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Seasons of Renewal



As we look back on the months of March and April, we find ourselves journeying through a season marked by both reflection and renewal. At Gautam Buddha University, these months have brought with them the reassuring rhythms of academic life—some familiar, some refreshingly new—all underscoring our continued evolution as a vibrant centre of learning.

The spirit of renewal has been especially visible across our campus. This period has seen meaningful strides in academic planning and institutional recognition. The introduction of new and forward-looking courses, including those in Ayurveda and traditional knowledge systems, signals a conscious return to India's rich intellectual roots even as we look confidently toward the future. These offerings reaffirm our commitment to nurturing a knowledge system that is both deeply grounded and globally relevant.

We also welcomed the beginning of a new admission cycle. The arrival of new students, full of promise and potential, has brought fresh energy into our academic community. Their presence is a reminder that every academic year is a new beginning—a chance to renew our purpose and re-imagine what learning can be.

April also saw the commemoration of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti, a moment that reawakens our collective commitment to the values of equity, education, and social justice. The university's departments honoured this day with dialogues, reflections, and student-led initiatives, creating spaces where ideas and ideals could meet. Similarly, the Department of English hosted a dynamic week-long celebration of Shakespeare's birth anniversary, combining the literary with the performative and immersing students in the timeless power of language and imagination.

As T.S. Eliot famously wrote, "April is the cruellest month." Yet even in these words we may find another kind of truth—that growth often emerges from challenge, and that renewal, by its nature, asks us to look inward as well as forward. In the rhythms of academic life, there is always space not only for progress but for pause—for taking stock of where we are and where we hope to go. As we turn the page on another academic cycle and prepare for the months ahead, let us carry forward both our pride in what we have achieved and our openness to the growth still to come. In this season of renewal, may we continue to nurture minds, question deeply, and embrace the transformative power of education.

Academic News

1.National Science Day: On March 1, the CV Raman Club of the Department of Applied Physics, School of Vocational Studies and Applied Sciences, organized National Science Day 2025, in which more than 150 students participated. On this occasion, students showcased their talents through various competitions. The chief guest of the program was Prof. Pushpa Bindal from the Department of Physics, Kalindi College. She highlighted the transformative role of science in daily life and encouraged students to pursue research and innovation. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, emphasized the importance of scientific research and technological innovation, and inspired students to contribute to science and technology with the vision of a self-reliant India.



Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, Registrar Dr. Vishwas Tripathi, and faculty members observing the students' innovations

On this occasion, various activities such as poster presentation, model making, quiz, and live experiments were organized, in which students showcased their creativity and scientific understanding. In the poster presentation category, Gaurang secured the first position for his research poster on Quantum Computing for Cryptographic Applications, while Pooja Mandal won in the general poster category for her entry titled Igniting Young Minds. In the model making competition, Vartika Chaurasia received the first prize for her Intravenous Alert System.

2. Three-Day Vipassana Workshop: The Department of Buddhist Studies and Civilization successfully organized a three-day Vipassana workshop from March 1 to 3 at the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Meditation Centre. On this occasion, Vipassana teacher Bhante Dhamma Deep highlighted the benefits of Vipassana meditation, discussing its positive effects on mental and physical well-being. Prof. Shweta Anand, Dean of the School of Buddhist Studies and Civilization, shared her thoughts on the importance of meditation and the positive changes it can bring to one's life. During the workshop, participants including Anil Kumar and Seeja Singh shared their experiences, explaining how Vipassana helped them achieve mental peace and self-reflection



Faculty members and participants in the three-day Vipassana workshop

Certificates were distributed to the participants by the Vipassana course coordinators Dr. Manish Meshram, Dr. Chintala Venkata Sivasai, Dr. Gyanaditya Shakya, Dr. Priyadarshini Mitra, Vikram Yadav, and Kavita, along with other distinguished guests. The valedictory session of the program was successfully conducted by Ms. Kavita, with significant contributions from Mr. Navneet Maurya.

This workshop underscored the importance of meditation and self-discipline, inspiring participants towards inner peace and heightened awareness.

3. International Womens Day: On March 8, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences organized a grand celebration of International Women's Day. This year, the Women's Day celebrations were dedicated to Punyashloka Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar. The year itself was devoted to the tricentennial celebrations of Punyashloka Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar. On this occasion, a documentary film on the life and legacy of Ahilyabai Holkar was also screened, highlighting her remarkable contributions to Indian history.



