



National Conference on English Language

The School of Languages and Culture organized National Conference on English Language on April 1 and 2. Scholars and academicians associated with English Language research from all over the country came together for the conference. Vice Chancellor V.K. Gupta felicitated Prof. A.K. Sinha who gave the keynote address while the whole event was convened by Dr. Brinda Chowdhari and co-convened by Dr. Pallavi Thakur.

SHORT TAKES

NAAC team visits this week

A TEAM of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) will be visiting Sharda University from April 6-9, 2016. Sharda University has volunteered for its Assessment and Accreditation by NAAC, an autonomous body established by UGC. Accordingly, a Peer Team comprising eminent experts is visiting the university to acquaint itself with the strengths and weaknesses of the university with reference to quality assurance. The purpose of the visit is to validate the Self Study Report submitted by the university and help it in delivery of quality assurance. NAAC was founded in 1994 to assess and accredit institutions of higher education in the country. It is headquartered in Bangalore.

Media Mela on April 7-8

THE Department of Mass Communication is going to organise its 3rd annual cultural fest called Media Mela from April 7-8. This year's theme is Fiction. Entries for various events are invited from all the schools and departments of the university. Events like Kite Flying, Ad Mad Show, Face Painting, Rangoli, Debate, Short Story Writing Competition, Poetry Recitation, Short Story Reading, Film Screening, Street Play, Mono Acting, RJ Hunt are some of the attractions of Media Mela. It will prove to be a golden opportunity for media aspirants to interact with industry professionals and learn the tricks of the trade better.

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Kanika Kapoor steals the show

- Chorus 2016 sees 1,200+ registrations from 80 colleges
- Exciting contests, Jassi Gill, Babbal Rai fest highlights

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GREATER NOIDA: Chorus 2016 lived up to its reputation of being one of the most exciting University fests of the nation by drawing massive response from not only Sharda University but universities speckled across the country.

The annual techno-cultural fest of Sharda University is hugely popular with the student community. It took place from March 10 to 13 and saw exciting competitions and scintillating performances by celebrities like Kanika Kapoor, Jassi Gill, Babbal Rai, Lost Stories, DJ Ray and many more.

The four-day carnival was inaugurated by Gokaraju Ganga Raju, BJP MP from Andhra Pradesh and Vice President, BCCI South Zone. The opening ceremony began with speeches by Mr. P.K. Gupta, Chancellor of Sharda University, Vice Chancellor Vijay Gupta and other dignitaries. Diplomats from various foreign missions in India were among the guests present.

Neha Sarkar, a Mass Communication student, set the tone of Chorus 2016 with her melodious singing. It was followed by many dance performances by national and international students of Sharda. Instrumental mimicry by Asad Alvi, RJ of Suno Sharda 90.8FM was



SINGING SENSATION: Kanika Kapoor, the 'Baby Doll' of Bollywood, performs at Chorus 2016, drawing maximum crowd on the concluding day of the four-day fest.

The entire fest was organised and managed by the students

greeted with thunderous applause. Performance by the Korean Taekwondo team was another highlight of the ceremony.

The theme of Chorus 2016 was 'Space Endeavour'. Doing justice to the theme, it was a star

studded affair with Chorus team celebrating the major human triumphs in space like first animal to space, the first man to step on Moon and the Mars Rover.

The entire fest was organised and managed by the students with faculty members supervising them. The university had formed a team of 500+ students. Saaib Ahmed Rabbani led this team as Student Coordinator and successfully convened the seventh edition

of the festival. It saw a whooping 1200+ registrations and participations from 80 colleges and universities of North India. The number of registrations was much higher than any of the previous editions of Chorus bringing laurels to the university. The university administration and faculty members congratulated the core team for making the event a grand success.

When technology met Creativity

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GREATER NOIDA: Contrivance 2016, the technical fest which this year was merged with Chorus, was a highly successful event which saw 900+ registrations in 28 events. It was organised from March 10-11. The participation was restricted only to Sharda students, but with a difference. So far, only Engineering students have been showcasing their talents and competing among themselves. But this year it was thrown open to the students of Medical, Paramedics, Architecture, Law as well as Business.

The event received a footfall of 2,000 students from nearly 100 colleges across 23 countries and 20 states, which was in itself a record.

Organised by the Technical Society of Sharda University, Contrivance was a venture of students to bring out their



APPLYING KNOWLEDGE: Students show their skill by drawing a design on the ground.

knowledge off the periphery of books and apply them into other aspects that is

a mixture of fun and academic evolution. Highlights of the fest were events

like Robowars and Brainblog and Cooking Without Fire. Another interesting event was AUTOCAD competition. AUTOCAD is a software for 2D Drawings. Eleven teams participated. They had to draw a design under allotted time.

