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News at a Glance

Awards

IEEE Student Branch of IT-NU WIE(Women in Engineering) Affinity Group won the 2011 IEEE R10(Region 10) WIE Section/Student Branch Affinity Group of The Year Awards with a cash bonus of US\$ 250 and a certificate. They conducted the extensive and excellent survey "My Experience as an Engineer" to investigate reasons about the enigma of the lack of girls in the technical field as well, which in turn, promoted "Young Empowerment Campaign" for spreading awareness about engineering among girls.



Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal, the Director and Dean, Institute of Law and Shri D. P. Chhaya, Executive Registrar, Nirma University, receiving the award from Union Law Minister Shri Salman Khurshid.

Institutional Excellence Award, 2012 to IL-NU

Based on the intensive and innovative work undertaken by IL-NU, The Society of Indian Law Firms (SILF), and Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy Training (MILAT) selected IL-NU for the "Institutional Excellence Award, 2012" from among hundreds of law schools among the SAARC countries. The award was given at a specially arranged function held in New Delhi on September 7, 2012 in the presence of dignitaries and legal luminaries from across the country.

The SILF & MILAT also gave a Citation Certificate of appreciation which says that it is rare in the history of legal education for a law school to attain recognition as an institution on the road to academic and professional excellence within five years of its establishment. The leadership of the law school and the management of the University were appreciated for providing adequate infrastructural facilities, ample freedom to experiment with academic initiatives and sustained development of programmes of teaching and research.

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From The Director General's Desk

In the last issue I made certain observations and suggestions through which I suggested to the faculty members how to deal with the new students admitted in different programmes in the new Academic Year. I am sure all have taken that in good spirit and very effectively started in the direction as suggested. Now-a-days, we have been discussing not only within the Nirma University but also at National and Global level about the upliftment of quality and the standard of Higher Education particularly in the field of Professional Education. I have been observing that our faculty members are putting their best efforts by having research projects conducted and also the publications being published in National and International Peer Reviewed Journals. I congratulate all of them. However, I feel that whatever knowledge we gain and anything that we discover, as a result of research, should be useful to the concerned field in society and the same should be percolated down the line to the students in gaining their knowledge with latest technologies. I feel that here we have to work a lot. The faculty members are the heart of any Institution of Higher Learning and if any change or breakthrough is to be brought, the same can be brought only by them, through constant innovations, which will ultimately be a contribution for the upliftment of society at large. I am sure we all appreciate this.



I would like to specially congratulate the I/c. Director of Institute of Law and her team for achieving the Institutional Excellence Award, 2012 by the Society of Indian Law Firms in the SAARC Countries. The Institute is comparatively a younger one, having completed about five years and within these five years it has put its name at the National level and got the recognition of the good and commendable work they have done. It is needless to say that the I/c. Director and her team will continue on the path of progress and will achieve many more such awards in future to come.

Shri Ambubhai M. Patel

Vice-President and I/c. Director General

Editorial

Dear readers,

It seems nature has decided to delay its programmes and then make up with a higher intensity. The delayed monsoon that we have witnessed and experienced has brought home the realization that, in nature, there may be a delay but there is always justice. Truly there is plenty to learn from nature. New life, replenishment, nurturance, the list is long and the processes numerous. As we bring out this issue of the newsletter at the fag end of this wet season, we look forth to new life in vegetation all around us and new vigour and dynamism in all our academic ventures. This issue is representative of all that we have achieved in terms of awards, achievements and activities successfully carried out so far in this semester and we look forward to a higher intensity of effort in the near future through the forthcoming events announced herein.

Editor

New Programmes

IP-NU has started a new M Pharm. program in Clinical Pharmacy from the academic year 2012-13.

The intake of all M. Tech. programmes in IT-NU (except CIM and Design Sys.) is increased to 30 students per stream. The total intake in M. Tech. is 456 students from academic year 2012-13.

Facilities added

IT-NU, in yet another initiative to bring ICT revolution, facilitated the installation of 45 Wi-Fi Devices in the Nirma University campus and added various other peripherals to the existing IT facilities. It also facilitated the incorporation of 229 Computers for various laboratories and faculty members.

NU Internet lease line capacity is increased from 16 Mbps to 32 Mbps w.e.f August 6, 2012.

Dignitaries on Campus

Dignitaries Visited



Mr. Sanjay Sachdev, President and CEO, TATA Asset Management Limited, Mumbai visited IM-NU on August 14, 2012 and addressed the students on "Retirement Planning".

Expert Lectures

Name of the Expert & Designation	Topic	Institute	Date
Shri Nayan Sheth, Additional General Manager (HR), G.S.F.C.	Inaugural address of the EDP.	IM-NU	July 15, 2012.
Mr. B V Jagdeesh, Managing Partner, KAAJ Ventures & Mr. Santosh - CEO of Streamoid Technologies Ltd.	High Technology Venture Creation –Impact & Imperatives.	IM-NU	July 28, 2012.
Mr. Jaldeep Virani, Tata Administrative Services (TAS) [on deputation to the Office of the Advisor to the PM, National Council on Skill Development, Govt of India].	Airing My Dirty Laundry	IM-NU	August 24, 2012.
Mr. Varunesh Kumar, Managing Director, M/S. Veeral Controls Pvt. Ltd., Gandhinagar.	High Voltage Low Current Power Supplies	IT – NU	July 12, 2012.