VC Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, Prof. Bandana Pandey and students on the occasion of Women's Day

Director of Punjab Kesari Mrs. Kiran Chopra, and senior TV journalist Ms. Aditi Tyagi were present as the chief guests at the event. The program was presided over by Vice Chancellor Professor Rana Pratap Singh. Addressing the audience, Mrs. Kiran Chopra said that if values, civility, and culture are still alive in India today, it is because of the women. Women have always preserved our civilization and culture. Mrs. Chopra further stated that if a woman so desires, she can transform the entire universe. Even Napoleon had said, "Give me a worthy woman, and I will give you a worthy nation." Senior TV journalist Ms. Aditi Tyagi, while sharing her views on women's empowerment, urged everyone to celebrate every day as Women's Day. She emphasized that knowledge is the key to empowerment, and highlighted the critical difference between perception and fact, stressing the importance of verifying sources and obtaining credible information. She also shared her thoughts on the achievements and contributions of women-

Professor Rana Pratap Singh, extended his best wishes for Women's Day, stating that this special day is wholly dedicated to women. He said that the energy we have in our bodies is a gift from our mothers, as mitochondria are inherited solely from the mother, not the father. He emphasized that we should bow in respect every day to the supreme maternal power of which we are mere fragments.

Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor Bandana Pandey welcomed the guests and remarked that we should gain such strength that there would be no need to celebrate either Women's Day or Men's Day, because in a world where the mother resides, there can be no inequality. She further said that educational institutions are free from any form of gender bias. However, daughters are seen as the carriers of culture, and hence, they are often showered with extra love. She also shared her personal inspirations, including Jijabai, Rani Lakshmibai, and Ahilyabai Holkar.

The program was conducted by Dr. Manjri Suman and Ms. Karuna Singh. A large number of faculty members, department heads, and students from the university and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences were present on the occasion.

4. MSLE Foundation AI Bootcamp: On March 8 the School of Information and Communication Technology in collaboration with Microsoft and with support from INBIOT Private Limited, successfully launched the MSLE Foundational AI Bootcamp. This two-day hybrid program was designed to empower educators with Microsoft



AI-focused curriculum and resources. Faculty members from the School of ICT participated in this special event, which offered several academic benefits, including certification vouchers, access to Microsoft AI labs, and branding resources for institutions. Upon successful completion, participants received both a course completion certificate and a participation certificate. Dr. Arpit Bhardwaj, Dean of SoICT, and Dr. Arun Solanki, Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, welcomed the trainer, Mr. Krishan Kumar, and the participants. The sessions included both in-person and virtual components, providing attendees with hands-on experience in Microsoft AI technologies.

5.AI and ML Workshop: Under the aegis of the Gautam Buddha University Alumni Association, a one-day workshop on “Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning” was organized on March 8. The keynote speaker for the workshop was Mr. Chandra Mohan Singh, a senior AI expert in the software industry, who is currently working on the latest AI industry tools.



Director CRC Dr. Vinay Litoria and the alumni during the AI & ML workshop

The objective of this workshop was to familiarize students with the modern aspects of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, and to provide them with insights into the latest technologies being used in the industry.

6.Comprehensive Drone Pilot Training Program for the Indian Army: On March 24, Gautam Buddha University successfully completed a comprehensive drone pilot training program for the Indian Army.

These training sessions were conducted at the Center of Excellence in Drone Technology (CEDT) under the School of Information and Communication Technology at GBU. The objective of the programme was to modernize the operations of the armed forces and enhance skills in drone piloting. In this program, training was provided on various aspects of drone technology, including manufacturing, design, repair, and piloting.



VC Prof. Rana Pratap Singh presenting certificate to a soldier of Indian Army in the drone pilot training programme



VC Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, faculty members of SOICT and the soldiers of Indian Army in the drone pilot training programme

On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Professor Rana Pratap Singh, awarded drone pilot training certificates to army personnel from various states and addressed the gathering. He stated that this initiative is part of a broader effort to modernize the operations of the armed forces and to provide cutting-edge skills for drone operations.

He added, that this program aims to equip aspiring drone pilots with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in the rapidly expanding field of drone operations. Further, he mentioned that CEDT at GBU is a DGCA-certified training center – the first of its kind to offer distributed education, providing army personnel with the flexibility to complete their courses. This certification program delivers drone training that is aligned with global standards and will contribute significantly to enhancing the safety and efficiency of drone operations in India."

Dr. Arpit Bhardwaj, Dean of the School of Information and Communication Technology, praised the initiative, stating that drones have now become essential across various sectors such as agriculture, logistics, surveillance, and environmental monitoring. He added that as the demand for skilled drone operators continues to rise, this training program offers a high-quality and accessible pathway for individuals seeking careers in drone technology and operations. Faculty members from the School of Information and Communication Technology, including Dr. Rajesh Mishra, Dr. Arun Solanki, Dr. Vidushi Sharma, Dr. Anurag Singh Baghel, Dr. Vimlesh Kumar Rai, Dr. Aarti Gautam, and others were present at the event.

7. Industrial Visit to Adani Cement Manufacturing Plant by the Department of Architecture and Regional Planning: On March 8, students from the Department of Architecture and Regional Planning visited the Adani Cement Manufacturing Plant located in Dadri. The objective of this educational trip was to familiarize the students of Architecture and interior design with the practical process of cement manufacturing. The visit was led by Head of the Department A.R. Anant Pratap Singh, along with A.R. Madhuri Agrawal, A.R. Radhika Chauhan, and A.R. Alok Verma. Students were introduced to the various technical stages of PPC and OPC cement production. During the

the visit, industry experts Mr. Karunesh Verma, Mr. Prashant Shukla, and Mr. Shailendra explained the intricacies and technical aspects of the production process in detail.



