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Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar, named after Guru Jambheshwar Ji Maharaj, a saint environmentalist of 15th century has emerged as a pioneer in the new frontier of science, technology, environmental studies, religious studies, media studies, pharmaceutical sciences and management studies. Being an esteemed educational institution, it has created a niche of its own among the universities in India and around the globe.

"Rome was not built in a day" and GJUS&T, like the mighty Roman Empire has build itself brick by brick and stone by stone to become a center for world class education and techno hub of the state of Haryana. Established on 20th October, 1995, the university has completed a spectacular journey of 19 years and celebrating its 20th Foundation Day on 20th October, 2014.

The Universitie's thrust on wholesome development of students potential, outstanding contribution to high quality research in different faculties of knowledge, and its social concerns reflected in the advocacy and outreach activities have attracted students from across the country to its doors. Competent faculty, regular academic-industry interaction and continuous improvement in the academics are the other integral constituents that meet the expectations of our students.

I feel delighted, exhilarated rather, in assuming office as the Vice-Chancellor of this coveted center of higher learning. I am well aware of the increased responsibilities came along naturally, with this assumption. As the Vice-Chancellor of this prestigious university, I assure my best possible service to the academic world with dignity and dedication.

I take the opportunity to thank the Editorial team for their unstinting efforts in maintaining both the quality and timeliness of the newsletters currently in your hands. I hope this newsletter would be able to give you a glimpse of the latest happenings and special endeavors of the university in making it as India's premier university for higher learning.



DR. SHARMA TAKES OVER AS VICE-CHANCELLOR



GJUS&T is pleased to inform you that Dr. R. S. Sharma has joined the university as its new Vice-Chancellor on 26th July, 2014. Dr. Sharma is known as a man of 4 Ds i.e. Diligence, Dedication, Determination and Discipline.

Dr. Sharma is presently holding the position of Vice-Chancellor, CDLU, Sirsa and has taken the additional charge of Vice-Chancellor, GJUS&T, Hisar. He worked as Principal, H.E.S.-I for 16 years with additional charge of several other Govt. Colleges of Haryana.

During his lifetime, he was accorded with scores of prestigious awards including "Priya Deshbandhu Gupta National Award", "Bharat Josh Award", "State Best

Principal Award", "Samman Patra", "Prasasti Patram", "Best Orator, Actor, Director" and many more.

He is currently a member of various academic bodies and committees including High Level Committee for the selection of annual awards of HSA, Executive Council of GJUS&T, Haryana Education Commission, Haryana, Governing Council of MMU, Mullana, State Advisory Board of N.C.C, Haryana etc. and Chancellor's nominee in Academic Planning Board and Selection Committee of Indira Gandhi University, Meerpur. He is a life member of Haryana State Council for Child Welfare, Chandigarh. He has also attended several national and international conferences during his academic career.

MoU and COLLABORATIONS

MoU between GJUS&T, Hisar and LUVAS, Hisar



A MoU was signed on 5th September, 2014 between Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar and Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Hisar to promote scientific research, training and education. Dr. R.S. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, GJUS&T and Major Gen. Shrikant Sharma, SM, VSM (Retd.), Vice-Chancellor, LUVAS were the signatories of the MoU. Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar and Prof. M.S. Turan, Dean Academic Affairs signed the MoU as witnesses from GJUS&T, whereas Prof. N. K. Rakha, Dean PG Studies and Dr. Ravinder Sharma, Director, Research signed the MoU as witnesses from

LUVAS, Hisar. Dr. Sharma said that both the universities have excellence in their respective specialized field and scientist, doctoral and PG students of both the universities will benefit from each other's strengths in terms of infrastructure, facilities and knowledge pool. Major Gen. Shrikant said that this MoU will mark the beginning of a new era in scientific activities in Hisar, where two universities excelling in Veterinary, Animal Science, Biotechnology and Nano Science & Technology field will synergistically co-operate with each other for an ultimate aim to help the society to overcome obstacles and rise to the high levels. Under this MoU, both the universities will focus on the development of Biotechnology and Nano technology based on effective Nano formulations for use in animal disease treatment and smart drug delivery systems for disease control.



