organised by the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative and the Faculty of Legal Studies of the South Asian University, New Delhi, with assistance from the German and Swiss Governments on 13 October 2017, and an International Conference on "Fostering Human Rights in European Policies" early this year.

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<td>Ravindra Pratap</td>
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<td>Associate Professor and Associate Dean</td>
<td>International Law, International Trade Law, International Dispute Settlement, Legal Interpretation, Legal Systems of South Asia</td>
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<td>Stellina Jolly</td>
<td>Punjab University</td>
<td>Assistant Professor</td>
<td>International Environmental Law, Bio-Ethics, Private International Law</td>
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<td>Nafees Ahmad</td>
<td>Alligarh Muslim University</td>
<td>Assistant Professor</td>
<td>International Refugee Law, International Human Rights Law, Comparative Constitutional Law of SAARC Nations, Public International Law, International Humanitarian Law, International Constitutional Law, International Media Law</td>
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<td>Sai Ramani Garimella</td>
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<td>Legal Theory, Private International Law, International Commercial Arbitration</td>
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<td>Srinivas Burra</td>
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<td>Prabhash Ranjan</td>
<td>King’s College London</td>
<td>Assistant Professor</td>
<td>International Economic Law, International Investment Law, World Trade Law</td>
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Grants and Fellowships conferred on members of the Faculty

Ahmad, Nafees, (Co-director), Minor Project, ICSSR, New Delhi, One Year, INR 200,000/-

Ahmad, Nafees, External Reviewer, for major research project on Judicial Reforms in India for the Ministry of Law, Government of India. 2016-2017

Garimella, Sai Ramani, Educational Grant from International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL), and USAID under its Global Civil Society Legal Enabling Environment.

Jolly, Stellina, Educational Grant from International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL), and USAID under its Global Civil Society Legal Enabling Environment.

Jolly Stellina, External Reviewer, for major research project on Judicial Reforms in India for the Ministry of Law, Government of India. 2016-2017

Ranjan, Prabhash, Visiting Scholar, Brookings India, 1 Aug 2017-30 April 2018.
Ranjan, Prabhash, Full travel and accommodation funding, Singapore Management University to present a paper at a conference organised by the Applied Research Centre for the Intellectual Assets and the Law in Asia, SMU, Dec 2017
Ranjan, Prabhash, Full travel and accommodation funding, National University of Singapore to present a paper at a conference organised by the Centre for International Law, NUS, November 2017
Ranjan, Prabhash, Full travel and accommodation funding, University of Sydney to present a paper at a conference organised by University of Sydney, Feb 2017

Editorial/Reviewing and Refereeing Appointments
Ahmad, Nafees, External Reviewer, Asian Journal of International Law, CUP
Jolly, Stellina, Editor, NUJS International Journal of Legal Studies and Research, http://www.ijlsr.in/2-Board-of-Editors/4-Editors
Ranjan, Prabhash reviewer for the Oxford Yearbook of International Investment Law (OUP), Chinese Journal of Comparative Law (OUP), and Asian Journal of International Law (CUP).

Appointments to Memberships of National/International Bodies
Ahmad, Nafees, Member, Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi
Jolly, Stellina, Member, Indian Society of International Law; Member Indian Nuclear Law Association

Edited Volumes
Ahmad, Nafees & Jolly, Stellina, ‘Climate Refugees under International Climate Law and International Refugee Law: Towards Addressing the Protection Gaps and Exploring the Legal Alternatives for Climate Justice,’ ISL, Year Book on International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law, New Delhi, Indian Society of International Law, pp. 216-248, ISSN 0971-9500

Keynote Addresses and Invited Talks

Ahmad, Nafees, ‘Electoral Reforms and Good Governance: From Ideality to Reality: Economic Reforms with Reference to Electoral Reforms’, at the Confederation of Indian Bar, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, 8-9 April 2017


Ahmad, Nafees, Discussant on ‘Human Rights Institutions, Civil Society Organizations and Judiciary’, FRAME India Colloquium – Fostering Human Rights Among European Policies, ISIL and South Asian University, New Delhi, 31 Jan 2017

Burra, Srinivas, Chairperson ‘Colloquy on Learning International Law in South – Relevance, Methodology and Prospects’ organised by the Centre for Economy Development and Law, Thrissur in collaboration with the India Chapter of the Association of Attendees and Alumni of The Hague Academy of International Law, Thrissur, Kerala, 3 January 2017.


Papers Presented and Lectures Delivered


Ahmad, Nafees, ‘The Constitutionality of Trump’s Refugee Policy under the US Constitution and International Rule of Law’, World Learning-SIT (USA), Health and Human Right Project, New Delhi, 10 Feb 2017


Burra, Srinivas, ‘Human Rights Institutions, Civil Society Organizations and Judiciary’ at the FRAME India Colloquium: Fostering Human Rights among European Policies’ organized by the India Society of International Law and South Asian University, 31 Jan 2017.


Burra, Srinivas, ‘Movements and their Trajectories: Contemporary Reading(s) of the Telangana Struggles’, organized by the Department of Sociology, South Asian University and Rosa Luxembourg Stiftung-South Asia, 1 Nov 2017.


Garimella, Sai Ramani, Resource faculty on “CISG and Electronic Communication in Contracts” PG course on International Trade Law, Indian Society of International Law, 15 Sept 2017


Ranjan, Prabhash, ‘Issuance of Compulsory Licenses and Expropriation of Investment in BITs and FTAs: A Study of Indian, Chinese and Select ASEAN Countries’ at Asian Trade Deals and IP; organised by Singapore Management University, 8 Dec 2017

Jolly, Stella, ‘Climate Change, Disasters and Gender Resilience: A Legal Analysis from India’ on ‘Law and Development Conference – A View from the Global South, at the International Conference organised by University of Antwerp, Belgium, 19-22 Sept 2017

Jolly, Stella, ‘Inter-Country Child Abduction: An Explorative Analysis of Legal Standards and Judicial Construal’s in India’, at Centre for Law and Governance, JNU, New Delhi on 7 April 2017

Garimella, Sai Ramani, Resource faculty on “International Environmental Law” at Teerthankar Mahaveer University School of Law, Moradabad, 18 Feb 2017

Jolly, Stella, ‘International Sustainable Development’ at Workshop on Environmental Law organised by Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, 8 Feb 2017

Jolly, Stella, ‘Principles of International Environmental Law’ at the 16th Summer Course on International Law, organized by ISIL, Delhi on 2 June 2017

Jolly, Stella, ‘International Climate Change Law’ at NLU, Delhi, 26 Sept 2017

Pratap, Ravindra, ‘State Jurisdiction’, at Indian Academy of International Law and Diplomacy, New Delhi, 4 Dec 2017.


Pratap, Ravindra, ‘Pacific Settlement of Disputes and ICI’, at Summer Course on International Law, Indian Academy of International Law and Diplomacy, New Delhi, 1 June 2017.

Pratap, Ravindra, ‘UN Charter and Means of Settlement of Disputes, including International Arbitration and ICI, Friendly Relations Declaration’, at Indian Academy of International Law and Diplomacy, New Delhi, 1 May 2017.

Pratap, Ravindra, ‘Interpretation of International Law by the Supreme Court of India’, at Indian Academy of International Law and Diplomacy, New Delhi, 24 April 2017.


Pratap, Ravindra, ‘India and the WTO Dispute Settlement System’, at Indian Academy of International Law and Diplomacy, New Delhi, 10 Feb 2017.

Pratap, Ravindra, ‘WTO Dispute Settlement’, at Indian Academy of International Law and Diplomacy, New Delhi, 03 Feb 2017.

Pratap, Ravindra, ‘GATT and WTO’, at Indian Academy of International Law and Diplomacy, New Delhi, 01 Feb 2017.