Events

Investors' Awareness Programme



A one day workshop on 'Investor's Awareness Programme' was organized by IM-NU on July 16, 2012 in association with The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Mumbai. Shri K V Ramaswamy, Managing Director, Quadratic Financial Pvt Ltd, Mumbai, and Shri Nilkant Pandya, Asst General Manager, Bombay Stock Exchange - IPF, Mumbai addressed the students on the topics "Rational Investment for High and sustained growth" and "Investor Protection Scheme of BSE" respectively.

Arthodaya, 2012: The Finance Conclave



Dr. Rajesh Mokashi addressing at the inaugural session.

The conclave was organized by IM-NU on August 18, 2012. The theme of the conclave was 'Challenges and Opportunities for Creating New Financial Order'. Mr. Rajesh Mokashi, Deputy Managing Director, CARE Ratings, addressed the inaugural session on the topic "Risk Management and Challenges" and stressed on the importance of Qualitative and Quantitative Risk Analysis.

The other speakers were Mrs Neelam Bhardwaj, Former General Manager, SEBI who spoke on the topic "Capital market in today's environment", IM-NU alumnus, Mr. Prakash Dhoot, VP & Head Finance – Motilal Oswal Private Equity Advisors Pvt. Ltd, who shared his insights on the topic "India's Strategy – Ray of Hope" and Mr. M. K. Datar, General Manager, IDBI Bank Ltd who completed the circle by talking about "Risk Management in Banks"- need for international convergence and relevance of BASEL standards. The conclave was concluded by the valedictory session addressed by Mr. Mihir Joshi, MD, GVFL, who emphasised the importance of credit assessment and risk and return trade-off.

"Pragaman 2012": The Entrepreneurship Conclave

A two day Entrepreneurship Conclave was organized by IM-NU on August 23-24, 2012. The theme of the conclave was "Inspirations and Learning from Life".



Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai lighting the lamp at the inauguration

The Conclave was inaugurated by Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai, Director, CEE, Ahmedabad. Other speakers of the conclave were Mr Pradeep Godbole, Deputy General Manager, IDBI & professional cricketer who addressed the participants on 'Learnings from Sports - for Managers & Entrepreneurs', followed by Prof. Rita Kothari, Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, who talked about 'Learnings from Literature & Media - for Managers & Entrepreneurs'.

Speakers of the second day were Ms Simi Sharma, Educationist & Entrepreneur who addressed the participants on 'Learning from Mythology', Ms Shimolee Sheth from Friends of Women's World Banking (FWWB), and an alumnus of Nirma Batch of 2010 shared her views during the Alumni Interaction Session. Mr Sanjay Chhel, Director & Script Writer delivered the Valedictory address and spoke on

'Learnings from Films and Theatre-for Managers and Entrepreneurs'.

TiE SmashUp- A Colossal Affair to Escort the Sprouting Entrepreneurs



Mr Sanjeev Bikchandani, addressing the audience.

IM-NU in association with The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), Ahmedabad chapter, organized an event - Smashup, on August 4, 2012. Smashup is what TiE calls an "un-conference" for start-ups. The foremost and chief startup-focused event offers opportunity to potential entrepreneurs to pitch their ideas to venture capitalists and others and involved a day-long programme with activities such as open pitches, panel discussions, presentations by successful entrepreneurs, investors panel advices to start-ups, and 'Smasher Award' showcase event involving presenting business ideas to a panel of investors who rate the top pitches.

Key speakers of the event were Mr. Sanjeev Bikchandani, Founder, Naukari.com, Mr. Hemal Patel (CEO, Elitecore Ahmedabad), Mr. Vishal Mehta, founder, Infibeam.com, Mr. Ashok Karamia, Director Enterprise Mobility, Infostretch and Mr. Venkatesh Iyer Founder, Goli Vada Pav.

CSI Regional Student Convention 2012

CSI Regional Student Convention 2012 was organised by CSI student Branch Nirma University on August 24-25, 2012. The RSC included a workshop on "Ethical Hacking" by Mr. Ankit Fadia, a Computer Security Consultant and a renowned hacker.



Induction Training Programme



An Induction Training Programme for the newly recruited faculty of IL-NU was organised from September 5-11, 2012. The session was presided over by Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal, Director, IL-NU.

5th Annual Public Lecture



The 5th Annual Public Lecture was organized by IL-NU on July 28, 2012. The keynote speaker of the event was a renowned Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of India, Mr. Anil Diwan. The topic of the public lecture was "The Constitution and the writ of Quo Warranto". Mr. Diwan discussed various case laws pertaining to the subject and made the budding lawyers aware about the scope and implications of this writ through which every appointment can be made questionable whether it is of Chief Minister, Prime Minister or even the Chief Justice of India. The event was presided over by the Vice President of Nirma University, Shri Ambubhai Patel. Jurists and dignitaries present in the lecture included Hon'ble Justice C.K. Thakkar, Hon'ble Justice R.A. Mehta and Hon'ble Justice Ravi Tripathi.

Foundation Day Celebration:

IL-NU completed its five years on August 18, 2012. Shri S.N. Shelat, Sr Advocate, High Court of Gujarat was the Chief Guest and Shri D.P.Chhaya, Executive Registrar, Nirma University presided over the inaugural function.



The Nirma University Law Journal Issue- I, volume- II, July 2012 was released during the programme. Medals were awarded to the students for outstanding achievements in academics and other literary and co-curricular activities.

Expert lecture series at IL-NU

The first expert lecture in the series of expert lectures on the occasion of its Foundation Day was delivered by Shri Arnab Goswami, Editor in Chief,



Times Now Channel on August 8, 2012. The topic of the expert lecture was "the changing role of the media and the definition of neutrality in the contemporary context". He made budding lawyers aware about the morals and the ethics to be followed by the media and the need to observe neutrality.