Collaboration with United States India Educational Foundation (USIEF), New Delhi



In collaboration with USIEF, New Delhi, a one-day seminar on “Higher Education in Physiotherapy and Biomedical Engineering: Challenges and Opportunities” was organized by the Department of Biomedical Engineering, GJUS&T on 22nd August, 2014. This seminar was organized for students aiming to pursue their higher education in United States of America. Major Gen. Shrikant Sharma, SM, VSM (Retd.), Vice-Chancellor, LUVAS, Hisar graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar was the Guest of Honor. Ms. Aditi Singh, USIEF, Education Advisor was present as the key-note speaker. Major Gen. Shirkant said

that due to the drastic changes in our current life style, physiotherapy and biomedical engineering has a key role to play in the global health. He further added that if the students get higher education from abroad then it would have significant contribution to our countries growth and prosperity. Prof. Jaglan in his speech suggested that practical knowledge is very important for the students and various seminars and conferences like the same should be organized from time to time to motivate and enrich the knowledge of the students. Dr. S. K. Singh, Chairperson, Department of Physiotherapy gave the welcome speech. Dr. Ravish Garg, Chairperson, Department of Biomedical Engineering presented vote of thanks. He concluded that nearly 250 students and professionals from various departments showed keen interest and attended the seminar enthusiastically.

Collaboration with Zee Media Corporation

A two-day workshop on “Community Reporting” was organized by CMT Department of GJUS&T in collaboration with Zee Media Corporation on 19th May, 2014. Mr. Suman Nag, Asst. Vice-President of Zee Media Corporation was the key-note speaker in the workshop. On this occasion, Ms. Harini Kalmur and Mr. Yash Thoda from Zee Media Web Portal, Mumbai were also present. This two day workshop marked the beginning of one year training programme for students in Zee Media Corporation. Now-onwards, students of the CMT department can undergo one year training programme from Zee Media Corporation along with their academic courses. During this training period, few best stories covered by the students of the department would be featured on Zee Portal and Zee National Network. The event was coordinated by Dr. S. K. Singh. Prof. P. K. Jena, Chairperson, CMT presented vote of thanks.

EMINENT VISITORS



- A team of scientists and academicians from University of Rzeszow, Poland visited GJUS&T, Hisar during June, 2014. The members of the team were Dr. Mariola, Dr. Paczka, Dr. Anna Baran, and Dr. Maria along with Dr. Joanna as the Team Leader. Dr. Jaonna told that they had visited India for twelve days to interact with the faculty and students of the Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, GJUS&T on various aspects including vermicomposting, sustainable development, etc. She further added that GJUS&T has done internationally cited research in the field of vermicomposting and solid waste management, and because

of this reason the European Union and their university had decided to send them to visit the university to explore future joint research avenues which may prove as a milestone in future for both the universities. Dr. M. L. Ranga, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar, Prof. Praveen Sharma, Chairperson, EVS, and Dr. V. K. Garg welcomed the team in the university.



- Mr. Robin Kalra, Portfolio Consultant and Investment Trainer and the winner of “Zee Business Sensex Ka Sultan 2014” visited the university and addressed the faculty members and students. On this occasion, being the alumnus of Haryana School of Business, GJUS&T, he was honored by Prof. Karam Pal Narwal. He showed his immense delight that the HSB has the world-class infrastructure.



INTERNATIONAL VISITS



Prof. R.S. Jaglan, Registrar, GJUS&T, Hisar attended an exhibition on "A Group of Indian Printer to the Print Technology" as Guest of Honor during August 14-17, 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. During this visit, He also attended the celebrations of "India Day" on 15th August, 2014 under the aegis of High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



Prof. Ashok Chaudhary, Department of Bio & Nano Technology, GJUS&T underwent two weeks training in the area of Plant Genomics and Bioinformatics supported by TEQIP-II programme of the University in September 2014 at Washington State University, Pullman, USA.



Sh. Amrish Pandey, Department of Printing Technology, GJUS&T visited "School of Printing and Packaging, Wunhan University, China" for ten days to take part in the academic activities of colour research.



