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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As the days wane, the nights close in, and the trees don their vibrant hues, a chill creeps into the air. Not the bite of wintry blusters, but just a nip to let us know a new season is at hand. Autumn fades in like a sweetly sung hymn. In the breeze, there is an amazing blend of the sweet smells of cinnamon and spices that is carried by whispers of warm winter fires yet to come. With the mid-term exams successfully completed, and the festive mood that has begun the whole of Sharda is basking in the beauty of the surroundings and the happiness that pervades the air we inhale. SOLC celebrates this month with a series of activities, lectures, competitions and workshops that have found national and international students enthusiastically participating, enjoying and learning in the process.

Let the rejoicing of festivity embrace one and all and illuminate our worlds with knowledge, love and spirit of brotherhood.

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A HEARTIEST WELCOME.....



Ms. Pratibha Biswas

Ms. Pratibha Biswas joined Sharda University as Assistant Professor in the School of Languages and Culture (SOLC), on 15th October 2015. She completed her B.A from Delhi University and M.A from Annamalai University. She completed her M.Phil from the Department of English, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, and is currently enrolled there as a Ph. D scholar.

Her areas of interest include Indian Literature in English, Dalit Literature, Women's Writings and Contemporary Indian Poetry in English. She has presented research papers in several national and international conferences. Her research papers have featured in numerous Journals of repute, including two issues of Muse India. She qualified UGC NET in English Literature in the year 2011 and since then has taught English language and literature, at colleges of Delhi University namely: Sri Aurobindo College, Shivaji College and Daulat Ram College, prior to joining Sharda University. She enjoys reading and writing poetry. Her poems have been published in Open Road Review, an international literary e-journal and The Brown Critique, a critically acclaimed literary quarterly.

DELEGATION VISIT FROM USACAL UNIVERSITY

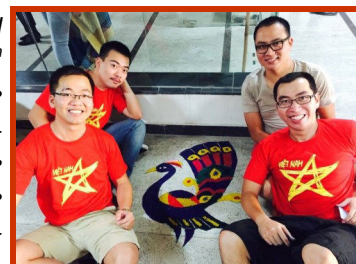


A delegation from Catholic university of Salta made a visit to Sharda University on 5th November, 2015. The agenda of their visit was to discuss student exchange, faculty exchange, joint degrees and joint research projects. The Vice-Chancellor Sir gave them a welcome along with felicitations and a brief introduction about Sharda University. After the presentation of intercultural program and presentation by delegation from USACAL unviersity; the student delegates were taken on a Campus tour by Ms Kavita Iyer. The delegates met and talked to the students and faculty of SOLC and appreciated the stalls put up by students in their honour to display their creative zeal in making decorative candles and diyas and other items. The delegates felt happy to interact and found it to be a wonderful glimpse into Indian culture.

ETHNIC DAY CELEBRATION



Diwali is the festival of lights and colours and SOLC celebrated the occasion as Ethnic day on 4th November. In an age where both students and the education system are gravitating towards westernised apparel, ideals and teaching paradigms; the event was a welcome change which highlighted the ethnic culture which makes India and the participating nations of Bhutan and Bangladesh great.



The programme was divided into 2 events; the first where students met and showcased the culture and beauty of their mother nations with music and dance. The second event of Rangoli making brought all the students together to create beautiful works of art and inculcated harmony and co-operation of the participating countries.

Event Co-ordinator: Dr Prachi Priyanka
With inputs from:

Rajarshi Chattopadhyay B.A. (English Honours, 2nd Year)

BHUTANESE CELEBRATE BLESSED RAINY DAY



Blessed Rainy Day is the holiday, marking the end of monsoon season in Bhutan. This year the day was marked on 22nd September. On this day, as per our Bhutanese calendar we receive blessing of his almighty in the form of rainfall. On the particular day, the rain also falls exactly as per the time reflected in the calendar. The rainfall on the particular day is believed to have the power of cleansing our bad deeds and thoughts. The holiday also marks the end of the farming season and the beginning of the harvest season.

We started the day with prayer recitals and after an elaborate breakfast we engaged ourselves in games, like volleyball, football, and drat. For lunch we gathered in an open lawn and enjoyed our meal with varieties of curries, drinks and salads. In the evening, we started our program with drinks, and then had our dinner. To make the day memorable, we had small dance party till midnight. Finally, we dispersed happily with the prayer to meet next year without any sickness and obstacles.

With inputs from: Chencho Tshering MA English.

CELEBRATING SARDAR VALLABHAI'S 140TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY



The School of Languages and Culture at Sharda University commemorated the 140th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel on October 30, 2015. Both students and faculty participated in this wonderful occasion honoring a legend who can rightly claim the credit for the birth of the modern nation state. Sardar Patel was one of the founding fathers of the Republic of India. He was a so-

cial leader who played a leading role in India's struggle for independence. Today, he is remembered as the man who united India- who successfully convinced the heads of more than 562 princely states to come together to form the modern Republic of India.