Ranjan, Prabhash, ‘Issuance of Compulsory Licenses and Expropriation of Investment in BITs and FTAs: A Study of Indian, Chinese and Select ASEAN Countries’ at Singapore, ‘Asian Trade Deals and IP’, organised by Singapore Management University, Singapore, 8 December 2017

Ranjan, Prabhash, ‘Internalization of Investment Treaties in India’, at ‘Workshop on Investment Treaties and National Governance’, organised by Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 16-17 November 2017

Ranjan, Prabhash, ‘Investor State Dispute Settlement and India’, at ‘South Asia International Economic Law Inaugural Conference’ organised by South Asia International Economic Law Network, New Delhi, 29-30 April 2017

Ranjan, Prabhash, ‘Absence of Fair and Equitable Treatment in the Indian Model BIT’, at ‘High Level Committee to Review Institutionalization of Arbitration Mechanism in India, Conference on BITs’, New Delhi, 22 April 2017

Ranjan, Prabhash, ‘Multilateral Investment Agreement in the WTO and India’, ‘WTO@20 Conference’, organised by Appellate Body of the WTO and National Law University Delhi, New Delhi, 18 Feb 2017;

### Visit of Scholars to the Faculty/Special Lecture

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<td>Book Discussion:- Private International Law-South Asian States Practice edited by Dr. Sai Ramana Garimella and Dr. Stellina Jolly</td>
<td>Mrs. Pinky Anand, Additional Solicitor General of India Speakers: Professor R. Venkata Rao, Vice Chancellor, National Law School of India University, Bangalore Professor Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi</td>
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<td>Professor G.S. Bajpai, Registrar National Law University, Delhi</td>
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<td>2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Human Rights and Development</td>
<td>Prof. Koen De Feyter, Chair of International Law, Research Group on Law and Development, Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp, Belgium</td>
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<td>09-11-2017</td>
<td>Invisibility of “Other” Dalits and Silence in the Law</td>
<td>Dr. Sumit Baudh, Associate Professor, Jindal Law School, Sonepat, Haryana</td>
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Faculty of Life Sciences & Biotechnology

FLSB has taken several initiatives to achieve and maintain excellence in teaching, training, and research. Biotechnology is a rapidly expanding field and in order to keep pace with the latest developments, faculty members regularly add new knowledge to their respective courses. In order to give in-depth learning experience to students, the M.Sc course structure has been redesigned to provide more choices at the advanced level. Several new experiments have also been included in the laboratory techniques course.

Masters students have been given a span of two semesters to work on their projects to allow them to acquire thorough knowledge of the field of their interest by extending the bench research time for their chosen project.

As part of the Fermentation technology learning experience, the third semester M.Sc. students were taken for a field visit to a PEDA Bio-gas power plant at Ludhiana. As part of their passion and commitment, faculty members conducting cutting-edge research have been able to procure funds from external funding agencies. In the current year, faculty research grants in FLSB amounted to INR 6.6 crores. This year has also seen 19 research papers published by the faculty in peer-reviewed journals. Several equipment, such as Gas Chromatography, Encapsulator, CO2 incubator, biosafety hood, centrifuges and water bath were procured through the extra-mural grants. With the financial support of the South Asian University, we could maintain our Central Instrument facility (CIF) in working order throughout the year. The CIF facility at FLSB currently includes, FACS Aria, FACS Verse, Confocal Microscopy Facility, Ultraacentrifuge, real time PCR machine, Cell Culture Facility, Plant Growth Chambers, UFLC, FPLC and several other equipments that are required for research.

To increase the interaction between SAU and other universities and institutions in the SAARC region, FLSB organized the South Asian Biotechnology Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal between March 16 and 18, in collaboration with Tribhuvan University. Several scientists from various regions of the world presented their work at the meeting. It was decided that next year the conference will be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Our faculty members organized several international hands-on-workshops like Indo-US Workshop on “Flow Cytometry and Metabolomics in studying infectious diseases in animals and human”; “Gene cloning and expression of Recombinant Protein” and “Proteomics and Mass Spectrometry” to train research scholars from the SAARC region. An Annual Science Day was organized as “BioZest2017”. It was a student-led event held on 10th November, 2017. The program included key note talks given by eminent scientists, Dr. Virandar Chauhan and Dr. Shrishendu Mukherjee. This was followed by research presentations by students and various fun activities. An “Open House” was organized on the subsequent day where prospective undergraduate students from around the Delhi region were invited to visit the SAU and FLSB research facility. We hope to make this an annual event. Several leading scientists/professors were invited to give guest seminars in our Friday Seminar Series.

Placements and Other Achievements of M.sc. students

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### Faculty members:

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<td>Rajiv K. Saxena</td>
<td>All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, 1977</td>
<td>Emeritus Professor, FLSB SAU</td>
<td>Immunology, Erythropoiesis, Nanoparticles Interaction with Biology</td>
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<td>Senthil Kumar Venugopal</td>
<td>All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, 2000</td>
<td>Associate Dean &amp; Associate Professor</td>
<td>Biomedical Research, Molecular Mechanisms involved in the Progression of Liver Disease</td>
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<td>Ritu Gaur</td>
<td>National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi, 2001</td>
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<td>Virology: Host-Pathogen Interactions and Developing Antivirals against HIV-1</td>
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<td>Nirotpal Mrinal</td>
<td>CDFD, Hyderabad, 2008</td>
<td>Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Genetic and Epigenetic regulation of Gene Expression</td>
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<td>Rinkoo D. Gupta</td>
<td>Department of Zoology, Banaras Hindu University, 2005</td>
<td>Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Protein Science: Protein Engineering, Enzymology and Drug Discovery</td>
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<td>National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi, 2008</td>
<td>Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Chemical Biology of Host Pathogen Interactions in Mycobacterial Diseases</td>
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<td>Ananda Mustafiz</td>
<td>International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, New Delhi, 2010</td>
<td>Assistant Professor</td>
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<td>Ravi Shankar Akundi</td>
<td>University of Freiburg Medical School, Freiburg, Germany, 2005</td>
<td>Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Neurodegeneration and Inflammation in the Brain</td>
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<td>Yuba Raj Pokharel</td>
<td>Chosun University, Gwangju, Republic of Korea, 2009</td>
<td>Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Cancer Biology, Oncogenic Activity of Protein Interactions of Already Established Bait Oncoproteins</td>
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<td>A.K.R. Gobinath</td>
<td>Biotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology Chennai, 2008</td>
<td>Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Bioprocess and Biochemical Engineering, Bio Energy and Value-added Products</td>
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Awards/Honours/Special Recognition


Grants and Fellowships Conferred on Members of the Faculty

Akundi, R.S.: Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, GOI grant for 'Investigating the role of exogenous ATP in cancer metastasis', 2017-2020, INR 2.7 million.

Akundi, R.S.: Department of Science and Technology, GOI grant for 'Investigating the role of exogenous ATP in modulating inflammation in the rodent brain', 2017-2020, INR 6.2 million.

Akundi, R.S.: South Asian University, Institute for South Asian Studies grant for 'Sickle cell anemia and its coexistence with alpha and beta thalassemia in a cohort of indigenous Tharu population of Nepal: Implications for the South Asian region', 2016-2018, USD 15,000.

Akundi, R.S.: South Asian University, Intramural Start-Up grant for 'P2-receptor mediated modulation of prostaglandin E2 synthesis in rodent brain', 2013-2017, USD 45,000.

Gaur, R.: Department of Science and Technology, GOI grant for 'Exudating the mechanism of action of potent and broadly active HIV-1 maturation inhibitors, a novel class of antiretroviral drugs', 2017-2020, INR 5 million.

Gaur, R.: South Asian University, Startup Research grants for 'Study of Molecular Interactions of Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Simian Immunodeficiency Virus Accessory Proteins with Host Cell factor(s)', 2012-2017, INR 4.5 million.


Gobinath, A.K.R.: South Asian University, Startup Research grant for 'Anaerobic clostridial fermentation for production of butanol (a superior alternative fuel) from domestic and commercial food waste', 2016-2019, USD 30,000.


Mustafiz, A.: South Asian University, Intramural Start-Up grant for 'Deciphering role of multiple active glyoxalase I (GLY I) of Arabidopsis in alleviating abiotic stress', 2013-2017, USD 45,000.


Pokharel, Y.R.: South Asian University, Intramural Start-Up grant for 'Identification of Pin1 interacting protein and broadly active HIV-1 maturation inhibitors, a novel cellulosic biomass by recombinant clostridium strain for the production of butanol—a superior alternative fuel', 2016-2019, INR 5.06 million.