Dr. Neetu Ahlawat, Assistant Professor in Department of Applied Physics has visited to Toronto University Toronto, Ontario, Canada to attend TCSSE Multidisciplinary Academic Workshop during 14-17 June 2014 and presented her research paper entitled "Study of Dispersive Conductivity of Calcium Bismuth Silicate Glasses by Impedance Spectroscopy".

AWARDS AND HONORS



Dr. Umesh Arya, Chairperson, Advertisement Management and PR Department, GJUS&T was awarded E-Learning Module by the UNESCO E-Learning Series on the topic "The Role of Information Technology in Education".



Prof. Manoj Dayal, Department of Communication Management and Technology, GJUS&T was honored with the "ABP National Education Award" on 27th June, 2014 at Taj Lands End, Bandra, Mumbai. On this occasion, he was also honored with the award of the "Best Professor in Mass Communication" for the year 2014.

IN FOCUS Foundation Ceremony



The foundation stone of the new houses for Hostel Wardens was laid on 10th June, 2014 by Dr. M. L. Ranga, Vice-Chancellor, and Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar of the university.

Alumni Meet Programme



Considering alumni as the heritage of the university, Department of Printing Technology GJUS&T organized its 2nd Alumni Meet Programme on 26th April, 2014. Dr. M.L. Ranga, Vice-Chancellor of the university graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar of the university presided over the function. The alumni shared their wealth of experience and gave guidance to the students on the future prospects.

Academic Staff College



Academic staff college organized a workshop on "Mechanism of Paper and Thesis Writing" on 20th September 2014. Dr. R.S. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor was the Chief Guest of the workshop. Dr. Sharma opined to get heights we should dream higher. He advised researchers to avoid shortcuts in research works and do the same with full commitment and dedication. On the occasion, Prof. B.K. Punia told that nearly 38 students from six different states of the country attended the workshop. Dr. Vandna Punia and Anurag Sangwan were the course coordinators.



ENDOWMENTS

- The Department of Environmental Science & Engineering, GJUS&T has received a grant amounting to Rs. 1.31 crores from the UGC under Special Assistance Programme.
- Prof. Ashok Chaudhary, Department of Bio & Nano Technology, GJUS&T has been granted one Research & Development Project on “Galactomannan Biosynthesis Pathway Genes in Cluster Bean through Transcriptome Sequencing” for Rs 57.39 Lacs by the department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, New Delhi for a period of three years.

RETIREMENTS- We Wish You Better Life Ahead



Sh. R. K. Arora retired from the post of Deputy Registrar from the university on 29th August, 2014. He started his career in 1974 from KU and joined GJUS&T as Asstt. Registrar on 20th January, 1996. He served the university for 18 years as SVC, and provided his services in Academic Branch, Establishment Branch, Faculty Branch, Examination Branch, Distance Education, and many other positions in the university administration. On this gracious occasion, he was felicitated with a shawl and memento. Dr. R. S. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar and his colleagues wished him a prosperous and healthy life.

Sh. R. K. Yadav retired from the post of Deputy Registrar from the university on 31st July, 2014. He started his career in 1978 from MDU, Rohtak and joined GJUS&T as Asstt. Registrar on 20th January, 1996. He served the university for 18 years as SVC, and provided his services in General Branch, Faculty Branch, Conduct Branch, Secrecy Branch, Establishment Branch, Examination Branch, Distance Education and many other positions in the university administration. On this gracious occasion, he was felicitated with a shawl and memento. Dr. R.S. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R.S. Jaglan, Registrar and his colleagues wished him a prosperous and healthy life.



Sh. Nafe Singh retired from the post of Deputy Registrar from the university on 30th May, 2014. He started his career in 1982 from MDU, Rohtak and joined GJUS&T on 20th January, 1996. He served the university for 18 years as Asstt. Registrar, Deputy Registrar and provided his services in Academic Branch, Distance Education, Examination and many other positions in the university administration. On this gracious occasion, he was felicitated with a shawl and memento. Dr. M. L Ranga, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar and his colleagues wished him a prosperous and healthy life.



WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES



- A two-days national workshop on “Television News Production” was organized by CMT Department of GJUS&T during September 8-9, 2014 for budding reporters. During this workshop, Sh. Virender Verma, News Editor and Sh. Girish Nishana, Sr. Correspondent, Delhi Doorshan Kendra enlightened the participants on various aspects of television news production. Prof. P. K. Jena, Chairperson, CMT Department presided over the workshop. Dr. S. K. Singh was the coordinator of the workshop. On this occasion, Prof. Manoj Dayal, Dr. Vikram Kaushik, and Mr. M.R. Patra were also present.
- A national seminar on “Career Opportunities in Printing and Packaging Technology” was organized by T&P Cell of GJUS&T on 4th September, 2014. Dr. R. S. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of the university graced the programme as the Chief Guest. Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar of the university presided over the function. Mr. A. K. Sinha, Director (Printing), Ministry of Urban Development was the Guest of Honor. Dr. Sharma opined that students should prove themselves not only in educational merits but also in developmental skills. Prof. Jaglan highlighted that hard work and dedication is the key to success. Dr. Sinha appealed the students to explore new opportunities in the printing sector and prepare themselves for every competition. The participation of galaxy of renowned resource persons including Sh. K.M. Chopra, GS, NIPA, Ludhiana, Prof. R.K. Anayath, Director, TITS, Bhiwani and Sh. R.R. Sajjan, Packaging Connections, Gurgaon added flavor and fragrance in the seminar. Dr. A. K. Baral, Director, T&P Cell coordinated the function. Mr. Adityavir Singh, Asstt. Director, T&P Cell presented the vote of thanks.
- A national seminar on “Possibilities in Media Research” was organized by Advertisement Management and PR Department of GJUS&T on 29th August, 2014. Prof. N.S. Johal, Punjabi University, Patiala delivered the key-note address. Dr. Johal shared his profound knowledge and experiences with the students. He suggested students to integrate their research work with new technologies as it is not only necessary but also the need of the hour. The seminar was presided over by Dr. Umesh Arya, Chairperson, Advertisement Management and PR Department, GJUS&T.
- A one-day national workshop on “Emerging Trends in Nano Science & Bio Technology” organized by Department of Bio and Nano Technology was inaugurated on 19th August, 2014 by the Vice-Chancellor of the university Dr. R. S. Sharma. Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar and Prof. R. C. Kuhad were present as the Guest of Honor. Dr. K. C. Bansal, Director, NBPGR, New Delhi delivered the key-note address. Dr. Sharma said that Nanotechnology and Biotechnology can play a vital role in addressing the problems of the society. Prof. Jaglan emphasized that the researchers should rise above individual research and go for collaborative research. The UGC SO supported workshop was chaired by Prof. Neeraj Dilbaghi, Chairperson, B&NT Dept. Eminent speakers from the top institutions were invited to deliver the talks, including Prof. G.S. Randhwa, IIT Roorkee, Dr. Ajay Gaur, CCMB, Hyderabad, Dr. Sanyog Jain, NIPER, Mohali, Dr. Gautam Kaul, NDRI, Karnal and Dr. Vidya Gupta, CSIR-NCL, Pune. Over 200 participants from different parts of the country were present.
- A two-day national conference on “Uniform Syllabus Development for Diploma and Bachelor Programme in Printing Technology” was organized by Printing Technology Department during 26-27 July, 2014. Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar of the university graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Sh. K. M. Chopra, Gen. Secretary, NIPA, Ludhiana and Prof. Rajender Kumar, Director, TITS, Bhiwani were present as the Guest of Honor and key-note speaker respectively. The participation of the galaxy of renowned eminent experts in the printing field from different parts of the country added flavor and fragrance to the conference. The conference was coordinated by Dr. A. K. Baral, Chairperson, Department of Printing Technology.



SPORTS



To foster the spirit of brotherhood and sportsmanship, National Sports Day was celebrated by GJUS&T on 29th August, 2014. Dr. R. S. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of the university was the Chief Guest of the programme. Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar of the university presided over the function. Dr. Sharma also inaugurated gymnasium for women employees of the university. Many sports activities were also organized on this day under the supervision of Prof. V. K. Bishnoi, Director Sports. Dr. Sharma stressed that youth should spend at least one hour in the sports ground everyday as by doing this they can gain the energy which will in turn help them in doing

their work more effectively and efficiently. A friendly football match was also played between GJUS&T, Hisar and HAU, Hisar. The exhibition of sportsmanship by the athletes was laudable. Winners of the different sports competitions of the university, state and national levels were also honored on this occasion. Dr. S. B. Luthra, Asstt. Director Sports, presented vote of thanks.