Pseudocrypt was yet another interesting competition, in which every participant was given a LogIn ID and Password upon registration. The event went on for 48 hours, every level consisted of a riddle, the answer to which could be derived by the students through search engines. At the end of 48 hours, the student with the maximum number of riddles solved and levels crossed won. Anshupriya Srivastava emerged the winner and Wasif Wani runner up.

A girl student Jolly Rawal was the convener of Contrivance. She did a commendable job and made the entire event successful.

"The fest was well appreciated and applauded by everyone. This is quite satisfying," said Rawal.

Medical students of Sharda win 'Mr' & 'Miss' Glamour title

MR. Pranav Kapoor, an MBBS student of Sharda University, won the coveted title of 'Mr. Chorus' and also 'Mr. Glamour' at the four-day Chorus 2016 carnival that concluded on 13th March at Greater Noida-based university. Ms Vani Chhabra, also an MBBS student of Sharda, was decorated with 'Ms Glamour'.



Buzz in cyber space

CHORUS 2016 created a buzz in cyber space. The Facebook page garnered 30,000 likes. The event lineup was something which everyone has been waiting for with bated breath. Rowdies, Treasure Hunt, Battle of Bands, Mosaic Bolt, Sur Sartaj (Solo Singing), Style Fiesta (Fashion Show), Clash of Titans, JAM (Just a Minute), Quiz, Gully Cricket, Mr. & Miss Glamour, Campus Princess, Nukkad Natak and Celebrity Nights, were some of the exciting events.

'Clash of Titans'

CLASH of Titans saw interesting speeches by competitors from Sharda and other institutions. The last day of Chorus reserved for the grand finale of the 'Clash of Titans' in which four short-listed speakers from preliminary round showed their debating skills. Elocution and Just-a-Minute were other interesting literary events that drew quality audiences.

Beautiful rangolis

RANGOLI Making Competition was another competition in which students participated with great enthusiasm. In the form of beautiful rangoli designs, the participants depicted their imaginations with colours. The theme of all the designs created by students was unique and fetched loads of compliments.

Grandmaster of Chorus

THE concluding day began with 'Grandmaster of Chorus' - a competition in which students played the hell out of their minds and saved themselves from the invasion of their counterpart. Then, students dressed in appealing costumes performed a beautiful skit to showcase varied emotions along with 'Rang Manch'. It took the whole gala event to new heights. The audiences were mesmerized with all the charismatic performances by the students.

Bas Itna Sa Khwab Hai

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GREATER NOIDA: It's nothing less than a dream for the kids living in the slums of Knowledge Park. Like previous years, this year too, they were offered a stage to perform at the inaugural ceremony of Chorus 2016. It's one occasion they and their mentor, the Kartavya volunteers, wait for every year.

Children of different age groups performed with great energy. They danced to the tune of popular Bollywood numbers like *Bas Itna Sa Khwab Hai*, *Chal Beta Selfi Le Le Re*, *Sooraj Ki Baahon Mein Ab Hai Ye Zindagi*, etc.

Kartavya, the NGO formed by the students of the School of Mines, Dhanbad, is quite active on Sharda campus. Every day the students of Sharda University, after finishing their own classes, visit the *jhuggis* near their campus, collect the children of slum dwellers, bring them to



CELEBRATING LIFE: Kartavya volunteers celebrate Holi with their 'students' on March 22, 2016.

the two classrooms the university has provided them, teach them for one-and-a-half hours and then again take them back to their homes. This is job for which real dedication is required.

Fourth year Engineering student Vivek Singh, who is current head of Kartavya at Sharda, said the kids are specially trained for Chorus performance.

"It's a life time memory for the kids as well as their parents. They perform on a stage which is shared by top most celebrities. Besides, they also get the audience of dignitaries including foreign diplomats."

According to Vivek, they are teaching nearly 60 children. They have been divided into four levels. Every day after the classes, the children are provided with light refreshments which is sponsored by faculty members or the students themselves.

Kartavya volunteers, up to 40 active, have divided their jobs. Some of them have taken the responsibility of academics, others of Interaction (bringing students from home and counseling their parents), logistics (arranging refreshments and stationery), etc.

A group of the volunteers work as 'School team'. Its job is to send

some of the children to regular schools. Currently 20 children are studying in various classes.