Saxena, R.K.: Department of Science and Technology grant for 'Uptake and effects of control and targeted directed carbon nanoparticles by differentiating and matured subpopulations of leukocytes in resting and activated states', 2015-2018, INR 21 million.

Saxena, R.K.: Department of Science and Technology grant for 'Progression of Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease to hepatocellular carcinoma: A role for microRNAs and glucose homeostasis', 2016 – 2019, INR 5 million.

Editorial/Reviewing and Refereeing Appointments

Akundi, R.S.: reviewer for the journal Neurotoxicology and Molecular Neurobiology.

Gaur, R.: reviewer for Nature Scientific Reports; Virology; Cancer; Oncotargets and Therapy.


Pokharel, Y.R.: Editor-in-Chief: International Journal of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; Editor & Reviewer for Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology; Editorial Board Member: Life Sciences: An International Journal; Editor: Journal of Microbiology Research Society; Reviewer: The International Institute of Knowledge Management; Trends in Carbohydrates.

Venugopal, S.K.: Editor: BioMed Research International; Reviewer: Extramural grants for Department of Biotechnology, GOI and Department of Science and Technology, GOI; Peer reviewer for Scientific Reports, PLOS one, BMC Cancer, Hepatology International.

Appointments to Memberships of National/International Bodies

Akundi, R.S.: Member, Society for Neuroscience, USA; Member, International Brain Research Organization, France; Life Member, Indian Academy of Neuroscience, India; Life Member, Society for Neurochemistry India.

Gaur, R.: Society of Biological Chemists (SBC), India; American Society of Microbiologists (ASM).

Gupta, R.D.: Life Member, Indian Science Congress; National Academy of Biological Sciences, Asian Federation of Biotechnology, International Academy of Physical Sciences, India, Royal Society of Chemistry, Biochemical Society, Advancing Molecular Biosciences.

Pokharel, Y.R.: Ethical Committee Member of National Liver Disease Biobank, India.

Prof. Rajiv. K. Saxena: Fellowship, Indian Science Academy, Bangalore Fellowship, National Science Academy, Allahabad Fellowship, Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi.

JC Bose National Research Fellowship.

Venugopal, S.K.: American Association for the Study of the Liver, USA.

Publications

Chapter in Book / Article in Journal


Papers Presented and Lectures Delivered


Talks and Lectures organized:

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<td>Ups and downs in the war between humans and bacteria: application of innate immune proteins as protein antibiotics</td>
<td>Prof. T.P Singh, Ph.D., Department of Biophysics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi</td>
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<td>Biocconversion of lignocellulose to ethanol by recombinant yeast</td>
<td>Prof. Virendra Swarup Bisaria, Department of Biochemical Engineering and Biotechnology, Former Dean, Industrial Research and Development, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi</td>
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<td>Role of host cell proteins in Japanese Encephalitis virus life cycle</td>
<td>Prof. Sudhanshu Vrati, PhD, Executive Director, Regional Centre for Biotechnology</td>
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<td>The proteomic landscape of plant cell wall and defense response: Turning knowledge into application</td>
<td>Dr. Niranjan Chakraborty, Director, National Institute of Plant Genome Research, New Delhi</td>
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<td>Disorders of proliferation: Analysis of novel pathways and targets</td>
<td>Dr. Rahul Pal, National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi</td>
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<td>Role of polyphenols in cancer chemoprevention</td>
<td>Prof. Sarwat Sultana, Dpt. of Medical Elementology and Toxicology, Jamia Hamdard University</td>
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Students’ Achievements


Giri, G.R. received Best Poster Award for “Study of the Mycobacterial Type III Polyketide Synthase and Modifying Enzyme” at South Asian Biotechnology Conference-2017 organized by Nepal Biotechnology Association, Central Department of Biotechnology and South Asian University at Kathmandu, 16-18 Mar 2017.


Muskan Jain attended a summer school ‘Sustainable agricultural solutions’ Ben Gurion University, Negev, Israel, 2-27 Jul 2017.

Venugopal SK, Pant K, Yadav AK, Misra AK, Pradhan, S. ‘Modulation of host cellular pathways by HBV-induced ROS in modulating autophagy and inflammation in hepatic cells’. Indian Association for the Study of Liver Meeting, New Delhi, 3-6 Aug 2017.


Sharma Aveksha, e-Poster Presentation on ‘Novel Protein PQBP1 in Cancer Progression’ 2nd Indian Cancer Congress, 8-12 Nov 2017.
Faculty of Mathematics & Computer Science
The Department of Computer Science, established by the University in 2010, is one of the most vibrant departments of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science. The department initiated its teaching activities through a post-graduate programme in Computer Science in 2010, and later it started a PhD programme in Computer Science in 2013. For each programme, the department follows a unique up-to-date curriculum with the aim of equipping students with theoretical and analytical skills as well as thorough knowledge and expertise in the latest state-of-the-art techniques in IT, so that they can work competently in diverse areas.

Faculty Members:

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<td>Amit Banerjee</td>
<td>National Tsing-Hua University, Taiwan.</td>
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<td>Shashidhar Ram Joshi</td>
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<td>Image Processing, Pattern Recognition, and Particle Tracking Velocimetry</td>
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Keeping in mind that university departments also have a responsibility to groom skilled and competent professionals to face global challenges with new insights and problem-solving abilities, the Department of Computer Science, with students from all SAARC nations, aims to produce Computer Science professionals competent enough to fulfill the industrial and research needs of their countries. With a dedicated and competent faculty, our students have been able to make a mark for themselves in different parts of the world.

To strengthen research activities, the department has formulated a comprehensive laboratory plan with one general-purpose computing laboratory and seven specialized laboratories, including Computational Intelligence Lab, Hardware & Digital Systems Lab, Real-Time Systems Lab, Data Analytics & Cyber Security Lab, Machine Learning Lab, Wireless Networks & Mobile Computing Lab, and Intelligent Systems & Text Analytics Lab.

Several academic and professional activities were organized in the calendar year 2017, including three International Workshops; one on Hybrid Soft Computing and Data Analytics (HSCoDA, 10-11 Jan 2017), another on Computational Intelligence and Machine Learning (CIML, 14-16 Dec. 2017). The department has also undertaken a number of research collaborations with reputed institutions and researchers across the globe.

Students Admitted and Country-Wise Break-Up

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Dr. Muhammad Abulaish:

Associate Editor: Journal of King Saud University – Computer and Information Sciences, Elsevier.
Reviewer: IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering, IEEE
Reviewer: IEEE Access, IEEE
Reviewer: Social Network Analysis and Mining, Springer
Reviewer: Knowledge and Information Systems, Springer
Reviewer: Information Sciences, Elsevier
Reviewer: Digital Investigation, Elsevier
Reviewer: Journal of Biomedical Informatics, Elsevier
Reviewer: Journal of Network and Computer Applications, Elsevier
Reviewer: IETE Journal of Research, Taylor & Francis
Reviewer: Information Systems Frontiers, Springer
Reviews: Sathana (Academy Proceedings in Engineering Science), Springer
Reviewer: Applied Clinical Informatics, IMIA, Germany

IPC Member: IEEE/WIC/ACM International Conference on Web Intelligence, Leipzig, Germany, 23-26 Aug 2017
IPC Member: International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Information Retrieval, Madeira, Portugal, 1-3 Nov 2017.
IPC Member: Asian Conference on Intelligent Information and Database System, Kanajava, Japan, 3-5 Apr 2017.
IPC Member: International Conference on Computational Collective Intelligence, Nicosia, Cyprus, 27-29 Sep 2017.
IPC Member: International Conference on Information and Communication Systems, Iribd, Jordan, 4-6 Apr 2017.

