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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

It's that time of the year when festivities abound! Christmas has just passed but cheerfulness is still in the air, and we are getting ready to welcome another year. The Newsletter Team is here again, with the last issue of NU Newsletter of 2016 for its readers.

The month of November witnessed the Eighth Annual Lecture, which is an annual event and can well be called a tradition of NU. Every year NIIT University's Chancellor, Dr. Karan Singh, comes to NU and delivers a lecture to NU's faculty, staff, students and everyone who is associated with NIIT University. It is one of the most awaited events and always enriches the listeners' soul filling the individual with some more wisdom and understanding.

Annual Lecture was the culmination of Activity Week which is meant to push everyone into practicing or learning the things they have always dreamt of but are either too lazy or time strained to try their hands on. The idea is to give a week to students without studies so as to bring out even the laziest of beings making them do something creative, be it fine arts, theatre or even robotics. The distinction of teacher student finishes and whoever knows what, teaches to the learners.

With these two things and many other small bits of news and articles, this issue of December 2016 is thus, here, before you to read. We hope you like the contents.

Before we take your leave, we take this opportunity to wish all our readers a **Very Happy New Year 2017 in Advance!**

We hope that Santa gave you the gift of Joy, Happiness and Bliss for the coming year and blessed you to have a safe journey through 2017!



Warm regards,

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Special Events Eighth Annual Lecture

NIIT University hosted the 8th Annual Lecture by **Dr. Karan Singh**, Chairman NU and Hon'ble Member of Parliament on 20th November, 2016. Dr. Singh's talk on- '*Many Dimensions of Peace*' focused on a holistic approach to education and to help build a peaceful society. Dr. VS Rao, President, NU, also put forward his ideas for a new model of higher education that fosters critical thinking, innovation and research centric approach. Several other eminent personalities also attended this lecture.





Campus News



NU Saahas Adventure Trip

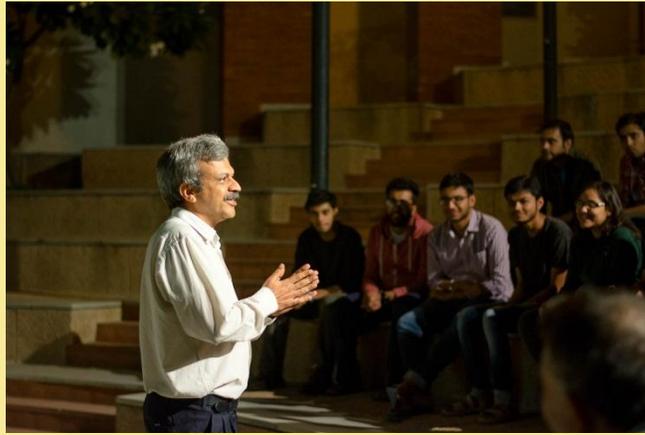
NU Saahas Club organised an expedition to *Mcleodganj* from 13-17th November 2016. The group of students was led by **Prof. Jetendra Joshi**. They visited famous places including the Dalai Lama monastery, HPCA stadium and the sunset point. The students enjoyed the whole trip with night stay in the tents and dance around the bonfire.

Traditional Dress Day

During the activity week, NIIT University celebrated 16th November as the traditional dress day. The campus witnessed students and teachers dressed up traditionally representing their cultures, wearing Lungis, Dhotis, Salwar suits, etc.

Chai & Why with Prof. Sanjay Gupta

Following the ritual of improving the Student-Teacher relationship, students and the staff members interacted with **Prof. Sanjay Gupta** during the CHAI & WHY session held on 8th November 2016 in the UG-1 Amphitheatre. He talked about his life as a youth and shared his fascinating experiences. He turned out to be an inspiration for the crowd and everyone adored his path to success.



Mock SAARC Summit

The first Mock SAARC Summit was hosted by The Asian Lenses Forum (TALF) on 17th November 2016 at NIIT University. Eight country teams participated in the summit and the event proved to be a unique experience for the future policy makers hidden amongst the students.

Rise and Shine

Mr. Saswato Mitra, Delivery Director, Nagarro Software Pvt. Ltd conducted an inspirational session- Rise and Shine on 26th November, 2016. It was an insightful and a soul searching journey on self-transformation. He also shared how one could make life purposeful and meaningful along with being successful.



Valediction Ball

A Farewell event for the passing B Tech batch 2013-17, *Valediction Ball* was held on 12th November, 2016 at *Treehouse Dwarka, Neemrana*. It was an amazing and fun-filled event which created some long-lasting memories for everyone.