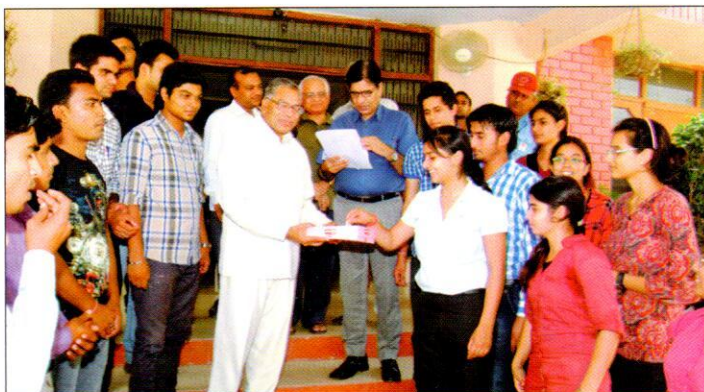
Prof. N.S. Malik from Haryana School of Business GJUS&T won Silver Medal in 18th Asia Masters Athletics Championship. the championship was organised in Kitakani of Japan during September 19-23, 2014. Prof. Malik represented the country in the Championship Dr. R.S. Sharma, Vice Chancellor and Prof. R.S. Jaglan, Registrar congratulated him on his success.

CAREER, TRAINING & PLACEMENTS

In consonance with the changing times and the need of the budding students, GJUS&T has been rechristened as Career Development Unit.



- Students of the Biomedical Engineering Department bring laurels to the university. Nineteen students of the department have been placed in some of the leading national and multinational companies including: Philips India, MS Medicals Pvt. Ltd., Hospimax, Dedha India HR Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Alfa Medisole Pvt. Ltd., Andotech Systems, Thyocare Technologies Ltd., and Findreams. One student of the department was selected in the Indian Military Academy. Dr. M. L. Ranga, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R.S. Jaglan, Registrar, Dr. Ravish Garg, Chairperson, BME congratulated the students and wished them for their bright future.



- Haryana School of Business of GJUS&T scaled another height in its path of growth with seventeen placements in HDFC Bank Ltd. and eleven placements in ICICI Prudential Life Insurance. Dr. M. L. Ranga, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R.S. Jaglan, Registrar, Prof. S.C. Kundu, Director, HSB, and Prof. Usha Arora, Dean, HSB congratulated the students and wished them for their bright future.



CAMPUS BULLETIN

The attempt of students and teachers to collectively express themselves and working as a team has been the “mantra” of success in many events held in the university campus.



- As a mark of respect to our mother tongue, “Hindi Diwas” was celebrated in the university with joint efforts of Youth Welfare Department and Advertisement Management and PR Department on 12th September, 2014. Dr. R. S. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of the university graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar was the Guest of Honor. Dr. Sharma in his speech said that national language has its own importance in the development of a nation. Likewise our national language “Hindi” is instrumental in the growth and development of India. Prof. Jaglan emphasized that we should mark our whole hearted respect to Hindi language. On this occasion, Hindi poetry recitation and declamation competition were organized. Dr. Madhusudhan Patil, Dr. Mahender Singh, and Dr. Manoj were the Judges of the programme. Sh. Pradeep and Sh. Sukhdas were the coordinators of the programme. Ajit Singh, DYW presented vote of thanks.



- With patriotic fervor in every single heart, GJUS&T celebrated 68th Independence Day. The university witnessed unison of salutes as the Vice-Chancellor Dr. R. S. Sharma hoisted the tricolor in presence of its students, faculty and staff. Later in his address to the gathering he highlighted that Independence Day is a pious day of remembering martyrs and freedom fighters of our country. He further applauded the hard work and dedication of both teaching and non-teaching staff of the university that helped the university in attaining 'A' grade from NAAC. The message of Independence was trumpeted through dance and patriotic songs by the students. The day was also commemorated by organizing races in different categories by the Sports Department of the university.