Dr. Pranab K Muhuri:

Organizing Editor: Special session on ‘Type-2 Fuzzy Sets in Emerging Systems’, World Congress on Computational Intelligence (WCCI 2018), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Reviewer: Fuzzy Sets and Systems (Elsevier Science)
Reviewer: Computers and Industrial Engineering (Elsevier Science)
Reviewer: Fuzzy Optimization and Decision Making (Springer)
Reviewer: Wireless Personal Communication (Springer)
Reviewer: Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence (Elsevier Science)
Reviewer: Computer and Industrial Engineering (Elsevier Science)
Reviewer: IEEE Access (IEEE)

Dr. Reshma Rastogi (nee Khemchandani):

Reviewer: IEEE transactions on neural networks, IEEE, USA
Reviewer: Information Sciences, Elsevier
Reviewer: Neural Networks, Elsevier
Reviewer: Neurocomputing, Elsevier
Reviewer: Neural Processing Letters, Springer
Reviewer: Artificial Intelligence Review, Springer
Reviewer: Neural computing and its applications, Springer
Reviewer: Journal of machine learning and cybernetics, Springer
Reviewer: Applied Intelligence, Springer
IPC Member: International Conference on Data Engineering and Applications Bhopal, 28-29 Oct 2017.

Dr. Pranab Muhuri:

Senior Member, IEEE Computer Society, USA
Member IEEE Computational Intelligence Society, USA
Member, IEEE SMC Society, USA
Member, ACM, USA

Dr. Amit Banerjee:

Member, IEEE, USA

Dr. Reshma Rastogi (nee Khemchandani):

Member, IEEE, USA

Books

Articles in Journals
Banerjee, Amit, Chung-Ta King and Hung-Chang Hsiao, “On State Maintenance in Cluster-Based Mobile


Keynote Addresses and Invited Talks

Abulaish, M., "Mining Blog Data for Open Source Intelligence" at the International Workshop on Data Analytics and Machine Intelligence, jointly organized by South Asian University and Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal, 11-13 Dec 2017.


Abulaish, M., "Fusing Content and Structural Information for a Deeper Insight" at the Department of Computer Science, University of Delhi, 17 March 2017.

Abulaish, M., "Ranking Social Media Users using Structural and Textual Features" at the National Seminar on Cloud Computing and its Applications organized by School of Engineering Sciences and Technology, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, 9-10 March 2017.

Abulaish, M., "Ranking Social Media Users using Structural and Textual Features" at the Faculty Development Program on Machine Learning and its Application in Text and Image Analytics organized by JSS Academy of Technical Education, Noida, 30 Jan - 3 Feb 2017.

Rastogi, R., "Classification: Problems and Algorithms" at the International Workshop on Data Analytics and Machine Intelligence, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal, 12 Dec 2017.
Papers Presented and Lectures Delivered


Visit of Scholars to the Department/ Special Lectures

Date | Subject/Topic | Speaker's Name with Affiliation
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10.01.2017 | Hybrid Soft Computing: Challenges and Applications | Prof. Ajith Abraham, MIR Labs, USA
10.01.2017 | Web-based Recommender Systems and AA Social Networks | Prof. K. K. Bhardwaj, JNU, Delhi, India
10.01.2017 | Text Analytics for Contextual Intelligence and Enrichment of Insights | Dr. Lipika Dey, TCS Innovations Lab, Delhi, India
11.01.2017 | Deep Neural Learning | Prof. Ashish Ghosh, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India
11.01.2017 | Swarm Intelligence: A tool for Non-traditional Optimization | Prof. B.K. Panigrahi, IIT Delhi, India
11.01.2017 | Scalable algorithms for Pattern Mining | Dr. Vikram Goyal, IIT Delhi, India
11.01.2017 | Evolutionary Algorithms for Bi-Level Optimization | Dr. Ankur Sinha, IIM Ahmedabad, India
25.03.2017 | Type-2 Fuzzy Sets and Applications | Prof. Oscar Castillo, Tijuana Institute of Technology, Mexico
25.03.2017 | Type-2 Fuzzy Logic Systems-Recent trend | Prof. Oscar Castillo, Tijuana Institute of Technology, Mexico
06.12.2017 | Bio Inspired Optimization of Type - 2 Fuzzy Logic Systems | Prof. Oscar Castillo, Tijuana Institute of Technology, Mexico
06.12.2017 | An Introduction to Type-2 Fuzzy Sets and Systems’ | Prof. Oscar Castillo, Tijuana Institute of Technology, Mexico
14.12.2017 | Extreme Learning Machines and its applications | Prof. S. Balasundaram, JNU, Delhi, India
14.12.2017 | Mathematics behind machine learning | Prof. S. Chandra, IIT Delhi, India
14.12.2017 | Computational Intelligence | Prof. Ajith Abraham, MIR Labs, USA
14.12.2017 | Opinion mining and sentiment analysis with deep learning techniques | Prof. Alexander Gelbukh, Centre for Computing Research, Mexico
15.12.2017 | Multi-objective and multiattribute decision making | Prof. Pankaj Gupta, Delhi University, Delhi, India
15.12.2017 | Stochastic neural model with distributed delay and power law behaviour | Prof. Karmeshu, JNU, Delhi, India
15.12.2017 | Evolutionary Algorithms for single objective and optimization and its applications in power systems | Prof. B. K. Panigrahi, IIT Delhi, India
15.12.2017 | New Design of hybrid intelligent systems optimization of modular granular neural networks and type-2 fuzzy systems | Prof. Patricia Melin, Tijuana Institute of Technology, Mexico
16.12.2017 | Improved genetic algorithm and channel allocation in mobile computing | Prof. D. P. Vidyarthi, JNU, Delhi, India
16.12.2017 | Imperatives of Performability Engineering | Prof. K.B. Misra, IIT Kharagpur, India
16.12.2017 | Learning from Big Data using Rough Sets | Prof. N. Chatterjee, IIT Delhi, India
16.12.2017 | Smart technologies as drivers for next generation agriculture | Dr. Leisa Armstrong, Edith Cowan University, Australia
16.12.2017 | National mission on interdisciplinary cyber physical systems- Indian perspective | Prof. K. R. Murali Mohan, Scientist-G & Head, ICPS Division, DST, Govt. of India
### Students’ Achievements

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<td>Mr. Mahamudul Hasan</td>
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<td>Mr. Md Mahbub E Noor Bappy</td>
<td>Bangladesh</td>
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<td>Mr. Sandeep Kumar</td>
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<td>Mr. Sumarga Shah Tyagi</td>
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<td>Mr. Tanvir Siddiquee</td>
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<td>Rahul Yadav</td>
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<td>Mr. Pervesh Maheshwari</td>
<td>Pakistan</td>
<td>Pursuing PhD at Sungkyunkwan Suwon Campus at South Korea</td>
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<td>Mr. Golam Kaderye</td>
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<td>Joined as Lecturer at City University, Dhaka, Bangladesh</td>
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<td>Mr. Amit Raunyra</td>
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<td>Mr. Mohammad Shoabi</td>
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<td>Ursalan Mansoor</td>
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<td>Nesar Ahmad Wasi</td>
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<td>Taniya Seth</td>
<td>India</td>
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<td>Jalaluddin Khan</td>
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<td>Working as Project Manager at the Presidential Palace, Kabul, Afghanistan</td>
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<td>Mohammad Ali Hussini</td>
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<td>Madan Raj Upreti</td>
<td>Nepal</td>
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**Department of Mathematics**  
Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science

The Department of Mathematics, since its very inception in 2012, has been proving its excellence in Applied Mathematics and Computing and has been vigorously engaged in research, teaching, and training. Growing steadily, today the department offers an M. Sc. in Applied Mathematics and Ph.D. in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics. The department reinforces opportunities for education and research in a wide spectrum of areas in Mathematics by concentrating on Analytical and Computational Methods for Differential and Integral Equations, Numerical Analysis, Graph Theory and Networks, Optimization, Probability and Statistics, Topology, Computational Fluid Dynamics, Financial Derivatives and Modelling. The department also offers a course in Mathematics in South Asia for all students of the University.

The Department has its own state of the art Computational Laboratory that ensures high quality research work. The laboratory-based courses train students in application-oriented practical subjects. Masters students are exposed to advanced research topics through electives and a mandatory one-year project. The Department has eight dedicated faculty members who have proved themselves in teaching and research. From Jan 2017 to Dec. 2017, 39 research papers were published in reputed journals.