Faculty members and students visited Adani Cement Manufacturing Plant

During the visit, students witnessed firsthand the realities of the construction process within the factory and made efforts to understand the commercial aspects of cement usage.

The department noted that such industrial visits help in fostering innovation, creativity, and a deeper connection with the industry among students.

8. Expert lecture on Cultural Heritage at Gautam Buddha University: On April 9, the Department of Architecture and Regional Planning at Gautam Buddha University organized an expert lecture on cultural heritage conservation by renowned conservation architect Mr. Nishant Upadhyay. The objective of the program was to impart an understanding of the techniques, principles, and contemporary approaches to heritage conservation.



Famous architect Nishant Upadhyay with faculty members and students

Architect Nishant Upadhyay is the founder of the design firm 'Dharatal'. He has served internationally as an expert with UNESCO, ICOMOS, and other prestigious institutions. Sharing his experiences, he explained how traditional heritage can be preserved while promoting holistic development in modern architecture.

He further emphasized to the students that heritage conservation projects should be approached from an integrated perspective, prioritizing both cultural and environmental aspects.

The event was graced by Head of Department A.R. Anant Pratap Singh, A.R. Madhuri Agrawal, Dr. Nirmita Mehrotra, and other faculty members.

The talk served as a source of inspiration for students, highlighting the vital importance of working towards preserving our cultural heritage for future generations.

9 Visit to the National Museum: On April 11, under the guidance of Prof. Bandana Pandey and Dr. Vivek Mishra, students from the Department of History and Civilization visited the National Museum in New Delhi. The objective of the visit was to provide students with a direct experience of Indian



Students of the Department of History at the National Museum, New Delhi

history and cultural heritage. During the visit, Dr. Ritika Joshi, Dr. Sangeeta, Dr. Vivek Pachauri, Dr. Upendra, Dr. Alok, Dr. Sudhir, and Dr. Mukesh Verma extended their support and guidance to the students.

10. Ignition Tech-Fest 2025: From April 11 to 13, the School of ICT organized Ignition Tech-Fest 2025, the university's premier festival celebrating innovation, creativity, and technological excellence. On this occasion, scholars and students from various institutions across India participated in the event.



Participants and faculty members at the Ignition Tech Fest

Vice-Chancellor of Gautam Buddha University, Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, emphasized in his address the need to connect technological advancement with human values.

11. 'Inauguration of the 'Center of Excellence in Cyber and Information Security Applications':

On April 12, a historic milestone in the field of cybersecurity and digital education in India was achieved with the formal inauguration of the 'Center of Excellence – Cyber and Information Security Applications (CoE-CISA)' at Gautam Buddha University. This center marked a new milestone in advanced collaboration between industry and academia.

On this special occasion, Dr. Pavan Duggal, an advocate, in the Supreme Court of India and Chairman of International Commission on Cyber Security Law, was present as the Chief Guest, and Mr. Devi Singh Silotia, former Special Officer in the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, Government of India, graced the event as the Guest of Honour.

In his address, Dr. Duggal stated that in this era of digital transformation, the establishment of such Centres of Excellence is not only timely but also absolutely essential. He added that the CoE-CISA will become a strong hub of talent-

and innovation within India's cyber ecosystem. Dr. Arpit Bhardwaj, Dean of the School of ICT, and Dr. Arun Solanki, Head of the Department of CSE, emphasized the importance of empowering youth by imparting skills to tackle the growing challenges of cyber threats and digital vulnerabilities.



Glimpses of Inauguration ceremony of the 'Center of Excellence in Cyber and Information Security Applications'

Dr. Arti Gautam Dinkar, Coordinator of CoE-CISA, remarked that CoE-CISA will be a centre for experiential learning, research, and innovation—offering skill-based courses, workshops, and live industry collaborations for students and professionals alike.

On this occasion, distinguished representatives from major industries and partner institutions were also present, including Dr. B. P. Sharma, Director, My Placement Education Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Kunal Sharma, Director, Trojan Hunt Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Aman Jain, Vice President, Infosys Ltd., Mr. Sachin Manchanda, Director, Franchise Hub Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Aditya Tyagi, Sudhamrit India Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Shiv Chaudhary, Director, Cybertic India Pvt. Ltd., and Ms. Dwivedita Sharma, Chief of Staff, Cybertic India Pvt. Ltd. All of them assured their support for the mission of CoE-CISA.

12. Special Lecture on the Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R Ambedkar: On April 14, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Bodhisattva Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, a special lecture was organized by the Dr. Ambedkar Centre for the Studies of Human Rights on the topic "Dr. Ambedkar and the Nation-Building Process in Modern India."