Eleven have been sponsored by Kartavya while the fees of rests are being paid by their parents. Vivek said this year they plan to send more children to school.

The fund for this purpose is generated through donations. Cost of sending one kid to school is roughly Rs. 25,000 per annum.

Kartavya volunteers have started a fund-raising drive and approaching philanthropists.

Faculty members are among the major donors.

Mass Comm students give live coverage on Suno Sharda 90.8FM

By The Shardans Team

GREATER NOIDA: Chorus 2016 had many firsts - the largest gathering so far, the highest prize money and the most eclectic atmosphere. Add to this wonderful list, the first ever radio coverage for the extravaganza.

In the six years of its existence, this was the first time when almost all events of Chorus 2016 were reported about on Suno Sharda 90.8FM, Greater

Noida's very own radio station.

A team of eight dedicated reporters worked day in and day out to reach out to participants from various colleges and universities, to bring forth their perception about the contests and give feel of the whole event.

B.A. (Journalism and Mass Communication) Second Semester students Vipul, Mridu, Shashank, Shilpa, Lovely, Ufaira, Insha and Swati made sure that Suno Sharda 90.8FM gets the

results of competition in time.

Suno Sharda 90.8FM is in operation from 8am to 2pm but on Chorus days it carried a special broadcast of four hours, i.e. from 5pm to 9pm. The efforts put in by the team did not go unnoticed.

The 'Babydoll voice' Kanika Kapoor chose Suno Sharda 90.8FM to broadcast a personalized message to the restless crowd of thousands who were waiting for her to make them dance to

her tunes.

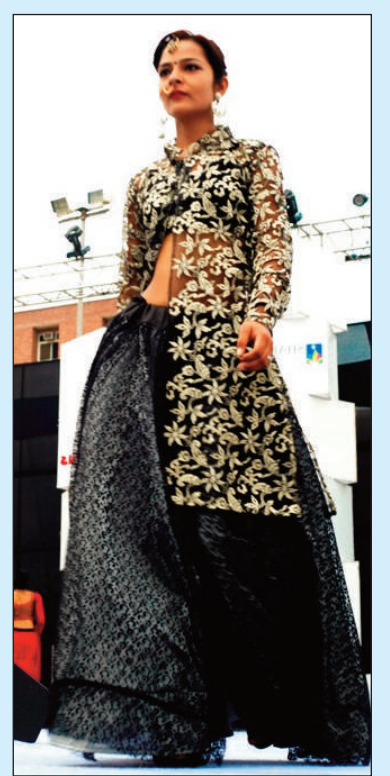
Apart from the reporting of events, special guests and judges for various contests were interviewed by RJ Asad. They had their say on the Chorus and the respective contests they were judging.

The team of reporters also covered the entire events for The Shardans, the 'practice newspaper' of the Department of Mass Communication.

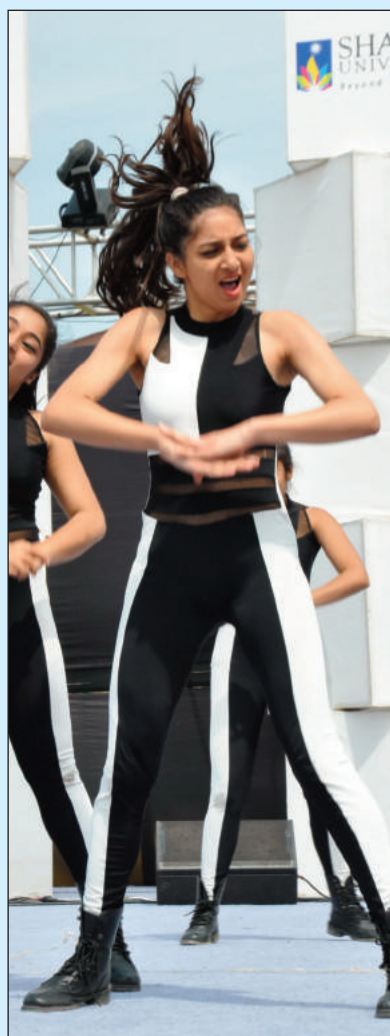
CHORUS '16 THROUGH THE LENS



... AND THE SHOW BEGINS: Chief guest Gokaraju Ganga Raju, second from left, inaugurates Chorus 2016 by lighting the ceremonial lamp while Sharda University's Chancellor P.K. Gupta, left, and others look on. (Picture on the right) Executive Director Prashant Gupta, second from right, with guests from foreign missions in New Delhi.