Kashmir to Kanyakumari

A team of 22 cyclists had participated in the 'KASHMIR TO KANYAKUMARI' Cycle Rally. The team commenced from Jammu on 7th November and reached Neemrana on 13th November, 2016. NU hosted the team at its campus and a group of students and staff from the University participated in the Rally. The '*Flag In*' of the Rally was conducted near the Bus Stand in the campus. The Rally Team members were delighted to interact with the students and the next day, they were '*Flagged Off*' by the President from the same area for their onward journey.

Session on Listening Skills

Air Cmde Kamal Singh hosted a session on '*Listening Skills*' on 30th November, 2016. He talked about cultivating the spiritual, intelligent and the emotional quotient. All the more advising students on listening to others before speaking and enlightened them with the importance of good listening skills.

Chai & Why with Prof. Sachidanand Swami

The Chai & Why session with **Prof Sachidanand Swami** was held on 29th November, 2016 at UG 1 Amphitheater. He has a riveting profile with a great programming experience and some outrageous adventures in life. He shared his life encounters which turned out to be inspirational for everyone.



NUBPL

The first edition of Badminton Premier League (BPL) was conducted at NU from 22th October, 2016 with four teams taking part. Around forty students participated in the league with tremendous enthusiasm and an immense sporting spirit. 'The Jaegers' won the league after a great effort was put in by the team members.

Vividha Arts Exhibition

On the occasion of the 8th Annual Lecture, Vividha Arts Exhibition was organized by the club members and other artistic students on 20th November, 2016. The Exhibition portrayed the true love and sense of artistry among the students, which mesmerized the viewers present at the exhibition.



Activity Week

NIIT University celebrated the first Activity Week for AY 2016-17 from 14th- 20th November 2016, to give students and the staff a chance to showcase their talents, live their hobbies and reclaim their childhood, without any inhibitions or judgements. The week kick-started with inter-batch sports matches and a workshop on Drone Manufacturing by representatives from ATLead. This was followed by the much awaited adieu to the final year undergraduate students. The highlights of the week include The Rajasthani Folk Drama presented by artists from Alwar, the Artist in Residence theatre workshop and Audacity '16. NU-TALF and NU Fashion society chipped in by organizing a heritage walk for the students to explore the city of Alwar, and a professional photoshoot for the society members at Hauz Khas, respectively. Apart from these co-curricular activities, students also had an opportunity to attend talks on water conservation, GSOC and workshops by the Mozilla Club. Overall, it was a stress-busting week for all members of the NU family.

Students from China at NU

NIIT University organized a month-long '*cultural exchange*' event, in which several B. Tech (CSE) students from Qingdao University, China attended lectures on Machine Learning and Analytics. The students also interacted with their Indian counterparts from NIIT University to exchange thoughts and ideas.



Workshop on KALI LINUX organized in NU.

The CSI- Student Branch NU organized a workshop on **KALI LINUX-‘Basic tools and commands’** for all the security enthusiasts on 8th November, 2016. The organizers received a good response and the attendees showed interest in participating in future CSI activities.

Constitution Day Celebrated at NIIT University.

NIIT University celebrated the Constitution Day on 26th November, 2016. A quiz was organized to create awareness and to enrich students’ knowledge about the Indian constitution. This was followed by a bonfire in the courtyard much to everyone’s amusement.

Guest Lecture/Technical Workshop

A guest lecture/technical workshop was organized by *Cognizant* on 25th November, 2016 at NU campus on ‘**The Revolution of ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) and Automation in the present Era**’. It was followed by an interactive Q/A session.

Prize Distribution

NIIT University conducted its *Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony* on 19th November, 2016. NIIT University Founder **Mr. R S Pawar** and President Prof. V.S. Rao gave away the trophies and certificates in recognition of responsibilities fulfilled by the House Captains and Vice Captains, club coordinators, winners of various competitions and inter-house events.



Emergency Response Drill

NIIT University conducted its first emergency response drill during the activity week to educate the students and the staff about natural disasters like earthquakes and fires. Various fire-fighting equipment and evacuation techniques were demonstrated to the students for their awareness. Students were also addressed by Major Gen A.K. Singh for responsiveness during emergency situations.



Audacity

'Audacity', the annual dance competition hosted by NIIT University, took place on 18th November, 2016. Four franchises took part in a solo, a duet and a group dance each. The audience witnessed some mesmerizing dance moves and the entire event was quite energetic. The franchise '*Sizzle and Storm*' succeeded in bagging the first position through the fierce competition.



Recruitment @ NU

F22 Labs conducted a campus recruitment drive on 7th November, 2016 for B Tech (CSE) 2013-17 batch for Industry Practice.

Vymo- a start-up which builds world class enterprise products for automating sales force activities and driving sales effectiveness conducted a campus recruitment process for B Tech (CSE) 2013-17 batch on 12th November, 2016 for Industry Practice.

MapmyIndia conducted an off-campus recruitment process on 16th November, 2016 for M Tech (GIS) 2013-17 batch for Industry Practice.