On this occasion, Narendra Singh, DIG of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, delivered a lecture. The Guest of Honor in the event was Prof. Raj Kumar from Delhi University



Glimpses of the event on the Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R Ambedkar

On this occasion, the Chief Guest offered a nuanced analysis of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's key slogan "Educate, Agitate, Organize", stating that an individual must focus their mind and intellect to discern between truth and falsehood in order to truly understand the purpose of social movements. Only then can one meaningfully contribute to organizing society and the nation. He further highlighted that within Parliament, Ambedkar was a remarkable figure who strongly opposed Article 370. He also shared his thoughts on the importance of Articles 14 and 15 as integral to individual lives, and emphasized the upliftment of rural life as essential to India's development, urging the youth to take forward Ambedkar's vision.

Prof. Rajkumar, in his lecture, noted that Dr. Ambedkar had three spiritual teachers—Gautam Buddha, Kabir, and Jyotirao Phule—who significantly influenced his life. Drawing from their teachings, Ambedkar emphasized the development of practical and critical consciousness for building a strong and

modern nation. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, remarked that despite adverse circumstances, Ambedkar pursued education with unwavering determination. It is due to his educational achievements and struggles that a statue of him stands today at the London School of Economics. Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Bandana Pandey, inspired students to learn from Dr. Ambedkar's life and ideals. Dr. Chandrabhanu Bharas, Chairperson of the Dr. Ambedkar Centre for the Studies of Human Rights, shed detailed light on Dr. Ambedkar's principles.

13.Organization of 'Siddham Calligraphy – Expression of the Form-Brahman': A three-day special exhibition titled 'Siddham Calligraphy – Expression of the Form-Brahman' was successfully held from April 15 to 17 at the Jyotiba Phule Meditation Centre. The exhibition was organized by the School of Buddhist Studies and Civilization in collaboration with the International Center for Cultural Studies and Tatvam Foundation.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh and Venerable Lama Chhopel Zotpa, Deputy Secretary General of the International Buddhist Confederation. On this occasion, Venerable Bhikshu Do-Woong, who curated the exhibition, along with many scholars, artists, culture enthusiasts, students, monks, and nuns, were present.



Ven. Bhikshu D-Woong & VC Prof. Rana Pratap Singh in siddham calligraphy exhibition.

In his address, Venerable Bhikshu Do-Woong elaborated on the development of the Siddham script and its significance. He explained that the exhibition serves as a bridge for cultural exchange, connecting Indian and East Asian Buddhist traditions. He noted that Siddham is a refined branch of the Brahmi script, which played a crucial role in the spread of Buddhist teachings in China, Korea, and Japan during the 6th to 8th centuries especially through the Vajrayana tradition that emphasizes the mystical power of mantras. Professor Rana Pratap Singh highlighted the historical and spiritual importance of the Siddham script, stating that the art of writing distinguishes humans from other beings and serves as a medium for the preservation of knowledge.

Dean of the School of Buddhist Studies and Civilizations Professor Shweta Anand emphasized the importance of language in preserving ancient heritage during her welcome address. Linking it to the Indian Knowledge System and the New Education Policy 2020, she underscored that promoting languages and scripts is a vital endeavour. The exhibition also highlighted that Buddhist masters like Amoghavajra, Subhakarasingha, and Vajrabodhi transcribed Buddhist mantras and texts into the Siddham script, facilitating their spread across East Asia. Even today, the Siddham script holds sacred significance in religious rituals there.

Dr. Arvind Kumar Singh, the coordinator of the program, highlighted the special features of the exhibition.

Dr. Chintala Venkata Shivasai, the co-convenor, stated that this event symbolizes India's cultural diplomacy and serves as a means of reaffirming ancient knowledge through the confluence of art, history, and spirituality. On this occasion, several distinguished faculty members of the university – including Dr. Priyadarshini Mitra, Dr. Chandrashekhar Paswan, Dr. Gyanaditya Shakya, Dr. Manish Meshram, Dr. Vikram Yadav Dr. Mr. Chandan Kumar, Dr. Neeraj Yadav, Dr. Omveer Singh, and Dr. Sandeep Kumar Dwivedi – along with many students, were present.

14. Visit to the Army Institute of Education:

On April 16, 2025, students from the Department of Education and Training visited the Army Institute of Education. The primary objectives of this educational tour were to provide students with practical exposure to educational institutions, enhance their interest in the field, develop social skills, foster creative thinking, and familiarize them with innovations in teacher education. As part of the program, the students learnt various things, such as the process of curriculum development, teaching aids production, educational innovation, and computer training, gaining firsthand knowledge and insights. Faculty members of the institute provided engaging and valuable guidance to the students on new teaching methodologies and the creation of teaching aids. During the discussion session, several students – including Dimple, Pooja, and Shalini – raised questions related to teaching and received satisfying answers. Students found the visit meaningful and beneficial. In her lecture, the Principal of the Army Institute of Education, Dr. Abhilasha Gautam, emphasized the duties and social responsibilities associated with the teaching profession. She encouraged students to maintain a lifelong learning attitude, to stay updated with innovations, and stressed that teachers should select and adapt teaching methods as per the needs of their students.