The second expert lecture was delivered by Mr Dushyant Dave a senior judge of the Supreme Court of India on August 18, 2012. The topic was "Judicial Accountability".



The third expert lecture was delivered by Professor C. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, O. P. Jindal Global University on August 23, 2012. The topic of the expert lecture was "Corruption as a violation of Human Rights: India's challenges to establish a Rule of Law Society". He pondered upon corruption and ways to eradicate it by using various governance tactics and tools.



The fourth expert lecture was held on August 24, 2012 and was delivered by Mr. Nisith Desai, Founder Partner - Nisith Desai Associates. The topic of the expert lecture was "Expectations of Legal Industry from Law Students ". The event was presided over by Shri Ambubhai Patel, Vice President, Nirma University. Mr. Desai stressed on the importance of legal field management, technology and technical skills.

The fifth expert lecture on September 15, 2012 was delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. L. Gokhale, Judge, Supreme Court of India on the topic of "Constitutional Goals and Judicial Process



and the challenges before the students of law". The function was presided over by Shri Ambubhai Patel, Vice President, Nirma University. Many eminent Jurists and dignitaries were

present in the lecture including Hon'ble Justice C.K. Thakkar, Justice R.A. Mehta and Justice C. V. Jani, Shri S. N. Shelat, and Shri Yogesh Mehta. In his lecture, His Lordship presented a bird's view of the Indian Constitution and discussed several landmark judgments like Keshwananda Bharti's, Golaknath's etc.

Teacher's day was celebrated at IP-NU on September 5, 2012 with various events and activities. The best teacher award was given to the selected student participant from each semester.

The General Department of IDS - NU organised a workshop on 'Effective Communication', with a view to enhance the communication skills of our non-teaching staff members from July 31 to August 7, 2012.

ISTE Faculty Chapter organised an expert lecture at IDS - NU on 'To Understand and Realize the Purpose of Life (Being) through Meditation as a Tool' by Shri Jignesh Shelat, Centre Incharge, Ahmedabad, Preceptor in Sahaj Marg and a Naturopathy doctor on August 6, 2012.

Anti ragging Poster Competition

Anti ragging poster competition is one of the regular features in IP-NU at the start of new academic year and this



year on September 4, 2012 a total of 37 students participated with different themes and winners' posters are displayed at student notice board to familiarize new entrants to ragging free zone.

Orientation Programmes

IDS-NU organised an Orientation Programme for the first year students on August 13 and 14, 2012. A second Orientation Programme was arranged on August 30, 2012 for the students admitted in the second round.



Shri Sunil Parekh, Founder and Chairman, PanIIT Gujarat Alumni Association and Advisor at Zyduz Cadila Health Group, the Chief Guest and Dr. K Kotecha, Dean, FOTE, Nirma University, the President of the function, along with the dignitaries of the institute at the Inaugural Function of the Orientation Programme for the first year students of IDS-NU.



An Orientation Programme was organized for the new entrants of B. Pharm. & M.Pharm. at IP-NU from August 16-22, 2012. The Chief Guest of the inaugural function was Dr. Shivprakash Rathnam, Synchron Research Services Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad and Shri Dr. C. Gopalkrishnan, Director, IM-NU presided over the function.

IT-NU organized an Orientation Programme for the newly admitted students of B. Tech. from July 21-27, 2012, of M. Tech from July 16-27, 2012, from August 6-8, 2012 by CSE dept. for MCA semester I students and on August 24, 2012 for the Diploma to Degree students.



Chief Guest Swami Shri Vivekjiandasji of BAPS and other dignitaries at the inauguration of the B.Tech. Orientation Programme.



Chief Guest Prof. M. N. Patel, Principal of L. D. College of Engineering, Ahmedabad, lighting the ceremonial lamp with other dignitaries at the inauguration of the M. Tech. Orientation Programme.

ISTE Faculty Chapter-NIDS organized a one-day workshop on 'Open source software' and 'Latex' for the faculty members on August 27, 2012.

A spoken tutorial on Linux for B. Tech. semester I CE and IT of IT-NU students was conducted in August 2012.



From July 3-7, 2012, an Orientation Programme was organized at IL-NU for the student of semester I, III, V & VII. Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon, Founder Director NLSIU Bangalore & WBNUJS Kolkata was the Chief Guest of the function and spoke on 'The legal profession in reference to future prospects and challenges.'

STTPs

The following STTPs were conducted by IT-NU , during July 02- 13, 2012.

Sr. No.	Short Term Training Programme (STTPs) Organized	Department
1	Applications of Geoinformatics for Infrastructure Project Development and Management	Civil Engineering
2	Advances in Control and Automation	Instrumentation and Control Engineering
3	Advances in Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering
4	Advances in High Performance, Autonomic and Cloud Computing	Computer Science & Engineering
5	Advances in Electronics Engineering	Electronics and Communication Engineering
6	Computation and Simulation in Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering
7	Advances in Power Engineering- Technology & Tools	Electrical Engineering

A 2 week ISTE workshop on “Introduction to Research Methodology” was organized for the Teachers and M. Tech. students by the CSE Dept of IT-NU in collaboration with IIT Bombay and MHRD, New Delhi as National Mission on Education through ICT from June 25 to July 4, 2012.



Participants during the inauguration of Research Methodology Workshop at IT-NU.