- With great zeal, enthusiasm and fervor, “Earth Day” was celebrated by Environmental Science and Engineering Department on 22nd April, 2014. Dr. M.L. Ranga, Vice-Chancellor of the university was the Chief Guest of the event. Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar presided over the function. Prof. R. S. Hooda, Sr. Scientist at HARSAC was the key-note speaker. Prof. Praveen Sharma, Chairperson, EVS Department, elucidated the significance of the earth day. Prof. R. Bhaskar coordinated the programme. Poster making and Slogan writing competition were the main highlights of the occasion.



- A cultural evening was organized by Directorate of Youth Welfare on 22nd April, 2014. Dr. M.L. Ranga, Vice-Chancellor of the university was the Chief Guest of the event. Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar of the university presided over the function. The evening was vibrant with glamour of elegant performances of various folk dances of the different states of India. Ajit Singh, DYW coordinated the event.





SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The University accredits great importance to social activities and it is the NSS unit - the collective body of NSS volunteers which voices them at the university level.



- NSS unit of GJUS&T initiated a programme “Mera Vote Mera Desh” on 5th September, 2014. Dr. R. S. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of the university was the Chief Guest of the programme. Prof. R.S. Jaglan, Registrar was the Guest of Honor. Sh. Kushal Katariya, Returning Officer, Hisar was invited as the Key-note speaker in the programme. Dr. Sharma emphasized that the judicious use of voting rights can mark our contribution in the developmental decisions of the country. Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar said that NSS volunteers should sensitize and motivate people for using their voting rights. Sh. Katariya gave a detailed description on the benefits of voting rights. This programme continued till 18th September, 2014 under the supervision of Prof. Sandeep Rana, NSS Coordinator.

A street play was also performed by the students of the university to exhibit the benefits of voting.

- “Prerna-2014” was organized by NSS on 13th May, 2014. Dr. M.L. Ranga, Vice-Chancellor of the university was the Chief Guest in the programme. Dr. Ranga said that NSS brings discipline in the life of the youth. Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar said that the volunteers of NSS play an instrumental role in finding solutions for the problems of the society. Prof. Sandeep Rana, NSS Coordinator told that the clippings of the 'Blood Donation Campaign' organized by the NSS volunteers were featured in the parliament. On this occasion, 54 volunteers were honored for their extra-ordinary contribution in the NSS activities in past two years.



- NSS unit of GJUS&T in collaboration with Haryana AIDS Control Society organized a workshop on “HIV/AIDS Prevention” on 12th May, 2014. Dr. M.L. Ranga, Vice-Chancellor of the university was the Chief Guest in the inaugural ceremony. Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar, Prof. Kuldeep Bansal, DSW, Dr. Ujita Kundu, Dy. Director, HACS and other dignities were present on this occasion. Dr. Ranga elaborated that social discrimination with HIV/AIDS patients is not only hampering the quality of life of the affected persons but also a barrier in HIV/AIDS prevention. Prof. Jaglan highlighted the role of AIDS awareness programmes in preventing the HIV/AIDS. Dr. Ujita Kundu stressed that we should take immediate steps to protect ourselves and others from HIV/AIDS. Dr. Paul

endeavored to sensitize the youth to stay away from drug abuse for avoiding harmful effects like HIV. Documentaries and poster making competition on AIDS awareness were the main highlights of the occasion.