Faculty members and students of department of Education on educational tour to Army Institute of Education

Both the Army Institute of Education and the Department of Education at Gautam Buddha University expressed mutual commitment to fostering collaborative dialogue and participation in the future as well. On behalf

of the Department of Education, Dr. Shruti Kanwar expressed heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Army Institute of Education for providing such an invaluable and enriching opportunity and assured continued cooperation in the future.

Under the able guidance of Head of the Department Dr. Rakesh Kumar Srivastava, faculty members Dr. Mamta Rani, Dr. Shalini Bhardwaj, and Dr. Vaishali made significant contributions to the successful organization of the tour.

15. Special Lecture on the Indian Knowledge System:

On April 16, under the leadership of Professor Bandana Pandey, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, a special lecture on the Indian knowledge system was organized. Professor Dhananjay Singh, member secretary of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), attended the event as the chief guest and speaker. The program was presided over by Vice Chancellor Professor Rana Pratap Singh. In his lecture, Professor Dhananjay Singh emphasized that India's education system must now break free from the colonial mindset and move forward by embracing the rich heritage of the Indian knowledge tradition. He noted that for many years after independence, hardly any work was done in this field, but now it is time to change our way of thinking. He further highlighted that Kautilya had conceptualized the idea of a well-planned village at a time when such concepts were unheard of across the world – reflecting



From left V.C Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, Member secretary ICSSR Dr. Dhananjay Singh and Dean SOHSS Prof. Bandana Pandey

the immense richness and antiquity of India's knowledge traditions. Presiding over the program, Professor Rana Pratap Singh stated that the Indian knowledge tradition discusses concepts such as the unmanifest-manifest and the great elements called panchamahabhutas (five great elements), which are clearly related to modern scientific ideas of atoms and molecules. He added that discussions about nature teach us the importance of balance, and no scientific principle can be authenticated without understanding the principle of balance. In her welcome address, Professor Bandana Pandey stated that if one possesses knowledge, there is no need for anything else. Furthermore, even if we acquire all the knowledge available, if there still arises a need to seek new paths to knowledge, those paths can only be found within the Indian knowledge system, and nowhere else. Faculty members and students from various schools of the university contributed to the success of the program.

16.Shakespeare Day celebration: The Department of English successfully organized a vibrant and intellectually stimulating week-long celebration to mark the birth anniversary of William Shakespeare, one of the most revered figures in world literature. The event, held from April 18 to 23, brought together students and faculty members in a series of creative and academic engagements, culminating in a grand finale on April 23, traditionally observed as Shakespeare's birthday.



Prof. Bandana Pandey during the Shakespeare Day celebration in the department of English

The week was marked by a range of interactive events designed to explore and celebrate Shakespeare's literary legacy. These included a "Sonnet Slam," where students recited both classical Shakespearean sonnets and original compositions in the Bard's style; "Character Portrayal," featuring dramatic performances of iconic Shakespearean figures; and "Quote Murals," which combined literary appreciation with visual art as students presented illustrated interpretations of famous quotes. Other highlights included the "Soliloquy Showcase," offering powerful renditions of Shakespeare's renowned monologues, and a spirited "Shakespeare Quiz" that tested participants on the playwright's life, works, and historical context. Each event drew enthusiastic participation from students, turning the celebration into a dynamic platform for literary and cultural expression.

The grand finale, held on April 23, showcased the finalists from each category in front of a broad university audience. Faculty members and students gathered in large numbers to witness the culminating performances and presentations. The Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Prof. Bandana Pandey commended the Department of English for its initiative and remarked on the continued relevance of Shakespeare in today's world.

The celebration provided students with an enriching experience that combined creativity, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary learning. Beyond commemorating the Bard of Avon, the events served to invigorate literary culture on campus and inspire deeper engagement with classical literature.

17. National Public Relations Day Celebrated in the Department of Mass Communication and Media Studies: The Department of Mass Communication and Media Studies organized the celebration of National Public Relations Day on April 21. On this occasion, Mr. Shivanand Pandey, Public Relations Officer -

from the Ministry of Skill Development, Government of India, was present as the chief guest. The program was presided over by Professor Bandana Pandey, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Head of the Department of Mass Communication and Media Studies. There was a quiz competition held on this occasion and the names of the winners of that competition were announced by the chief guest, Mr. Shivanand Pandey, and Professor Bandana Pandey.