In Focus

Innovate to Teach, Teach to Innovate Merging the boundaries

By Dr. K Kotecha, Director, Institute of Technology, Nirma University.

In 1963, the Robbins Report on universities concluded that Universities should have four main objectives essential to any properly balanced system: to impart instructions on skills; the promotion of the general powers of the mind so as to produce not mere specialists but rather cultivated men and women; to maintain research in balance with teaching, since teaching should not be separated from the advancement of learning and the search for truth; and to transmit a common culture and common standards of citizenship.

Over the past decade, new dynamics have emerged in each of the key domains of higher education, research and innovation (HERI). They are: (i) Innovation (ii) Research , (iii) Outcome based education (iv) learning to learn need, (v) growing Information and Communication Technology(ICT) .

But this is also a fact that the demand and need of research which itself is an exhaustive process along with teaching- another demanding task always draw lot of uproar in the academic world . By practice, there is a very apparent dichotomy between the Teaching University and Research University. But now, the changing paradigm and need for tangible results has compelled the Universities to change their focal point and to merge and balance these two fields together .

Universities aren't about teaching vs. research, they're about teaching and research

It has been observed that the teachers of University, concentrating only on academics, were seen to be lagging behind in terms of updation of knowledge and skills, where they are teaching from the textbook printed some four to five years back, based on research older than that. Now with the leading and bleeding technology spearheading not only the economy but also entrepreneurship, research and innovation need to be embedded to the teaching-learning process of the university. This amalgamation will be the magic potion that



can cultivate and give impetus to the university aspiring to be the World Class University.

It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change

To achieve this, Universities globally are pushing and propelling their faculty members to embrace innovation/research alongwith academics, which sometimes perplexes them. The need of the hour is to differentiate between the two terms and then to draw strategy so as to pursue them diligently.

Research is defined by A. Fuggaetta in his thought provoking paper 3+1 Challenges for the Future of Universities as , “The process through which we **shed light** on unknown phenomenon, **imagine** new worlds, **invent** new technologies, and discover new laws and principles” (empahsis is mine), whereas Innovation is defined as, “The process through which we **apply** our knowledge to increase the **quality of life**,

improve the competitiveness of companies and economic institutions, **create opportunities** for citizens and families to promote and **enrich their social experience**" (emphasis is mine).

Thus, research is knowledge-creating and innovation is knowledge-application. Innovation needs the knowledge, breakthroughs and ideas developed by the research. At the same time, innovation produces experiences, feedback, and challenges that feed the research process. Hence, we need to pursue both processes and events in a coherent and balanced way.

Neither can survive without the other

Per se, research basically generates knowledge and acts as a base for the innovation to take place. Most of the Universities, having the motto to serve society and humankind in one way or another, embrace or try to embrace research and innovation so as to fulfill the promised mission. But this requires to promote research while also nurturing innovation which serves society in the widest sense. In the innovation field, the dynamics comprises both "research for innovation" and "research on innovation". But surprisingly it has been seen time and again that innovation often occurs outside academic environments, as a result of inventive unrestricted thinking and creative experimentation. Case studies like that of Apple iPhone's deep penetration in the technological and economical market vis-à-vis Xerox PARC having done thorough, but not timely, research hence failure in exploiting the current market trend is a classic example of how sometimes innovation clicks and research fails! The key is to understand various factors that can result into the success of both research and innovation.

In practice, the synergy generated by the convergence of higher education, scientific research and innovation systems should be interlinked in terms of their objectives and modalities to optimize its accessibility to a wider range of users.

Consequently a new meta-dynamics has also emerged, resulting from the interaction of these factors. Prof. Alfonso Fuggetta in his article 'The Challenge of Innovation' differentiated between the three factors on the basis of certain elements:

	Research	Innovation
Driver	Intellectual Challenges	Market success
Approach	Specialization	Cross-functional
Perspective	Medium-Long	Short-medium
Funding	Typically public Visionary	Typically private venture
Key abilities	Scientific excellence	Ability to execute
Risk	Intrinsic	Systemic

(Source: THE CHALLENGE OF INNOVATION by Alfonso Fuggetta)

The characteristics of research and innovations can be elaborated further as :

Driver: Inner motivation and ultimate goal. In research it may be intellectual challenge, the curiosity, vanity or just career advancement whereas in innovation it can be reinforcement of mission/vision or just help to mankind.

Approach: Research is a very focused, narrow field, whereas, innovation demands multidisciplinary approach to extract maximum possibilities.

Perspective: Research is usually long term with not a very rigid future plan whereas innovation is time sensitive and stringent in nature.

Funding: Industries, now-a-days, are more interested in investing in innovative products than research which is longer-term, exploratory and risky in nature.

Key abilities: Research thrives on intellectual ability which derives lessons from past results and explores the future scope whereas innovators have this inbuilt ability to execute and deliver, they are intrapreneurs in nature.

Risk: In research it is high and unplanned. In innovation too it is present.

Throughout the current and past decade, the world has witnessed the advance of knowledge creation, and knowledge society. This era is full of groundbreaking events, amazing innovations, and profitable research and never-like-before teaching tools. The effectiveness of research and innovation needs to be transferred to the university, the seat of learning, to students, harbingers of growth and change. The robustness of the teaching can only be achieved when research and innovation become the integral part of teaching-learning. When wisdom is coupled with scientific wonders and possibilities.