The Department continues to maintain a very active academic atmosphere through various initiatives. Four DST sponsored projects under the scheme, Mathematical Research Impact Centric Support (MATRICS) have been awarded to the faculty members. Regular visits of academicians from India and abroad have also resulted in a collaborative research environment.

Initiatives have also been taken to organize International Conferences not only in India but also in other SAARC region such as in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Conferences are planned in Nepal and Bangladesh during the year 2018. This ensures active academic upliftment throughout the SAARC regions.

In December, 2017 an international conference on Currents Trends in Theoretical and Computational Differential Equations with Applications, was organized at the South Asian University.

**Students admitted and country-wise break-up**


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<td>Numerical Methods, Partial Differential Equations, Computational Fluid Dynamics</td>
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<td>Pankaj Jain</td>
<td>University of Delhi, India</td>
<td>Associate Professor</td>
<td>Function Spaces, Weighted Norm Inequalities, Integral Operators, Fourier Analysis, Numerical Methods</td>
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<td>Deepa Sinha</td>
<td>University of Delhi, India</td>
<td>Associate Professor (Chairperson)</td>
<td>Graph Theory (Discrete Mathematics), Fluid Dynamics</td>
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<td>Kapil Kumar Sharma</td>
<td>IIT Kanpur, India</td>
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<td>Numerical Analysis, Delay Differential Equations, Singular Perturbation Theory, Finite Element Methods</td>
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<td>Q.M. Danish Lohani</td>
<td>Aligarh Muslim University, India</td>
<td>Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Fuzzy Logics, Functional Analysis, Measures of Compactness and Matrix Transformations, Statistical Approximations, Stochastic Processes</td>
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<td>Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Mathematical Biology, Non-linear Dynamical System, Bioinformatics</td>
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<td>Jagdish Chand Bansal</td>
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<td>Optimization Techniques, Swarm Intelligence</td>
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**Grants and Fellowships Conferred on Members of the Faculty**

- **Jain, Pankaj**, Partial travel grant from CSIR to participate in the “Spring School on Function Spaces: Embeddings and extrapolation” organized by Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, May 28 - June 3, 2017.

**Editorial/Reviewing and Refereeing Appointments**

- **Bansal, J C**, Guest editor, Swarm and Evolutionary Computation

**Jain, Pankaj**, Associate editor, *Journal of Mathematical Inequalities, Eurasian Mathematical Journal, Journal of Inequalities and Special Functions, Advances in Inequalities and Applications*


**Jain, Pankaj**, Reviewer, for American Mathematical Society.


**Lohani, Q M Danish**, Reviewer, for *IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems.*


Jain, Pankaj, Chair, National Seminar on Recent Developments on Mathematical Sciences, MD University, Rohtak, 7-8 March, 2017.

Jain, Pankaj, “Generalized Transforms and Convolutions” at National Seminar on Recent Developments on Mathematical Sciences, MD University, Rohtak, 7-8 March, 2017.


Jain, Pankaj, Co-convenor of the conference “Analysis and its Applications” held at Dyal Singh College (University of Delhi), New Delhi, 9-11 Dec, 2017.

Jha, Navnit, Chair, International Conference on Currents Trends in Theoretical and Computational Differential Equations with Applications, South Asian University, 1-5 Dec, 2017.


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Keynote Addresses and Invited Talks


Jain, Pankaj, Co-convenor of the conference “Analysis and its Applications” held at Dyal Singh College (University of Delhi), New Delhi, 9-11 Dec, 2017.

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Lohani, Q M Danish, Chair, International Conference on Currents Trends in Theoretical and Computational Differential Equations with Applications, South Asian University, 1-5 Dec, 2017.


Sharma, Kapil K, Chair, International Conference on Currents Trends in Theoretical and Computational Differential Equations with Applications, South Asian University, 1-5 Dec, 2017.


Sinha, Deepa, “Model of Online Social Network using Signed Graph” at the Short Term Training Programme on Graph Theory and its Applications, SRM University, Kattankulathur, Tamil Nadu, 3-4 Nov, 2017.


Papers Presented and Lectures Delivered


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<td>Open Source Based Skills in Telecommunication</td>
<td>Dr. Harish Kumar, Honorary Director, Centre for Skill Development &amp; Entrepreneurship, Punjab University</td>
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<td>Theory of Semigroups of Bounded Linear Operators in Banach Spaces and its Applications</td>
<td>Prof. Dhiren Bahuguna, IIT, Kanpur</td>
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<td>Prof. Atulya Nagar, Liverpool Hope University, UK</td>
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<td>One-mode and Two-mode Systems of Fuzzy</td>
<td>Dr. Jelena Ignjatovic, University of Niš, Faculty of Sciences and Mathematics, Serbia</td>
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<td>Multi-objective Optimization using Evolutionary</td>
<td>Dr. Arun Kishor, Amity University, Kolkata</td>
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Students’ Achievements

M.Sc. Mathematics Batch (2015-17)

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<td>Divakar Jha</td>
<td>Pursuing PhD from SAU</td>
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<td>Angshumann R Goswami</td>
<td>Pursuing PhD from University of Debrecen, Hungary</td>
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The year was a productive one for the Department of International Relations, which saw it expand its repertoire of research activities and interests in imaginative ways. With an impressive bandwidth combining research publications, events and outreach activities, the Department contributed to the University's growing profile as a reputed research institution. The International Relations (IR) Programme at SAU continues to offer an innovative range of courses at the Masters and M.Phil/Ph.D levels. The strong interdisciplinary strengths of the Department, reflected in the courses on offer that blend both traditional and critical approaches to IR, is complemented with a rigorous focus on methodology and ethics in research.

The year saw the IR faculty receive international intellectual recognition in the form of important awards including Visiting Fellowships at the University of Cambridge and the University of Würzburg. Other professional assignments included significant organizational positions at the International Studies Association and the Association of Borderlands Studies.

2017 also saw the Department further strengthen the ambit of its intellectual and institutional networking, with its Seminar Series hosting talks by distinguished scholars from India and abroad. Several international events were organized in partnership with leading national and international research bodies, including an international conference on ‘Border and Border Studies: The South Asian Perspective’ in partnership with the Association for Borderlands Studies, Borders in Globalization and the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS). The Department also hosted the sixth annual International Feminist Journal of Politics conference as well as a pre-conference workshop on ‘Feminist Perspectives on Diplomacy’. The Department was associated with the organization of a consultative dialogue on ‘Echoes and Resonances: Critical Challenges for Youth and Peace Building in Kashmir’ in collaboration with Women in Security Conflict Management and Peace. The Department partnered with Dhaka University and IUCN-India to organise a module on Water Governance and Regional Capacity Building in New Delhi and Dhaka for mid-level professionals working on water issues in South Asia. It also organised an exhibition on Water Architectures.

Our students contributed to the Department’s reputation in impressive ways. Pratishtha Sharma, our Master’s student received the First Prize in a national essay competition organised by the Indian Council of World Affairs at an awards function held this year. The Department’s doctoral students enhanced its academic profile by presenting their research at various national and international conferences.

The faculty and the students of the Department look forward to expanding their intellectual horizons further in the coming years.