AuthBridge- India's leading background check company offering an array of screening services like background verification, due diligence & risk mitigation conducted a campus recruitment drive on 21st November, 2016 for B Tech (CSE/ECE) 2013-17 batch for Industry Practice.

Collarfolk.com- a start-up providing one-stop solution for pet friendly holidays conducted a campus recruitment drive on 23rd November, 2016 for B Tech (CSE) 2013-17 batch for Industry Practice.

QA InfoTech, a CMMI Level III certified company, providing independent offshore software testing and unbiased software quality assurance services to product companies conducted a campus recruitment process on 24th November, 2016 for B Tech (CSE) 2013-17 batch for Industry Practice and Final Placement.

Mallhopp, India's largest mall/market discovery & navigation platform providing online access to thousands of stores across the popular malls and high-street conducted an off-campus recruitment process on 26th November, 2016 for B Tech (CSE) 2013-17 batch for Industry Practice.

MyOperator, a cloud-based call management system providing solutions such as IVR, virtual number, toll free number, virtual PBX conducted a campus recruitment drive at NU on 30th November, 2016 for B Tech (CSE/ECE) 2013-17 batch for Industry Practice.

Nature Talk



Indian Elephant or the Asian Elephant



The Indian elephant (*Elephas maximus indicus*) is one of three recognized subspecies of the Asian elephant and native to mainland Asia. In general, Asian elephants are smaller than African elephants and have the highest body point on the head. Indian elephants reach a shoulder height of between 2 and 3.5 m (6.6 and 11.5 ft), weigh between 2,000 and 5,000 kg (4,400 and 11,000 lb), and have 19 pairs of ribs. Indian elephants are native to mainland Asia: India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Thailand, Malay Peninsular, Laos, China, Cambodia, and Vietnam. They inhabit grasslands, dry deciduous, moist deciduous, evergreen and semi-evergreen forests. In the early 1990s, their estimated population size was 26,390–30,770 in India where populations are restricted to four general areas: in the Northwest — at the foot of the Himalayas in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh in the Northeast — from the eastern border of Nepal in northern West Bengal in the central part — in Orissa, Jharkhand, in the South - Karnataka, Western Ghats, in Bhadra–Malnad, in Brahmagiri–Nilgiris–Eastern Ghats, in Nilambur–Silent Valley–Coimbatore, in Anamalai–Parambikulam, in Periyar–Srivilliputhur, and one in Agasthyamalai.

The pre-eminent threats to Asian elephants today are habitat loss, degradation, and fragmentation, which are driven by an expanding human population, and lead in turn to increasing conflicts between humans and elephants when elephants eat or trample crops.

Status in the Wild: Endangered

Source: [wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org)

**Divya Sara Kurian
BTech (2013-17)**

Student Editor Special



Colour

Colour,

An essence of emotion,

a depiction of reality.

A portrait of your mood,

one for when you're low,

one for satisfaction,

one that symbolizes birth,

another for death.

One that divides the world,

one that unites minds.

One that spreads terror

one that showcases humanity.

Freedom on one flag.

Another that counts for peace.

The essentials on a mesmerizing sunrise.

The shade and shine on a beautiful moonlight.

Emotions, reality, life, satisfaction,

World, terror, humanity,

Freedom, peace,

Colour.

Lakshya Dhupar
B. Tech (2015-19)

Expressions



The Mirror and Me

I looked into the mirror one day
When I was six, or seven, I'd say
A bright and innocent face I saw
Without any guilt, without any flaw.