It is necessary to evolve our teaching models to ensure that persons continuously learn from the environment and from the experiences in which they are involved. We need to center the learning process on the word "education" that comes from the latin word "e-ducere", which means, "bring out". This will facilitate students to proactively capture, assess, classify, and organize information, and not just passively store the information that someone is transferring to them.

There is a need to have a radical change in the teaching-learning processes we adopt. We need to move to outcome-based education, whereby we answer the following questions in close loop :

- What do you want the students to have or able to do?
- How can you best help students achieve it?
- How will you know whether they have achieved it?
- How do you close the loop?

The onus is on the faculty members and the university now. The world which is seeing a major change in sharing of information and teaching tools, due to the invasive forces of new communication and information technologies, demands from academia rapid updation of skills, abilities, knowledge and inclination towards research and innovation.

Tough and demanding but not impossible goal!

(Based on the article by Prof. A. Fuggetta '3+1 Challenges for the Future of Universities and The Challenge of Innovation').

Research & Development

Institute	Area of Research	Name of faculty member(s)	Title of Research Project	Funding Agency	Amt ₹ in Lacs
IS-NU	Agricultural Microbiology	Dr. Shalini Rajkumar, Associate Professor	Exploring the colonization of non-rhizobia and understanding the fate of rhizobacteria during rhizobial infection in mung bean	Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India	36

Extension Activities



Principal-Prof. V. R. Iyer, faculty members and volunteers of IDS-NU at the Indira Aavas Primary School for the distribution of Stationery Kits.

An extension activity 'Spreading Smiles' was carried out by IDS-NU on August 27, 2012 under which 110 stationery kits (school bags) were distributed amongst the underprivileged children studying at Indira Aavas Primary School, Ahmedabad by Principal-Prof. V. R. Iyer and other faculty members.

A plantation drive was carried out by Times of India and Gujarat Ecology Commission to promote the Green cause in the city on August 29, 2012 at Khoraj Lake. The Principal, IDS-NU Prof. V. R. Iyer along with faculty members and about seventy students of various disciplines of IDS-NU participated with enthusiasm.

Industry Interface

Consultancy work by Faculty/Department

Institute	Name of faculty	Title of consultancy	Place and Address of collaborative Organization
IP-NU	Dr Priti Mehta, Prof. Nrupesh Patel	Estimation of EVOH and DMSO from copolymer	Nano therapeutics Pvt Ltd, Surat.
IP-NU	Dr. Sanjeev Acharya, Dr. Niyati Acharya	Standardization of oils of shorea robusta and shilajit	Divine Skincare Pvt. Ltd, Gandhinagar.
IP-NU	Dr. Snehal Patel	Pharmacological evaluation of Ayurvedic proprietary medicines SOBEREX CAPSULE and M-VITA CAPSULE	VIRGO UAP Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad.
IT-NU	Dr. P. H. Shah	Geotechnical Investigation of GIFT City	Bluestar Ltd, Ahmedabad.
IT-NU	Dr. R. N. Patel, Dr. V. J. Lakhera	Redesign of Heat Setting Chambers	Inspiron Ltd., Ahmedabad.

Testing work undertaken at IT-NU

Department	Title of testing work	Organization	Date
Mechanical Engineering,	Testing of thermal conductivity	M/s. GBC India	July 2012.
Mechanical Engineering,	Testing of thermal conductivity and fire properties.	M/s. ONGC Ltd.	August 2012.
Mechanical Engineering,	Testing of thermal conductivity and fire properties.	Lafarge Aggregates and Concrete India Pvt Ltd.	August 2012.

Continuing Education Programme

Management Development Programme (Open) 2012-13 at IM-NU

Sr. No	Name of the Programme	Date
1.	Enhancing Sales Force Performance	August 22-23, 2012.

Faculty Corner

Faculty Achievements

Prof Priti J Mehta of IP-NU received the P D Shethi life time Annual Award for the best research paper published in Journal of Planar Chromatography regarding Analytical Method Development for Levodopa, Carbidopa and Entacapone using HPTLC. The award was given in honour of Dr. P. D. Sethi, Eminent Pharma Analyst of India by Anchrom Research Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai in July 2012.

Dr. Harmik Vaishnav of IL-NU made it to the prestigious Limca Book of Records. He achieved the feat of preparing a giant English Crossword Puzzle of 5094 English words. The Crossword Puzzle consists of 34,225 boxes with 30,364 letters.

He has been congratulated by the Chief Minister of Gujarat and been invited to meet him to show the Crossword Puzzle.



Prof. Anurag Kandya of IT-NU was conferred the 'Young Researcher Conference Award' for his paper 'Impact of Urban Meteorology on Human Thermal Comfort' by the

International Association of Urban Climate in the 8th International Conference on Urban Climate held at University College Dublin, Ireland during August 6-10, 2012.

Prof. Rejitha Nair of IL-NU has been awarded the prestigious Nani A Palkhivala gold medal for having topped in Comparative Constitutional Law in LL.M at NALSAR University of Law Hyderabad., instituted by Nani A Palkhivala Memorial trust, Mumbai, on August 1, 2012.

Faculty Recognitions

Dr. K Kotecha Director-IT NU has been nominated as a Governing Council Member of the USA based Global Engineering Dean's Council-India Chapter for three years.

Prof Manjunath Ghatge Director-IP-NU is nominated as a Member of Board of Studies of Faculty of Pharmacy, RK University, Rajkot and Faculty of Pharmacy, Lachoo Memorial Autonomous college of Science and Technology, Jodhpur.