### Student’s admitted and country-wise break-up

**Name of Programme: Masters in International Relations**

- **Batch: 2016-2018**
  - Afghanistan: 04
  - Bangladesh: Nil
  - Bhutan: Nil
  - India: 13
  - Sri Lanka: Nil
  - Others: 01

**Name of Programme: Ph.D. in International Relations**

- **Batch: 2013**
  - Afghanistan: 01
  - Bangladesh: Nil
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  - India: 02
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## Faculty Members

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<td>Jawaharlal Nehru</td>
<td>Assistant Professor till November 2017</td>
<td>International Relations Theory, Politics of Knowledge, Disciplinary Histories, Political thought in the Global South</td>
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<td>Rajen Harshe</td>
<td>Jawaharlal Nehru</td>
<td>Visiting Professor till July 2017</td>
<td>International Relations Theory, Political Theory, African Studies</td>
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<td>Nabarun Roy</td>
<td>Carleton University, 2011</td>
<td>Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Theories of International Relations, Indian Foreign Policy, Great Powers in International Relations, Geopolitics of Asia and South Asia</td>
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<td>Soumita Basu</td>
<td>Aberystwyth University, 2007</td>
<td>Assistant Professor</td>
<td>The United Nations, Feminist International Relations, Critical Security Studies, UN Security Council Resolutions on Women and Peace and Security, South Asian participation in UN peacekeeping</td>
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<td>Regionalism (Europe &amp; South Asia), Borders and Political Economy</td>
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<td>South Asian Politics, Strategic Thought, Grand Strategy and Water Issues in South Asia</td>
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<td>Critical Approaches to IR theory; Indian strategic thought and practice; memory politics, transboundary resource governance in South Asia</td>
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<td>Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding, Armed Conflicts in South Asia (Kashmir and Sri Lanka), Mediation and Peace Education</td>
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### Awards/Honours/Special Recognition

- **Harshe, Rajen**, re-elected as President, G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad, in June 2017 by the Board of Governors for another three-year term.

### Grants and Fellowships conferred on Members of the Faculty

- **Basu, Soumita**, senior guest professorship at the Institute of Political Science and Sociology, University of Würzburg, Germany, Nov-Dec 2017, funded by DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service).
- **Tripathi, Dhananjay**, funded by the Association for Borderlands Studies, Borders in Globalization and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies to organize a two-day international conference on the theme, “Borders and Border Studies: The South Asian Perspective”.
- **Vivekanandan, Jayashree**, Visiting Fellow at the Department of Politics and International Studies, and Senior Member, Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge, U.K., May-Aug 2017, funded by D.C. Pavate Foundation to conduct research on ‘Museums in Britain: The Politics of Display in a Postcolonial World’.

### Appointments to National/International Bodies

- **Harshe, Rajen**, nominated by the University Grants Commission Chairman to review the progress of the India Gandhi Institute of Development Studies of Mumbai as Deemed University, March 2017.
- **Harshe, Rajen**, nominated as Chairman by the UGC to visit Gujarat Vidyapith (Deemed to be University) to review their progress in building infrastructure and other facilities, January 2017.
- **Tripathi, Dhananjay**, Board Member (2015-2018) – Association for Borderlands Studies.

### Publications


### Chapters in Books


Basu, Soumita, ‘South Asian Peacekeeping: Regional Possibilities’, in The Round Table: Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs, 106, 1, pp.71-78, 0035-8533


Harshes, Rajen, ‘My Time with EPW’ in Economic and Political Weekly, 52 (23) 19 Aug. 2017 pp.41-43, ISSN: 0012-9576


Keynote Addresses and Invited Talks


Harshes, Rajen, Valedictory Address on ‘Globalisation and International Relations: Analysing Emerging Themes and Issues’ at a National Seminar on ‘Globalisation and International Relations’ organised by the Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, March 2017.


Bisht, Medha, ‘Water Governance and Water Diplomacy’ at South Asian University, New Delhi, 1 Nov. 2017.


Bisht, Medha, Role of regional platforms and institutions in improving India, Nepal, water cooperation at IELD and Pro-public, Kathmandu, 19 Nov. 2017.


Bisht, Medha, ‘Space/Place/Landscape: Politics of cognition and border of/in Bhutan’, at South Asian University, 6 March 2017.


Mallavarapu, Siddharth, Presentation on Judge Christopher Gregory Weeramunty as part of South Asian International Lawyers: A Tribute at the ‘Young Scholars Workshop’, organised by Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University, 1-2 February, 2017.

Mallavarapu, Siddharth, The Crisis of Western Liberalism: Implications for the Study of International Relations as part of the Hidayat Nanth Kunzru Memorial Lecture Series organised by the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 12 Sept. 2017.

Mallavarapu, Siddharth, Pluralism of World Order Concepts – Reservoir or Amplifier of Conflict at ‘Climate Action and Human Wellbeing at Crossroads: Historical Transformation or Backlash?’ organized by the German Development Institute and International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Bonn, 4-5 Nov., 2017.


Tripathi, Dhananjay, ‘Border Studies in South Asia: Looking Beyond the Confinements of State Centric Approaches’, at the International Conference on ‘Borders and Border Studies: The South Asian Perspective’, Organised by the South Asian University, New Delhi, 6-7 March 2017.


Tripathi, Dhananjay, ‘Relevance of Theory in Border Studies’ at the International Workshop on “Borders, Mobilities, and Cultural Encounters” Organised by the University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, 4-6 Sept. 2017.


### Visit of Scholars to the Department/Special Lecture

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<td>Nation-Making at the Grassroots: Meanings of Indian Nationhood and the Role of Political Practices</td>
<td>Dr Priyadarshini Singh, Senior Consultant, PwC, India</td>
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<td>Transnational migration, capabilities and climate change; Speculating migration-development nexus in Nepal</td>
<td>Sagar Prasai, Country Representative, The Asia Foundation</td>
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<td>From Inaction to Intervention: India's Strategic Culture of Regional Involvement (Nepal, Sri Lanka and Myanmar, 1950s-2000s)</td>
<td>Dr Constantino Xavier, Fellow, Carnegie India</td>
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<td>Realism and Reality in the era of &quot;Post-truth&quot;</td>
<td>Albeena Shakil, OP Jindal Global University and Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla</td>
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<td>30th Anniversary of the first Peace Building Exercise in Afghanistan</td>
<td>Mr Kallol Bhattacharjee, Senior Assistant Editor, The Hindu</td>
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<td>Federal Alternatives to Interstate Relations: The Question of Political form in late Colonial South Asia</td>
<td>Dr Atul Mishra, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, Shiv Nadar University</td>
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The Department of Sociology has continued to produce both innovative and quality research in the year under review. The research papers presented by both faculty and students in various forums in South Asia and abroad mark the continuity in our self-conscious effort to engage with issues in and on South Asia in a nuanced manner. They also vindicate our commitment to knowledge production with a difference. In addition to teaching regular courses, organizing extra-curricular activities along with invited lectures, we have persevered with our vision of broadening the disciplinary boundaries of our own discipline by delving into domains such as visual arts and other forms of culture while seeking to engender new forms of knowledge.

Scholars of eminence from various parts of South Asia visited the department and contributed to its academic processes. The ‘Contribution to contemporary Knowledge’, an esteemed annual event featured Prof. Faisal Devji from Oxford University who delivered a lecture on ‘Gandhi, Hinduism and Humanity’. Numerous scholars, artists and practitioners also visited the Department, under the aegis of the three major platforms of the Sociology Department: the Sociology Seminar Series (coordinated by Dr Chudamani Basnet and Dr Anuj Bhuwania); the Cinema and Society Series (coordinated by Dr Mallika Shakya) and the Rickshaw student blog (coordinated by Dr Dev Pathak).

The collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Germany, has continued with Dr Ravi Kumar as Convener. As part of this collaboration an International Conference on ‘Contemporary Capitalism and the Revolutionary Possibilities 150 Years after Capital and 100 Years after Russian Revolution’ was organised on 3-4 November 2017 and residential workshop on ‘Doing Marxism Today’ was organized on 3-12 June. Other international conferences furthering our reach beyond SAU were organized on themes of ‘Work, Identity and Livelihood: Theoretical Challenges and Contemporary Practices for South Asia’ (22-23 July) Coordinator: Dr. Mallika Shakya; on ‘Visual South Asia: Anthropological Exploration of Media and Culture’, (10-11 May) Co-convenor: Dr Dev Nath Pathak; on ‘Buddhist Cultural Pluralism in South Asia: Explorations in Popular-Contemporary Buddhist Imageries’ (17-18 March) Convenor: Prof Sasanka Perera.

The efforts of the Department to forge intellectual relations within South Asia culminated in an ‘Intensive Course on Teaching Sociology to Faculty Members at Undergraduate Level’ organised in Bhutan from 13 to 17 February, Coordinated by Dr Ravi Kumar.