Felicitation of chief guest Mr. Shivanand Pandey by Dean SOHSS, Prof. Bandana Pandey and faculty members

Mr. Shivanand Pandey, in his address, introduced students to the intricacies of public relations and stated that the field of public relations is vast. He explained that even before India's independence, many companies had public relations departments, and today the scope has expanded significantly. Public relations departments now function not only in the public sector but also in every small and large private company. Mr. Pandey clarified some misconceptions about public relations, explaining that it is not about showing negative things in a positive light, as some may think. Similarly, it is not true that those doing good work do not need public relations. According to public relations philosophy, if you are doing good work, people have the right to know about it, and informing them is what public relations is all about. In her presidential address, Professor Bandana Pandey mentioned that public relations always work with a long-term vision. She elaborated that if a small negative news story

emerges about an institution, its public relations officer does not focus on the negativity but instead promotes the positive contributions and work of that institution. This, she said, is the essence of public relations, where a skilled PR officer helps an institution avoid negative publicity while maintaining positive relationships with all. She encouraged the students to consider public relations as a career, highlighting that opportunities exist not only for news anchors, reporters, and editors but also as public relations officers, both in the government and corporate sectors. She also mentioned that countless opportunities are available in advertising, provided you have a clear goal. The event was made successful by Assistant Professors Dr. Vineet Kumar, Dr. Priyatam, Dr. Vimlesh Kumar, Dr. Ashutosh Verma, Dr. Pratima, and the students.

18. Earth Day 2025: On April 22, Gautam Buddha University celebrated Earth Day 2025 with great enthusiasm and this year's theme was "Our Power, Our Planet." The event was organized by the Department of Environmental Science, in the School of Vocational Studies and Applied Sciences with active participation from students, faculty members, researchers, and officials of the university. The chief guest for the event, Professor V.K. Jain (Former Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University and Doon University), shared valuable insights into emerging energy technologies such as green hydrogen and bio-hydrogen. He explained how these technologies could play a revolutionary role in addressing future energy needs while contributing to environmental conservation



VC Prof. Rana Pratap Singh and others on the occasion of Earth Day 2025

Presiding over the event, Vice Chancellor Professor Rana Pratap Singh emphasized that Earth Day is not merely a one-day event but an ongoing consciousness that teaches us the importance of balancing 'need and greed.' He urged everyone to protect natural resources and adopt a sustainable lifestyle. During the celebration, a theme-based rangoli was created, and a poster exhibition was held, along with the release of the third edition of the wall magazine, "EcoVerse." Students actively participated in quiz and poster competitions; both centered on environmental conservation. Akshita Bhattacharya (B.Sc. Environmental Science) won the quiz competition, while Swati Nishad and Mini Verma (M.Sc. Environmental Science) emerged as the winners of the poster competition. At the end of the program, Dr. Bhaswati Banerjee reflected on the event as a focal point of knowledge, collaboration, and environmental commitment.

19.Food Without Fire : On April 23, Department of Education and Training, organized a "Food Without Fire" event. The main objective of the event was to encourage creativity, cleanliness, nutritional awareness, and a sense of group leadership among students. Students from various programs including ITEP, B.Ed., and M.A. Education, enthusiastically participated in the competition and presented a wide variety of delicious and nutritious dishes without the use of fire. They beautifully decorated and presented dishes such as sprout salad, fruit chaat, fruit juices, coconut modak, dry fruit modak, bhel puri, sandwiches, yogurt, bread desserts, and various types of drinks.



Faculty members and students of the Department of Education during food without fire event

The Chief Guest for the event was Professor Bandana Pandey, Dean of School of Humanities and Social Sciences. In her speech, she emphasized that in today's world, life skills are just as important as bookish knowledge. She highlighted that such competitions connect students to practical life beyond textbooks and provide them with opportunities to practice creative thinking, time management, cleanliness, nutrition, and coordination. She also noted that such events boost students' self-confidence and foster a sense of cooperation and teamwork. Professor Pandey concluded her speech by wishing all the participants success and encouraging them to participate in similar activities in the future.

Faculty members from various other departments, including Dr. Rupali Srivastava, Dr. Manjri Suman, Dr. Vineet Kumar, and Dr. Riya Raj, praised the creativity displayed by the students in the preparation and presentation of the dishes. Under the expert guidance of Dr. Rakesh Kumar Srivastava, Head of the Department of Education, and with the support of faculty members such as Dr. Shruti Kanwar, Dr. Mamta Rani, Dr. Shalini Bhardwaj, and Dr. Vaishali, the event was highly successful.

20.Three-day International Asian Libraries Conference: A The three-day International Asian Libraries Conference was organized by the B.R. Ambedkar Bodhisattva Library of Gautam Buddha University, on April 24-26. Dr. Maya Devi, the Deputy Librarian of the university, mentioned that the event was held in collaboration with the Asian Library Association, New Delhi. The aim of the ICL 2025 conference was to expand participants' understanding of smart library management in the context of AI-based emerging technologies and to help them leverage AI-based services in smart libraries. The key points of the conference included presentations by library professionals, invited talks by experts, and panel discussions on the

on the subject Conference Director Dr. P.R. Goswami explained how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is improving library functions in today's digital world. The keynote speaker, Prof. Shahabat Hussain, former Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and former Chairperson of DLIS, AMU, Aligarh, discussed the transformative role of AI, RFID technology, virtual reality, and smart library designs. He highlighted the potential of developing robotic assistants in the future to automate library tasks.

The Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Nagwat, Vice Chancellor of DSEU, shed light on the historical development of libraries, tracing their evolution from the knowledge repositories of Mesopotamia, Takshashila, and Nalanda universities to the modern age of digital libraries.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, emphasized the utility of the conference, describing it as an opportunity for participants to gain a new vision of innovations. Following his address, the official release of the conference volume took place.



VC Prof. Rana Pratap Singh and others during release of the conference volume in the three-day International Asian Libraries Conference

Event Secretary Dr. Maya Devi, Deputy Librarian of B.R. Ambedkar Library, expressed her gratitude to all the guests and organizing committee members, particularly acknowledging the support of the Dean, School of Law Justice and Governance Dr. K.K. Dwivedi, Head of the Department of Law Dr. Santosh Tiwari, and faculty members of the department Dr. Priyanka Singh, Ms. Yamini, Dr. Akhilesh, Mr. Sagar, Ms. Soumya, Ms. Sujata, and students.

21.Lok Sabha Virtual Competition: On April 29, the School of Law, Justice and Governance organized a Lok Sabha Virtual Competition on the topic of Uniform Civil Code. In this competition, the award for Best Parliamentarian (Male) was given to Sanskar Singh, and Best Parliamentarian (Female) to Lakshmi Narayan. Aditya Sahay was awarded Audience Favorite (Male category). The Best Speaker (Ruling Side) award went to Anjali Yadav, while Shri Abhiraj Singh won Best Speaker (Opposition). Saumya Singh received the Jury Favorite award.

Advitya Veer performed the role of the Speaker, while Tripti Panwar and Ojal Pandey played the roles of Reporters. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh highlighted various significant aspects of the Uniform Civil Code and emphasized the need for its immediate passage.

Head of the Department of Law, Dr. Santosh Kumar Tiwari, remarked, while Moot Court competitions help students understand judicial procedures, Parliamentary competitions foster an understanding of political nuances and help develop political acumen. Dean Dr. Krishna Kant Dwivedi, along with Dr. Rama Sharma, Dr. Mamta Sharma, Dr. Poonam Pandey, Dr. Satish Chandra, Dr. Anita Yadav, Dr. Akshay Kumar Singh, Dr. Akhilesh Kumari, and others graced the event with their presence and contributed to its success.



Sometimes it's better to be kind than to be right. We do not need an intelligent mind that speaks, but a patient heart that listens. You will not be punished for your anger, you will be punished by your anger



--Gautam Buddha--

Extra-curricular

1.Dawat-e-GBU: On March 11, Gautam Buddha University hosted the grand “Dawat-e-GBU” Cultural Food Festival. The event was organized by the students of the university's School of Management and took place at the Grand Walk. The festival featured a variety of activities including sports stalls, delicious food stalls, mesmerizing dance performances, and musical events that captivated the audience.

The event was graced by the presence of Vice Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, and Registrar Dr. Vishwas Tripathi. They appreciated the hard work and dedication of the students and termed the event a significant step for the university. The purpose of the festival was not only to showcase diverse cultural cuisines but also to provide students with practical experience in management and event organization. During the festival, various sports activities and cultural performances offered entertainment to all. The food stalls offered a wide selection of Indian and international dishes, which were highly appreciated by the students and visitors



Vice Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, Registrar Dr. Vishwas Tripathi and others during Dawat e GBU

In his address, Prof. Rana Pratap Singh highlighted the importance of such events, emphasizing that they provide students with real-world experience in event organization and management. Dr. Vishwas Tripathi also expressed his support for organizing more cultural and managerial events in the future. This event was not only a memorable experience for the GBU

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2.Holi Celebration: On March 14, international students of Gautam Buddha University from Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, and other countries, along with Indian faculty members, celebrated the vibrant and joyous festival of Holi. This special occasion provided an important opportunity for cultural exchange by bringing together the university's international community and Indian students and faculty members. The celebration began with an interesting introduction to the significance of Holi in Indian culture, with a special focus on the tradition of Holika Dahan, which symbolizes the triumph of good over evil. The students were informed about how this tradition is celebrated across different parts of India and its role in uniting diverse communities within Indian society. Following this, the students participated in the colorful rituals of Holi, throwing gulaal on each other, creating a lively and cheerful atmosphere. The entire setting was filled with joy and excitement, showcasing the warmth and diversity of Indian festivals.

In addition, the students had the opportunity to savor special Indian sweets and dishes prepared for the occasion of Holi, including gujiya, mathri, and custard. The students thoroughly enjoyed the Indian cuisine, making this cultural experience even more memorable.



Foreign students celebrating Holi

Nguyen Van Cook, a student from Vietnam, shared, that they are very happy to be part of this rich cultural experience.