Prof Vimal Kumar of IP-NU is nominated as a Member of Board of Studies of Faculty of Pharmacy, Lachoo Memorial Autonomous college of Science and Technology, Jodhpur.

Dr. AC Brahmhatt of IM-NU is appointed on a Committee to frame the draft rules/regulations for the terms and

conditions of teaching and non-teaching (Administrative) staff working in the affiliated colleges/institutions of GTU, July 21, 2012.

Prof. Sameer Pingle of IM-NU is appointed as Editorial Board Member for the International Journal of Human Resource Management and Journal of Human Resource Management, International Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology, USA and Chennai in July 2012. He is also appointed as Advisory Board Member for the International Journal of Trade and Commerce (IIARTC), Refereed Research Journal of Social Science and Humanities, Indian Institute of Advanced Research in Trade and Commerce.

Dr. V. J. Lakhera, of IT-NU was invited to attend a meeting of Refrigeration and Air-conditioning at Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS), New Delhi on July 20, 2012.

Dr. R. N. Patel of IT-NU was invited as an expert member to discuss on Biomass Energy Technology Vision 2035 document initiated by TIFAC, DST, New Delhi on August 16, 2012 at IIT-Bombay.

Dr. Madhuri Bhavsar of IT-NU has been nominated and selected as a Secretary of ISTE Gujarat section for 3 years.

Prof. Ankit Thakkar of IT-NU worked as a Paper Reviewer for the International Journals "Swarm and Evolutionary Computation" published by Science Direct, "Advanced Smart Sensor Network System (IJASSN)" and "Wireless and Mobile Networks (IJWMN)".

Prof. Ankit Thakkar of IT-NU has worked as a Paper Reviewer for 4th "International Conference on Networks and Communications (NetCoM -2012)" to be held at Chennai, India during December 22-24, 2012.

Ph. D. Awarded

Prof. Sameer Pingle of IMNU has been awarded Ph.D by RTM Nagpur University in July 2012. The title of his thesis was 'Critical Analysis of Adaptability, Compatibility and Role Perception of Faculty Members of Management Institutes in Maharashtra.'



Prof. Parin Shah, IT-NU has received his Ph. D. degree in the field of Chemical Engineering for his thesis entitled "Process Development for Treatment of Effluent Containing Cyanuric Chloride based Reactive Dyes" from D.D.University, Nadiad on July 15, 2012.



Expert Lectures Delivered by Faculty Members

Prof. Mamta Saiyad of IDS-NU on 'Plastic Structure and Properties Relationship' at NID Ahmedabad on July 6, 2012.

Prof. Sameer Pingle of IM-NU conducted sessions on 'Case Teaching Methodology' and 'Human Resource Development' at Refresher Course in Sociology organized by the UGC Academic Staff College, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University and Department of Sociology, Nagpur on July 4 and 7, 2012 respectively.

The following faculty members of IT-NU have delivered lectures on various topics at training programme of engineers of Adani Ports and SEZ held on August 24-25, 2012:

- **Dr. D. S. Sharma** - "Gears & Gear Drives" and "Bearing"
- **Prof. B. A. Modi** - "Material Handling Equipments"
- **Prof. Mihir Chauhan** - "Hydraulics and Pneumatics systems"
- **Dr. R. N. Patel** - "Pumps" and "Compressors"
- **Dr. V. J. Lakhera** - "Diesel Engines" and "Stem Power Plant"

Dr. Richa Mishra of IT-NU, on "Cross Cultural Communication" to the International group of 28 participants who visited India under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. Of India sponsored Programme at EDI, Ahmedabad on July 21, 2012.

Dr. Ankur Dwivedi of IT-NU, on "Industries are waiting for you" in UGC sponsored one day workshop on "Inspiration Workshop for College Students" in the wake of the celebration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on August 28, 2012 organized by Sheth M. N. Science College, Patan, Gujarat.

Dr. P. N. Tekwani, of IT-NU, on "Power Drives" in the Intensive Workshop on Smart Controllers 2012 for Embedded Solid State Drives & Power Converters. The workshop was organized by the Electrical Engineering Department, Faculty of Technology and Engineering, Kalabhavan, M S University, Baroda, under the quality improvement programme on August 25, 2012.

Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal, Director IL-NU, on "Environment Jurisprudence" on the occasion of the 7th Refresher Course

in Environmental Studies from June 25 to July 14, 2012 at Department of Botany, University School of Sciences, Gujarat University.

Ms. Khyati Shah of IL-NU at Baroda Branch of WIRC of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on "Constitutional Aspects of Taxation" in their Certificate Course on Indirect Taxation August 12, 2012.

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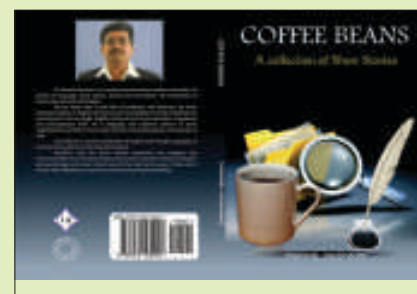
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Dr. Harmik Vaishnav of IL-NU. "COFFEE BEANS" a collection of 17 short stories. The book has been published by Cyberwith Publication. It was launched at Gujarat Vidhyapith by Prof. [Dr.]Ranjana Harish- Head Dept of English, Gujarat University and internationally renowned Professor of English and Ms. Esther David an internationally renowned novelist.