The Department journal, Society and Culture in South Asia, has been doing very well. Its reach has expanded, data provided by the publishers show that its subscription and downloads have also increased multifold.

### Students admitted and country-wise break-up

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### Faculty Members:

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<td>Politics of civil society organizations in governance and democratization, Issues and problems of urbanization, Dynamics of education and socialization in eradicating or promoting sectarian conflicts, Political violence</td>
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<td>Dev Nath Pathak</td>
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<td>Folklore &amp; performance, Popular Culture &amp; Media, Theoretical &amp; Methodological issues in Social Sciences, Epistemology and Philosophy in Social Science, Education, Youth and Resistance</td>
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Grants and Fellowships conferred on members of the Faculty

Shakya, Mallika, UK-India Research Methods Node: Fostering And Consolidating Research Training And Collaboration In The Social Sciences And Humanities: by the British Academy, 2017-19, INR 1,00,000
Kumar, Ravi, grant by Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Berlin Feb-Dec 2017, Euro 65,021

Editorial/Reviewing and Refereeing Appointments

Kumar, Ravi, Associate Editor, Society and Culture in South Asia (Sage), 2015 onwards
Kumar, Ravi, Co-editor of series, Conversations on/for South Asia, Aakar Books and South Asian University, New Delhi, 2015 to date
Kumar, Ravi, Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Critical Education Policy Studies
Kumar, Ravi, Member, Editorial Board, Solo Journal: Educational Foundations and Social Justice
Kumar, Ravi, Member, Editorial Board, Philosophy and Theory in Higher Education
Kumar, Ravi, Member, Editorial Collective, Critical Education
Kumar, Ravi, Member Academic Advisory, Alternatif Eğitim (Alternative Education, a Turkish Journal)
Kumar, Ravi, Member, Editorial Board of Book Series titled Marxist, Socialist, and Communist Studies in Education
Perera, Sasanka, Editor, Society and Culture in South Asia (Sage), 2015 onwards
Perera, Sasanka, Member, Editorial Board, Nivedini - Journal of Gender Studies, Women’s Educational and Art History: A Conversation with Parul Dave-Mukherji, Delhi: Ahasa Media Works. ISBN 9789667861159

Published Books


Papers in Journals

Datta, Ankur, ‘Uncertain Journeys: Return migration, home and uncertainty for a displaced Kashmiri community’ in Modern Asian Studies Vol 51, Issue 4, pp 1099-1125 ISSN: 0026-749X (Print), 1469-8099 (Online)
Datta, Ankur, ‘Teaching Political Violence: Experiences from a South Asian Classroom; Studies in Indian Politics Vol 5, Issue 2, pp 262-268, ISSN: 23210230
Kumar, Ravi, ‘Challenging the deep grammar of capitalism’s pre-requisite for its alternative: Some thoughts on India today’, The JMC Review, Vol 1, 2017, pp.164-177 ISSN: 2456-9550


Keynote Addresses and Invited Talks

Bhuwania, Anuj, ‘The Politics of Public Interest Litigation in Post-Emergency India’, International Centre Goa, Goa, 20 Jan 2017; Sociology Department, IIT Kanpur, 1 Feb, 2017; National Institute for Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), Delhi, 7 February, 2017; Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, 17 Feb, 2017; School of Public Policy and Governance, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad, 16-18 March 2017; Inter University Centre for IPR Studies, CUSAT, Kochi, 20 March 2017; National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, 14 March; Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Delhi, 28 March, 2017

Bhuwania, Anuj, ‘Revisiting the Origins of Public Interest Litigation in Post-Emergency India’ organised by South Asia Political Thought Discussion Group, University of Oxford, Oxford, 30 Jan 2017

Bhuwania, Anuj, ‘Exclusion by Judicial Innovation’, Public Law and Policy Discussion Group at National Law University, Delhi, 1 March 2017


Datta, Ankur, ‘The Art of Asking Questions,’ at the ‘Research Methodology Workshop’, organized by the Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi 13 Dec 2017

Datta, Ankur, ‘Research Ethics and Academic Writing’, at the ‘Capacity Building Programme’, organised by the Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow, 2 June 2017


Kumar, Ravi, ‘Pedagogical War and the Making/ Unmaking of the Revolutionary Subject: The Case of India’ at the International Conference on ‘Russian Revolution Centenary: Reflections for the 21st Century’ organised by the Faculty of Social and Educational Policy, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of the Peloponnese in collaboration with the Cooperative Institute for Transnational Studies and the California Institute of Integral Studies at Corinith, Greece, 27-29 Oct 2017


Kumar, Ravi, ‘Education and the Quest for Justice: Socio-Political and Pedagogical Challenges’ at the Department of Elementary Education, Gargi College, University of Delhi, 23 March, 2017


Papers Presented and Lectures Delivered


Datta, Ankur, ‘Coming of Age, But Out of Place: Senses of being, masculinity and the past among displaced Kashmiri Pandit youth’, at ‘Himalayan Studies Conference’, organised by the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies and University of Colorado, Boulder, 1-4 Sept 2017

Kumar, Ravi, ‘Discussant at the session on ‘Caste and Occupation’ at the International Conference on ‘Work, Identity and Livelihood in Nepal: Theoretical challenges and contemporary practices for South Asia organized by the South Asian University, Martin Chautari Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities and Centre for Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi, 22 July 2017

Kumar, Ravi, ‘Conversion, Hope and Resistance: The Politics of Oppressed Castes and Buddhism in India’ at the International Conference on ‘Buddhist Cultural Pluralism in South Asia: Explorations in Popular-Contemporary Buddhist Imageries’, organised by the Department of Sociology, South Asian University, Royal University of Bhutan and Sherubtse College, Bhutan at Thimpu, 17-18, March 2017

Kumar, Ravi, ‘The Idea of South Asia: Beyond the Intellectual Dependence on Statist Perspective’ at the National Seminar on ‘Dreaming the Idea of South Asia’ organised by the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi and Department of Sociology, South Asian University, 18 Feb 2017

Kumar, Ravi, ‘Teaching Hope’ and ‘Alternative’ in the Age of Mounting Aggression Against Thinking’ panelist on ‘Relevance of Social Sciences in India’ at Graduate Seminar on ‘Education, Change and Continuity’, organised by the Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 27 Feb 2017


Mehra, Diya, chair of panel on ‘Marginality and Identity: The Political Economy of Exclusion’ at the ‘International conference on State, Civil Society and India’s Religious Margins’, organized by the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 7-8 Dec 2017.

Pathak, Dev Nath, ‘Becoming Kathar Kaka: Pedagogic Reasoning with Maithili Folklore’, at the National University of Educational Planning and Administration, Delhi, on ‘Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Youth Empowerment’, organized by NEUPA, New Delhi, 2-3 March, 2017.

Pathak, Dev Nath, ‘Ways of Seeing Buddhism: Contesting Epistemology to Situate the Popular’, at an international conference on ‘Buddhist Cultural Pluralism in South Asia: Explorations in Popular-Contemporary Buddhist Imagery’, organized by the Department of Sociology in collaboration with the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Berlin with Varavara Rao, Srinivas Burra and Kotesh Devulapally as panelists on 14 Nov, 2017, and Dr Ravi Kumar as Coordinator and Chair International conference on ‘Contemporary Capitalism and Revolutionary Possibilities: 150 Years after Capital and 100 Years after Russian Revolution’, organised by the Department of Sociology in collaboration with the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Berlin and India International Centre, Conference Coordinator: Dr Ravi Kumar, New Delhi on 3-4 Nov, 2017

Residential workshop on ‘Doing Marxism Today’, organized by Department of Sociology in association with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung at Fort Unchagaon, Bulandshahr. Course Coordinator: Dr Ravi Kumar, 3-12 June, 2017

International conference on ‘Work, Identity and Livelihood: Theoretical Challenges and Contemporary Practices for South Asia’, in collaboration with Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, Centre for Social Science and Humanities, Delhi & Kathmandu and Martin Chautari, Kathmandu at South Asian University New Delhi, Conference Coordinator: Dr Malika Shalya, 22-23 July, 2017