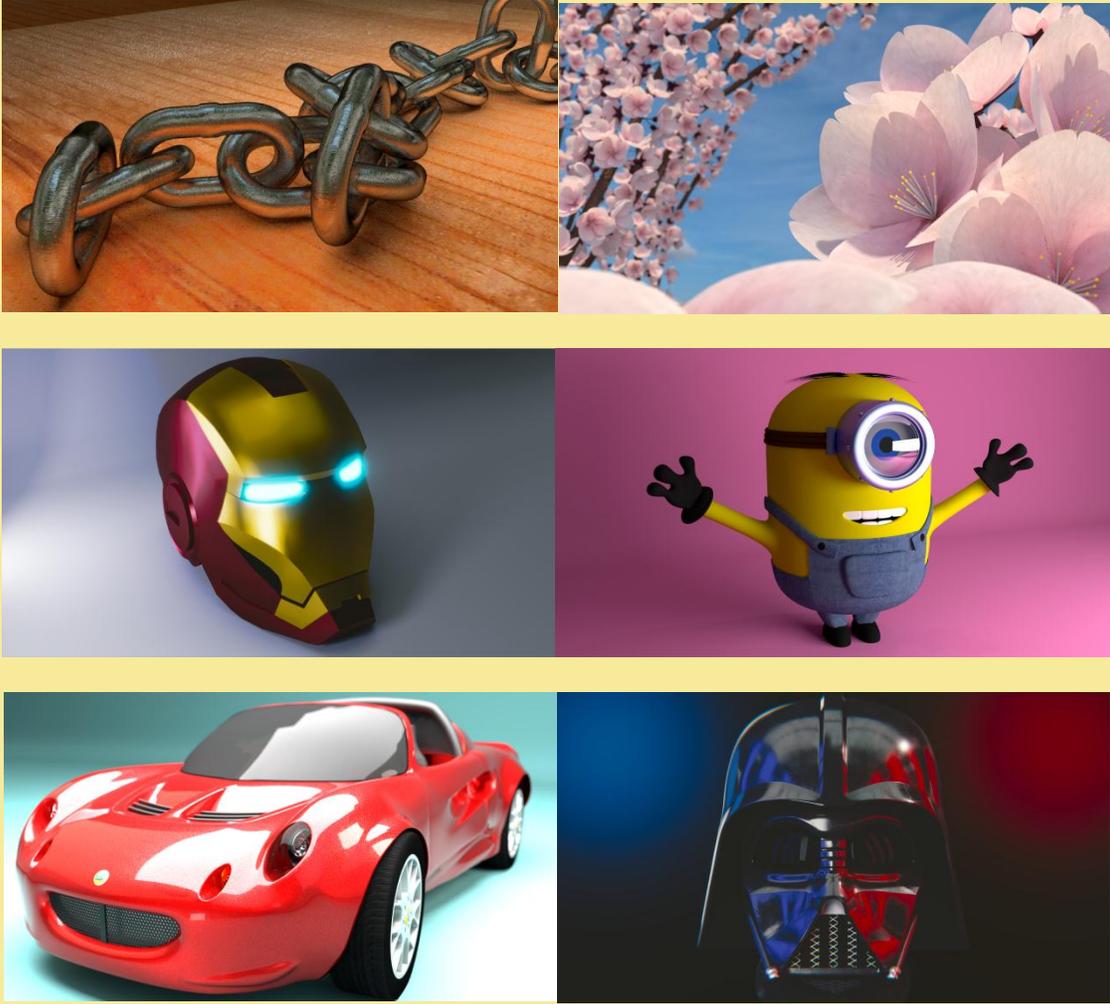
But little did I realize
That object I would so despise.
The innocence that the mirror reflected
Would soon wear off in time undetected.

Days passed by and I grew older
Not to mention, a good deal bolder.
My thirteenth birthday was a happy day
I looked into the mirror again, somewhere along the way.
But what I saw struck me with wonder
The face I saw made me stop and ponder.
My mouth wide open, I started to stare
At that face full of pride, with a hint of despair.
I was looking at myself, the realization came to me
That innocent face ever brimming with glee.
Had surely lost its beauty, turned to pride
The strange transformation it couldn't hide.
Surely, I would've gone completely deranged
If I hadn't realized how much I had changed.

My life from that day would never be the same
What the mirror revealed cut my journey to fame.
There are certain stories left untold
When the mirror reveals, strange mysteries unfold.
The lesson I learnt was a clarion call
The mirror hides, yet reveals it all.
With a firm resolve, anguished and in pain
I decided never to look into that deceitful mirror again!

Abhay Sharma
MBA BA I

Pictures



Javin Juneja
B.Tech (2015-19)

Achievements

World Robotics Olympiad

Shreyas Sanghvi from B. Tech (CSE) Batch 2016-20 participated at World Robotics Olympiad at Kolkata from 25th -27th November 2016. His team secured 5th position internationally. This is a memorable win for Shreyas because two years ago in 2014, he represented India for the first time at the World Robotics Olympiad and this year he coached his team to win at the world finals. He had a fruitful journey, making new international friends and hopes to get more of such chances bringing laurels to the nation.

Innovate challenge: India

Prajwal B Ainapur and **Sai Yeshwanth** of B. Tech (2015-2019) batch, have qualified for the quarterfinals of '*Innovate challenge: India*', conducted by Texas Instruments and Department of Science and Technology of India. Their idea, '*Low Cost Modular Design for Water Quality Monitoring System for Aquaculture*' has been selected as one among 428 best ideas from India for 2016.

Certificate of Appreciation

Nikita Mangla of B. Tech (2013-2017) batch was awarded a special certificate for her significant contribution in the Independence and Republic Day functions over the last three years.

Research @ NU

Prof. Trupil Limbasiya presented and published a research article, titled '*Secure Message Transmission Algorithm for Vehicle to Vehicle (V2V) Communication*' in the IEEE TENCON 2016. The Conference took place from 22nd-25th November, 2016 in Singapore.