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Staff Corner

Achievements

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Atul Bhatt, Librarian of IL-NU, has been appointed as a Member, Board of Study in area of Library and Information Science, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat (nominated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat)

Students' Corner

Students' Achievements

Omkar D. Sherikar, under the guidance of Dr. Priti J. Mehta, IP-NU presented a research paper at the international conference, Analytical Research Forum 2012, held on July 2-4, 2012 at Durham University, United Kingdom. The Conference was organized by 'Royal Society of Chemistry', United Kingdom. He received full International Travel Support including visa fees and registration fees from Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India for the same.

Adhar R. Shah of Sem VII of Civil Engineering Department, IT-NU has completed his summer internship on a project 'Micro-Simulation Platforms' at Florida Atlantic University during May 19 to July 19, 2012.

Ravi Chaudhari, Student of Instrumentation & Control Department, IT-NU won a silver medal at district level Taekwondo championship on July 15, 2012.

Bhumita Sarabhai, Student of Instrumentation & Control Department, IT-NU was selected for the prestigious ISA PMCD (Process Measurement and Control Division)



Scholarship Award for the year 2012-2013 on July 3, 2012. She received US \$500 towards her university tuition fees.

Megha Agrawal of CSE Department IT-NU stood 1st in Best Essay, Action Plan and Exhibition event in GIS'2012 at National University Taiwan during July 8-12, 2012.



Prachi Patel, a student of Electronics and Communication Department, IT-NU, has won 'Late Artist Nima Award' for the best student art in the event 'Spot Painting' organized by Gujarat Visual Artists' Association at Karnavati Art gallery, Ahmedabad, on August 15, 2012.

Alakananda Devi

performing the Kuchipudi – the classical dance form of Andhra Pradesh. Alakananda Devi. D, student of B.com LLB(hons) 1st semester, IL-NU attended a 15 day Indo-German Youth Exchange program from July 26 to August 10 in Berlin, Germany. She was invited by the Humanist Freethinkers Association which hails from Germany and was selected by the Atheist Centre, a social organisation from Andhra Pradesh, India.



Manasi Ajit Kumar, Mohak Sharma, Varnali Purohit, Aman Raja, Ashay Jain and Sanskriti Mall of Semester V, IL-NU, won the First Prize in Desh Raag: One Nation, One Music, One love' organised by the Rotoract Club of Nirma Institutes on August 16, 2012.

Mitsu Parikh of IL-NU has been selected by retired judge of Madhya Pradesh High Court J. Suresh Chandra as a co-researcher in his next book "Pregnancies, HIV & Human Rights – the future of unborn" which will be published in January 2013.

Publications

An article by **Ram Krishna Pandey** [MBA (FT)-II] on the topic "Is the success or failure of Microsoft Surface dependent only on its Pricing" has been selected as the best article and has been published in IIM-Shillong's monthly marketing magazine named Markathon August 2012 issue.

An article of **Sagar Behere**, student of second year MBA-FT Programme of IM-NU, has been selected as the best paper and published in iNM, a magazine of Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies.

An article of **Mitsu Parikh** of IL-NU on Analytical Review of Article "The Procedural Republic and the Unencumbered Self: By Michael Sandal vis-à-vis Kantianism" has been accepted for publication in Melbourne Journal of Political Philosophy, Australia, New South Wales Publication Volume 17 Issue 2, August 2013. She has also been awarded 150 \$ for writing the same in specialized issue of 'Modern concept of Justice'.

An article of **Hitesh Agrawal** of IL-NU titled "Judicial Accountability vis-à-vis independence of Judiciary" has been accepted for publication in International Journal of Legal Studies and Research, Vol. 1, No. 1, NUJS, Calcutta.

Students' Activities :

Academic Initiatives

"Finesse" The Finance Club of IM-NU had organized a session on 'Basics of Accounting' on July 20, 2012 for MBA students.

NiCHE the marketing club of IM-NU which aims to provide opportunities to the members to develop marketing skills had organized RannBhumi in which each section of MBA first year students (MBA FT I and FB I) promote their classes through various performances like music, drama, dance etc. as an exercise of market promotion.

NiCHE organized another mega-event called BrandWiZer which was very successful. The event tested the participants on various skills like familiarity with brand logos, photography and advertisement strategies.

A workshop titled "Design of Automobile Components" was organized by students of SAE BAJA of IT-NU for the students of SAE BAJA from Rajasthan and Gujarat during August 8-9, 2012.

Electrical Engineering Student's Association (EESA) of IT-NU organized their annual event "Gyan Aarambh'12" on August 4, 2012. This workshop was organized for the students of Semester 1, and was aimed to impart the knowledge regarding all the domains of construction of basic manual robot.



Students exhibiting robot at Gyan Aarambh '12 organized by Electrical Engineering Department of IT-NU.



Students participating in the event Gyan Aarambh '12 organized by Electrical Engineering Department of IT-NU.

Social Initiatives

Blood Donation Camp

Rotaract Club of IM-NU organised its first event of the year "Blood Donation Camp" in association with Red Cross Society of Ahmedabad on July 17, 2012. In less than 6 hours, around 175 people registered for donating the blood and 135 units of blood were collected.



Saral – Social cell of IM-NU

a) School Education Programme:

Saral established a school and had a humble beginning on May 6, 2012 under the STP programme of the Government of India. The school is located in the premises adjoining the campus of Nirma University. The government has provided a helping hand by providing a primary level teacher, from whom students from 4 to 8 years started receiving regular primary school education. SARAL also made an arrangement to enroll students above the age of 8 years with the Tragad Government High School.



b) Charity in kind: Saral distributed clothes, buckets, hats, bats and other inventory collected by the students to the under-privileged children on July 15, 2012.

c) Health Check up Camp:

A "Health Check-up Camp" was organized by Saral. This Health Camp was organized on August 15, 2012 for all the Saral kids, in collaboration with Apollo Hospital, Ahmedabad. Various Health Tests where tests for ECG, BP, RBS Test [Testing sugar level], general OPD, BMI and general body check up were conducted.