International conference on ‘Visual South Asia: Anthropological Exploration of Media and Culture’, co-organised by Department of Sociology, South Asian University and Department of Anthropology, University of Dhaka at University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, Conference Co-convenor: Dr Dev Nath Pathak, 10-11 May 2017

National Seminar on ‘Folk Philosophy in South Asia: Exploring Cosmic and Mundane in the Folklore’, organised by Department of Sociology, South Asian University and Department of History, Banasthali Bidyapeeth at Banasthali Bidyapeeth, Tonk, Rajasthan, Conference Co-convenor: Dr Dev Nath Pathak, 25-26 March 2017

International conference on ‘Buddhist Cultural Pluralism in South Asia: Explorations in Popular-Contemporary Buddhist Imagery’, organized by the Department of Sociology, South Asian University and Department of History, Sherubtse College, Royal University of Bhutan, Thimphu, at Thimphu, Conference Convenor: Prof Sasanka Perera, Co-convenor: Dr Dev Nath Pathak, 17-18 March 2017

Maoushmi Bhownik the renowned artist was invited for a concert on 3rd March. On 6th March she delivered a lecture on ‘Musical Flows Across Borders’ and on 7th March she delivered another lecture on Exploring Arnold Bake’s Recordings from the Subcontinent: Coordinator: Dr Ravi Kumar

National Seminar on ‘Modern South Asian Thinkers Re-Imagining South Asia: Exploration in the History of Ideas’, co-organised by Department of Political Science, University of Delhi and Indian Council for Social Science Research at University of Delhi, Conference Co-convenor: Dr Dev Nath Pathak, 17- 18 February 2017

‘Intensive Course on Teaching Sociology to Faculty Members at Undergraduate Level’ was organised at Sherubtse College, Royal University of Bhutan organised by the Department of Sociology, South Asian University, Course Coordinator: Dr Ravi Kumar, 13-17 February, 2017

Visit of Scholars to the Dept./Faculty/Special Lecture

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<td>Writing Resistance: The Rhetorical Imagination of Hindi Dalit Literature</td>
<td>Laura R. Brueck, Co-Director, Global Humanities Initiative North-western University</td>
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<td>The Indian Constitution from Above and Below: Markets, Rights &amp; the Making of India’s Democracy (1950-1964)</td>
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<td>Vikram Kapur, Shiv Nadar University</td>
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<td>Prof. Marcus Banks, University of Oxford</td>
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<td>(Social) Memory, Movements and Messaging on Tuli Pipe Road: ‘Seeing’ Public Wall Art in Mumbai</td>
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<td>Calibrating Religion, Region and Nations: Politics of Belonging on the Kargil Borderline</td>
<td>Radhika Gupta, Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Goettingen, Germany</td>
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<td>Becoming Citizens: Law and State Practices in India</td>
<td>Prof. Anupama Ray, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU</td>
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<td>The Challenge and the Promise of the Objectives Resolution of Pakistan, 1949-2015</td>
<td>Dr Neeti Nair, University of Virginia, USA</td>
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Working Papers
Kumar, Ravi and Kotesh Devulapally, ‘Struggling Against and Struggling Within: A Historical View of Left Politics in the Telangana Region’, Working Paper Series 2017/1,
### Students’ Achievements

**Papers in Journals/Working Papers**


**Papers Presented and Lectures Delivered**

- Pandey, Krishna, ‘Ethnic politics, Madheshi uprisings and the question of citizenship: A case of Nepal’ at the “Fourteenth Annual Conference of the Centre for the Study of Citizenship”, organized by Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, USA, 30 March-01 April 2017

**Grants and Awards**

- Pandey, Krishna, DHS Fellowship 2017 by USAID DHS programme, USA.

### Rickshaw: A Students’ Collective

#### Faculty Coordinator: Dev Pathak

This year Rickshaw, the students, blog (https://sausociology.wordpress.com/about-2/) turned a new leaf and became a more holistic body, as A Students’ Collective, with many hats to don including a blog. It organised a number of activities apart from the regular updation of the blog. On 8th February a Conversation with Ramendu Majumdar was held On Theatre and Cultural Politics in Bangladesh with Dr. Dev Pathak in the Chair. On 19th April in Meet the Author series discussion was organized around Sahana Udupi’s book *Making News in Global India: Media, Publics, Politics with Bhupendra Chaubey and Ratan Kumar Roy as panelists and Prof. Biswajit Das in the Chair. On 15th November, in Meet the Author series discussion was organized around Paramita Ghosh’s *In a Future April* with Amrith Lal and Dr Ambarish Satwik and Dr Mallika Shakyas as panelists and Dr Ravi Kumar in the Chair.

The student coordinators playing key roles in carrying out the activities and publications of Rickshaw are: Anakshi Pal, M Phil/PhD (2nd Year), Anubha Shrivastava, M Phil/PhD (2nd Year), Anushka, Kahandagama, M Phil/PhD (1st Year), C P Aryal, M Phil/PhD (1st Year), Mamitha Madhav, M Phil/PhD (2nd Year), Neranjan Maddumage, M Phil/PhD (1st Year), Rajashree Chowdhury, MA (2nd Year), Richa Tewari, MA (1st Year) and Tuisha Sircar, MA (1st Year).

### Cinema and Society

Department of Sociology’s Cinema and Society continued to organize film shows and discussions around films. Film directors were also invited as part of the programme. Some of the films included were: ‘The other song’ by Saba Dewan; ‘Mera Apna Sheher’ by Sameera Jain and ‘Bin Savilyanchya Gavat’ by Gouri Patwardha.

### Annexures
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

To the President,
South Asian University,
New Delhi.

Report on the Financial Statements
We have audited the attached financial statements of The South Asian University (‘the University’), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2016, the Statement of Income and Expenditure account and The Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended on the date annexed thereto, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information in respect of Consolidation its Operation Account and Capital Expenditure Account.

These Financial Statements incorporate the Operation Accounts audited by us & Capital Expenditure Accounts audited by C & AG. We have relied on the report given by C & AG with regard to Financial Statements of Capital Expenditure Account.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a fair view, in all material respects, of the financial position and financial performance of the University in accordance with The South Asian University Act, 2008, Rules and Regulations made thereunder and all the byelaws of the University (Hereinafter called as ‘governing laws/rules/regulations’). This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the company and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit, and the report given by C & AG that we have relied upon. We have taken into account the provisions of this Act, the accounting and auditing standards and matters which are required to be included in the audit report under the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder.

We conduct our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing generally accepted in India. These Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, and due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors considers internal control relevant to the University’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the financial statement.

Opinion
In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us (based on the C & AG Report on Capital Expenditure Account), the Financial Statements give the information in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the University as at December 31, 2016.

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Continuation Sheet
Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Further, we report that:

1) We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.

2) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the University so far as it appears from our examination of these books.

3) The financial statements give the information required by the governing law/rules/regulations in the manner so required and give a fair view in conformity with the accounting policies, of the University:

   a) in the case of the Balance Sheet, of the financial position as at December 31, 2016;
   b) in the case of the Income & Expenditure Account, of the surplus for the year ended on that date.
   c) in case of Receipt and Payments Accounts for the year ended on that date.

4) The Balance Sheet, the Statement of Income & Expenditure, and the Statement of Receipts & Payments dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account.

5) In our opinion, the financial statements comply with the Accounting Standards generally accepted in India.

6) The University has, substantially and in all material respects, complied with the governing laws/rules/regulations while carrying its operations.

7) The accounting policies adopted for the preparation of financial statements are consistent on a basis with that of the preceding financial year.

For Amit Ray & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
FRN-000483C

CA Ishani Mukherjee
Partner
M.No. 436557

Place- New Delhi
Dated: 07.09.2018

For South Asian University

CA Kashir Quli
(Dy. Director Finance)

Mr. K.A.K. Pratapkrishna
(Director Finance)

Dr. Kapila A Sharma
(Chairman)
### CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENSES

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Balance being surplus carried forward to General Fund - Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts

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Date: 23rd April 2018
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upto 18.2.2017  
upto 18.2.2017 |
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
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3. **Prof. Sasanka Perera**  
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5. **Ms. Nasira Moosa**  
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   Maldives

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