While the Indian students spoke on his magnanimous achievements, the international students talked about the birth of Globalization and how it is blurring political boundaries. The occasion was graced by the Dean of the School of Language and Culture Studies along with many senior faculty members.



Event Co-ordinator : Dr Simi Garewal

With inputs from : Pema Choezom MA English

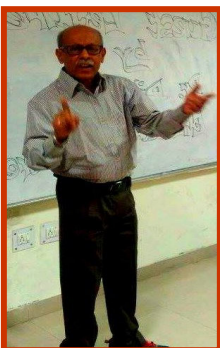
PERFORMANCE OF DR. FAUSTUS

On 7th October, under the able guidance and direction of Mr Danish Shafi, the students of SOLC staged Christopher Marlowe's play Dr Faustus. The script of the play was edited and prepared by students and the audience was left spell-bound by the awesome performance delivered on stage. It was a wonderful opportunity for all students to learn about script-writing, acting and stage directions and helped them in better understanding of the play. Three cheers to our talented actors and the spirit of team work!

Event Co-ordinator Mr Danish Shafi

With inputs from : Yashila Thakoor B.A. (1st Year)

GUEST LECTURE ON ELIZABETHAN THEATRE



On 2nd November, Dr. Dilip Basu, eminent thespian and Professor, addressed the students of SOLC on Elizabethan theatre and its techniques. He focused on Proscenium stage and its evolution through the ages. Focus was largely on the plays studied by the students. The lecture was followed by an interactive session where Dr. Basu gladly took a number of questions from students and the faculty alike. The students of the First Year English honours enacted a section of Dr. Faustus to demonstrate practical realities involved in staging plays. He was presented with souvenir as a token of admiration and respect. Dr Basu has promised to guide the students through workshops and interactive sessions when the students take up to performing plays, and overall, it was a fine exchange of ideas and coming together of two generations.



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With inputs from : Gautam Bansal BA (1st year)

Event Co-ordinator Ms Tapti Roy

STUDENTS' CORNER

My first trip in India, Rishikesh

Rishikesh, the city is located in north of India along the Ganga river. It was the only information I had from my classmates who invited me to the trip.

I decided to join this trip of 3 days 2 nights. There were 5 trip members; 3 Thai students and 2 Vietnamese. We left from Sharda University at 5:30 pm, took a bus at INA Metro station in Delhi on 21:00 pm and arrived at Rishikesh the next morning at 5:00 am. It was a long journey on the bus I felt bored and tired.

From the bus stop, we had to take an auto to the Green hotel but the Auto could not take us across the bridge, it dropped us at "Ram Jhula" bridge. We had to walk across the bridge to the hotel. On the middle of bridge, I met with my first impressive view of Rishikesh: the big mountain among the cold weather and mist, I was feeling good and excited. We spent a long time taking photograph and relaxing there. After that, we walked to the hotel and checked-in. We slept only 4 hours then went to see the Ganga river at Hanuman temple. This was my first chance to touch the holy water of Ganga River. We dipped our feet in the river, it made me feel good because water was cool and I prayed for my family and wished myself success in everything.

After we had lunch, we went sight-seeing in Rishikesh. The Lakshman Jhula Bridge was for me, the most beautiful scenic spot of this trip because it was a good combination of view of mountains, city, humans, temples and the river. I took a panorama picture from the nice coffee shop "Café De Goa". We relaxed at this coffee shop for about two hours. I found that there were a lot of tasty International food items and good coffee that I thoroughly enjoyed.

We walked back to the hotel from Lakshman Jhula Bridge, the distance was around 2 km. and spent an hour to reach the hotel for dinner. It was end of first day in Rishikesh.

The second day started at 9:00 am. After we had breakfast we went to rafting activity which made us felt excited and I couldn't wait to join in. We took a car to north of city around 16 km. Here was our start point for rafting to Lakshman Jhula Bridge. We jumped and swam in the river 3 times and passed 5 rapids, it was exciting and full of fun. I can tell you, you'll like this activity and love to raft again and again.

We lunched at the "Café De Goa" before we went to Neer waterfall by off-road car because it was on the big mountain and the way to the waterfall was quite dangerous. The car was stopped at the foot of waterfall, we had to walk about 30 minutes to top level. The waterfall wasn't big as I had expected before but certainly beautiful for a visitor like me to relax in the tranquillity of nature.

The car brought us to the hotel and later we went to dine at "Little Buddha Café". There were lot of international tourists and International food. We got to the hotel around 10:30 pm.

We overslept on the last day trip. We had a quick brunch and checked out from the hotel around noon. The taxi came to pick us and soon we were heading back for Sharda University. Goodbye and Thank you Rishikesh for giving me the best experience in my life. I will remember you till I die.

"I LOVE YOU, RISHIKESH"

S.Nara (Thai Student)
September 28, 2015