Manav Sadhna Programme

A group of IM-NU students in association with an NGO Manav Sadhna started working on the mentorship programme for the children associated with the NGO. A group of IM-NU students are actively involved in the mentorship and are also coaching students of standard tenth in association with Manav Sadhna.

SETU under OrCES organized an activity of helping the poor and needy by giving them old clothes. Students of Sem V and VII of Civil Engineering Department, IT-NU participated in the programme by extending help to the workers of the Nirma Vidyavihar constructional site on August 29, 2012.

Sports Initiatives

Sports Committee of IL-NU organised a friendly cricket match between faculty members and students on August 25, 2012.

Cultural Initiatives

Talent Nite

Talent Nite 2012, which provides a platform to the freshers to come on stage and show their talents, was organized on August 11, 2012 at IM-NU. The theme was 'Genesis-Ignite the Gene of Talent within you.' Students performed various programmes including dance, songs, skits, fashion show, playing musical instruments etc.

Alumni Corner

Pramod Abichandani alumnus of Instrumentation & Control, IT-NU and presently working at Drexel University, Philadelphia, delivered an expert lecture to the students of M.Tech.(C&A) on 'Research in robotics', on August 24, 2012. He also delivered an expert lecture to the students of B.Tech.(IC), Sem VII on 'Research opportunities in abroad', on August 24, 2012.

Murtaza Gandhi alumnus of IT-NU and presently working at Baker Engineering & Risk Consultants in Houston, USA, delivered an expert lecture to the students of B.Tech.(IC), Sem VII on 'Safety Instrumentation System', on August 17, 2012.

Nitin Goraiya, alumnus of IT-NU and presently the Director of M/S AB Hydraulic Limited, was invited as a panel member for review of Industrial Training presentations of B Tech Sem VII students on August 4, 2012.

Ashish Trivedi and **Sanjay Medatiya**, alumni of CSE Department IT-NU launched an EduSocial Platform 'Pencilar' on web for Faculty, Students and Alumni.

Extra-curricular Activities

Rostrum'12



The annual Cultural festival 'Rostrum'12,-Talent Meets Opportunity' of IP-NU was organised on August 30-31, 2012. Various competitions like ad-mad show, dancing competitions, singing competitions, drama, skit and Mr. and Ms Rostrum 12 were organised. Smt Smita Shastri, Director of Nartan School of Classical Dances, Ahmedabad was the Chief Guest for the valedictory function and Prof. V. R. Iyer, Principal, Institute of Diploma Studies was the president.

Renaissance-2012



IS-NU conducted Annual cultural programme Renaissance-2012 on August 3-4, 2012.



Independence Day was celebrated on August 15, 2012 with nationalist fervor. Dr. J. M. Vyas, Director General, Gujarat Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar was the Chief Guest. Shri Ambubhai Patel, Vice President, Nirma University, Shri D. P. Chhaya, Executive Registrar, All HOIs of constituent Institutes, HODs, Faculty Members, Staff Members and Students in large numbers were present to mark the occasion.

OBITUARY

Nirma University lost one of the most affable, enthusiastic and diligent employees, Shri Kanakroy Dave on August 28, 2012. Born on June 29, 1936, he has worked from 1962 to 1996 with Gujarat University as Director of Students' Welfare Board. He joined Nirma University in 1997 as Chief-Coordinator Students' Welfare Activities. Bubbling with enthusiasm, passionate about outdoor activities, and ever accessible to students, he made the University throbbing and buzzing with activities both cultural and sports.

His love for nature and students culminated in various trekking and hiking tours including Himalayan High Altitude Camp in 2009 for Nirma University.

A popular figure among students, an able manager, and an efficient coordinator we will always remember him with affection and awe.



Forthcoming Events

No.	Event Name	Date of Event	Institute
1	Marketing Conclave	October 19-20, 2012	IM-NU
2	Ramzat (Ras Garba) – 2012-13	October 26, 2012	NU
3	International Space Conference	November 30 to December 1, 2012	IL-NU
4	3rd Nirma University International Conference on Engineering-NUiCONE2012	December 6-8, 2012	IT-NU
5	ISTE approved STTP on 'Quality Engineering' by the Mechanical Engineering Department	December 17-29, 2012	IDS-NU
6	ISTE approved STTP on 'Advances in Heat Exchanger' by the Chemical Engineering Department	December 17-29, 2012	IDS-NU
7	ISTE approved STTP on 'Mathematical Modelling' by the General Department	December 17-29, 2012	IDS-NU
8	Annual Sports Day – 2012-13 (Institute Level)	January 10-11, 2013	NU
9	Annual Sports Day – 2012-13 (Inter Institute Level)	January 12, 2013	NU
10	Nirma Institute of Pharmacy International conference, NIPiCON 2013, Emerging Frontiers: Geneses of drug and its journey to patients	January 18-20, 2013	IP-NU
11	National Conference	January 24-25, 2013.	IL-NU
12	Team Events of Annual Sports Day (Inter Institute Level)	January 28 to February 2, 2013	NU

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- **IS-NU** Institute of Science, Nirma University
- **IL-NU** Institute of Law, Nirma University