FUN TO THE CORE: Popular singers Jassi Gill and Babbal Rai mesmerise audience with their enthralling performance. Rest of the pictures depict the mood of the four-day carnival.



Chemistry lab safety protocols highlighted

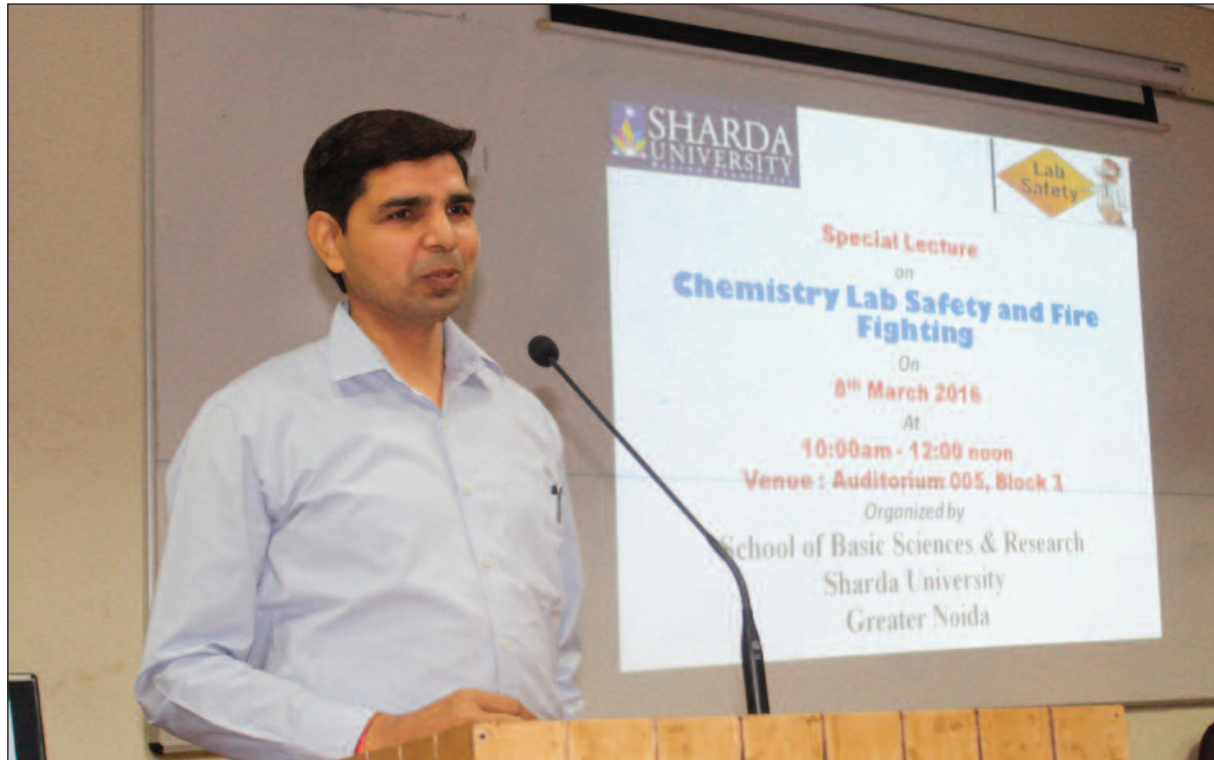
The Shardans Team

GREATER NOIDA: An invited lecture-cum-training session titled "Chemistry Lab Safety and Fire-fighting" was organized by the School of Basic Sciences & Research (SBSR), Sharda University, on 8th of March.

The aim of the programme was to identify the issues of preparedness, proper training and adherence to laboratory safety protocols as precursors to accidents.

The guest speaker, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, Manager, Environment, Health and Safety, Jubilant Chemsys, Noida, addressed the undergraduate and the post-graduate students of the school. He was of the view that the use of chemicals should be under Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) Highlighting the need for precautions required, he said the provisions of material safety data sheets (MSDS) should be mandatory. He cited several examples where negligence had led to fatal accidents in the chemistry lab. Mr. Sharma appreciated the efforts made by the varsity in having adequate safety measures viz. extinguishers, safety goggles, eyewash, lab aprons, gloves, first-aid box etc. in the labs.

Dean, SBSR, Prof. B. Bhattacharya in his address emphasized that excellence in safety and health is one of the core



SAFETY CONCERNS: Sanjeev Kumar Sharma holds lecture-cum-training session at SBSR.

values an organization must practice and Sharda University is committed to instil effective safety culture.