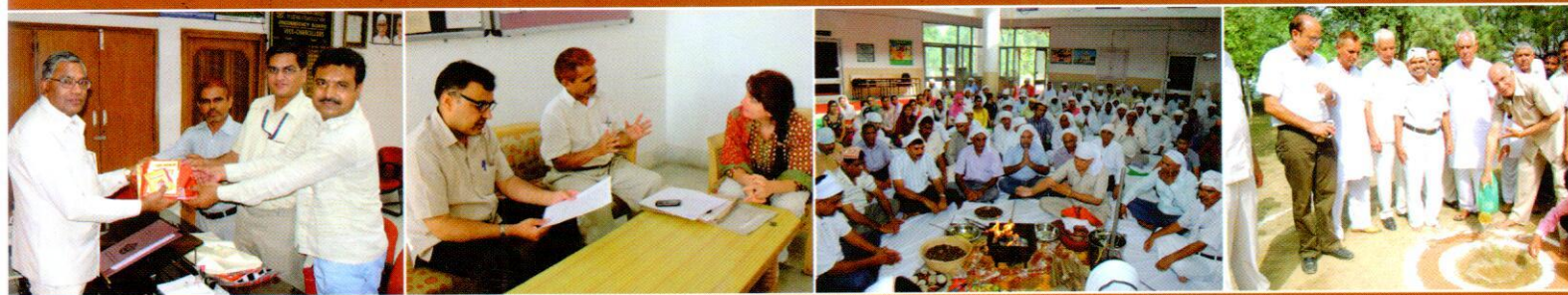
- Horticulture Department of GJUS&T celebrated “Van Mahotsav” on 5th September, 2014. Dr. R. S. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of the university inaugurated the function by planting a “Triveni”. On this occasion, Prof. R. S. Jaglan, Registrar also planted a sapling. During this “Van Mohotsav”, the university targeted to plant 500 saplings. NSS Volunteers played a vital role in making the event a success.



“JIYA NE JUKTI AUR MARIYA NE MUKTI”

(A meaningful way of living and then moksha after death)

-Guru Jambheshwar Maharaj



● Guru Jambheshwar Maharaj widely considered as "Vishnu" swarup (part or incarnation of Vishnu) was the founder of the monotheistic Bishnoi sect. Born in 1451 A.D., he was a great visionary, who had foreseen the consequences of man's actions destroying nature for economic development. He saw the need for environmental protection and weaved his principals into his 29 religious commandments. In nutshell, Jambheshwar ji was not only a religious Guru but a great ecologist, environmentalist and a vivid social reformer.

● Department of Religious Studies, GJUS&T celebrated 564th birthday of Guru Jambheshwar Ji Maharaj as "Janmashtmi Festival" on 18th August, 2014. To mark the occasion a havan was performed and a sapling was also planted.

Guru Jambheshwar Ji Maharaj Religious Study Centre

Vision: To facilitate comparative studies of various religious philosophies along with their research and analysis that primarily includes Guru Jambheshwar and Jambhani literature.

Mission: To create harmony among the different religions in the world and to establish highest human values and hence show the world a path of peace.

Introduction- Department of Religious Studies, GJUS&T, named after Guru Jambheshwar ji Maharaj is the only religious center in Haryana which has a department of Guru Jambheshwar Ji Maharaj. The main objective of this centre is to create a balance between science and religion so that the world can run on a track of sustainable development. Its modus operandi is to eradicate the problems created due to comparative religious philosophies and to maintain an aura of religious harmony and faith. The centre has been providing Ph.D. in religious studies since 2010.

The great concern of Guru Jambheshwar ji Maharaj about environment and remarkable efforts of the centre has drawn the attention of various research scholars from all over the world. Recent visitors includes Mr. Franck Vogel from rue da la Fontaine au Roi-Paris, Ms. Maria Chauveau from University of Paris, and Ms. Alexis Reichent from University of Ottawa.

Spirituality explores the rules of life which is the basis of all the happiness. Our ancient monks and spiritual leaders throughout their life worked for the betterment and welfare of the society with a vision "Gyanam Vigyanam Sahitam" and "Vasudev Kutubkam" and this religious study center focuses its action on this theme. To attain this objective, the centre has published many books related to Guru Jambheshwar Ji Maharaj, environment, religion and life. The centre has also to its credit an impressive array of over 125 high quality research papers published in the various national and international journals. Thus, this religious study centre is devoted to create a sense of religious tolerance, unity and compatibility amid different religions of the world.

Uniqueness:

- i) The centre has a museum related to the different religious dialects.
- ii) It has an extensive library full of spiritual books related to various religions including Hindu, Bodh, Jain, Islamic, etc.
- iii) It also has a meditation and yoga centre where followers of various deities and religions come together to pray and freely practice their religions.
- iv) The centre publishes a quarterly research magazine on comparative religious philosophies.
- v) The centre has a tradition of celebrating anniversaries with a pious gesture of performing "Hawan" followed by sapling plantation.
- vi) It also has a book centre to promote the learning of Guru Jambheshwar Ji Maharaj.

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