He said an important step in protecting employee health and safety is recognizing

workplace hazards which can be – chemical, biological and physical. He concluded the event with the commitment to identify the strengths and shortcomings of labs and to develop a culture

of safety in academic research laboratories at the varsity.

The lecture was followed by a live demo of use of fire extinguishers in the lawns behind Block 2.

Major universities participate in Chorus

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Prizes worth Rs 10 lakh were given away during the four-day carnival. Some of the notable participants were AMU, Jammu University, Amity, Galgotia, LPU, GNIT, G.L. Bajaj, SRM (Haryana), Islamic Universities (Kashmir), etc. The fest also witnessed celebrities like Poonam Mathur, model Harshita Kashyap, Sahil Kapoor (Colour TV) and Sahil Aneja (Dance India Dance).

Chorus 2016 gave the students of Sharda and participating colleges and universities a chance to rediscover themselves amidst a plethora of cultural activities and competitions. Self-confidence and learning were the major hallmarks of this annual mega-cultural festival

Some major brands such as VH1, Radio Mirchi 98.3 FM, Syndicate Bank, Danik Jagran, Tomatodeli.com, Hip Hop International, Suno Sharda 90.8FM, Ozone 3 Fitness and Spa, Campus Princess were associated with Chorus 2016 as sponsors and co-sponsors.

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OJASWAT-2016 from 14-17 April

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GREATER NOIDA: "Sports serve society by providing vivid examples of excellence," said George Frederick Will, the Pulitzer Prize winning American newspaper columnist.

Sharda University's annual sports fest "OJASWAT" is one such occasion when the students of the university and beyond will be displaying their true spirits of sportsmanship. With "Peace through Sports" motto, OJASWAT-2016 will be held from 14-17 April.

Till now 37 colleges and universities have registered for OJASWAT. This year, it is being sponsored by an event management company Pride Sports, says Arun Verma, Sports in charge of the University.

Last year, Sharda University emerged winners in various games such as Basketball (boys), Volleyball (girls and boys), Football (boys), Badminton (girls and boys), and Cricket (boys). The sports fest began in 2009, the year



OWNERS' PRIDE: Sharda cricketers with their winning trophies.

Sharda University was founded. First it was called Sharda Cup. Since 2013, it has been renamed as OJASWAT.

Earlier the participation was restricted to Sharda students only. Gradually the gates were opened to all. Today it is one of

Cricket and Football Teams excel

the major sports events of North India.

Meanwhile, Sharda's Cricket team emerged winner at Amity University's annual Fest.

It won the winning trophy by defeating 16 competing teams from various universities such as Delhi University, Jamia Milia, Manav Rachna, SRM and Amity. Alok Sharma was declared Man of The Match.

Individual trophy was given to each team members. The sports fest was held at the Greater Noida campus of Amity from 7-10 March, 2016.

Sharda's Football team of Boys bagged 1st Prize at JP University Noida's Annual Fest held from 6-9 March.

TALK OF SHARDA

CHORUS 2016 concluded successfully. Now OJASWAT, the four-day annual sports fest of Sharda starting from April 14, is on everyone's mind. Over the years it has emerged as a major sporting event of the region. People have begun to ask how Sharda sports persons are going to fare this year.



Hannah Ajayi is a Nigerian and a Second Semester student of M.A. (Journalism and Mass Communication). It was her first Chorus at Sharda. She shares her thoughts in the following lines

It was a fun-filled event

I FOUND everything in India fascinating. So my interest grew to an extreme when I heard my university was going to organise its annual cultural fest.

I kept asking my classmates what it's going to be all about. Some said it was going to be lecture-free days for them. But there were others who saw it as an opportunity to participate in various events and win wonderful prizes.

Soon, Chorus became talk of the town. It was on everyone's lips. Posters were everywhere and words like auditions, practices, rehearsals, promotions, participations became part of daily lives.

On the first day itself I realised Chorus was going to be a fun because starting from the main gates, the decorations, the designs and the lights made the college so beautiful. The open-

ing ceremony, nukkad natak (street play), fashion show, games, competitions, DJ Night and performance by celebrities, everything was so exciting.

On the final day, audience turnout was the largest. Everyone, including me, wanted to see Bollywood singer Kanika Kapoor perform. I had become her fan after listening one of her songs, thanks to my Indian classmates.

I was specifically attracted to the food court because of the discounts and varieties of food on offer. I tried chicken tikka for the first time (spicy and tasty). Also, I noticed that the students of Sharda are trendy and know how to dress on such occasions.

I can gladly say I was happy to be part of Chorus 2016, a peaceful, safe, knowledgeable and fun-filled event.

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