3.Distribution of Tablets and Smartphones to Students under the Swami Vivekananda Youth Empowerment Scheme: On March 19, under the Uttar Pradesh state government's significant Swami Vivekananda Youth Empowerment Scheme, tablets and smartphones were distributed to students in educational institutions across the state. Millions of students have already benefited from this scheme. At Gautam Buddha University, 982 students have benefitted from this initiative so far.

In this event 198 students received Samsung brand tablets under the scheme. The event was chaired by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh. To extend the benefits of the scheme to students, the university has uploaded their information on the Digi-Shakti portal. The process of uploading data for newly admitted students is also underway.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh and others during tablet distribution

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rana Pratap Singh expressed hope that through these tablets and smartphones, students would be able to contribute to their studies in a better way -

and be motivated to achieve good grades. He particularly emphasized the growing importance of technology and online platforms in education and research, and how students from disadvantaged backgrounds would benefit the most from this initiative. He stated that this step would not only enhance students' academic abilities but also refine their research skills, enabling them to stay at the forefront of technological advancements. He encouraged the youth to venture into areas that would be beneficial for society. Registrar, Dr. Vishwas Tripathi, congratulated all the beneficiaries. Dr. Manmohan Singh Sisodia, the university nodal officer for Swami Vivekananda Youth Empowerment Scheme, expressed his gratitude to Vice Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, Registrar Dr. Vishwas Tripathi, Dean Academics Prof. N.P Melkania, all deans, Hods, Technical Superintendent Mr. Rajkumar, and all teaching and non-teaching members of GBU for their contributions in successful arrangement of the event. This scheme is an important step taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh towards empowerment of the youth of the state.



Students enjoying at the musical event.

4.Musical event: On April 13, a musical event by DJ MAVI was organized at Gautam Buddha University, in which the university students participated with great enthusiasm.

5.Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Birth Anniversary: In the morning of April 14, on the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar birth anniversary Vice Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, along with faculty members, non-teaching staff, and students, paid floral tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and reflected on his principles. On this occasion-



VC Prof. Rana Pratap Singh and others on the occasion of Dr. B.R Ambedkar birth anniversary

Prof. Rana Pratap Singh said that Dr. B. R Ambedkar was A visionary leader, social reformer, and the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, his ideals of equality, justice, and human dignity continue to inspire us to build a more inclusive and compassionate society.

6.Thingyan Festival 1387: The Myanmar student community studying at Gautam Buddha University celebrated the Thingyan Festival 1387 (Myanmar New Year) with great enthusiasm, traditional fervor, and a spirit of unity.

Organized by M.A. and Ph.D. students of Buddhist Studies, this cultural event saw participation from international students and faculty members from various countries, including India, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Taiwan, and Sri Lanka.



Foreign students during Mayanmar New Year celebration

Thingyan is Myanmar's traditional New Year festival, typically celebrated in mid-April. It is a significant event in Myanmar's cultural heritage, closely associated with Buddhist traditions and the changing of seasons. The word "Thingyan" is derived from the Sanskrit word "Sankranti," symbolizing the transition -

of the sun from Pisces to Aries – marking the end of the old year and the beginning of the new. The history of Thingyan dates back to the ancient Bagan period (before the 9th century) and is linked to Indian mythology and astrology.

One of the festival's most distinctive features is the tradition of sprinkling water. Splashing water on each other in the streets not only represents joy and festivity but also carries a spiritual meaning – it is believed to wash away the sins and misfortunes of the past year, purifying the soul. During the festival, traditional delicacies such as Mont Lone Yay Baw (sticky rice balls filled with jaggery) are prepared and shared, reflecting the spirit of generosity and renewal.

7.Condolence and Candle March at GBU for Pahalgam Terror Attack: On 23 April, a condolence assembly was organized by Professor Bandana Pandey, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, at Gautam Buddha University to express sorrow over the brutal terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, in which innocent Indians were mercilessly killed. Prof. Pandey expressed deep anguish over the tragic incident, urging the families to face this difficult time with courage and resilience. She strongly condemned the barbaric act of terrorism that took place in Pahalgam and said that such tragedies inspire us to unite and strengthen the values of humanity. She expressed complete solidarity with the grieving families, praying for the departed souls to rest in peace and for the bereaved families to have the strength to endure this irreparable loss. She emphasized that the country will never forget the innocent Indians who were mercilessly killed by terrorists. All faculty members and students of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences observed a two-minute silence to pay homage. In light of the horrific terrorist attack that occurred on Tuesday, 23 April, in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, which claimed the lives of 28 -

28 innocent civilians, there has been an atmosphere of mourning and outrage across the country. In protest against this tragic incident and to pay tribute to the martyrs, students of Gautam Buddha University (GBU) organized a candle march. A large number of students gathered on the university campus, lit candles, and observed two minutes of silence to pray for the peace of the departed souls.



Dean SOHSS Prof. Bandana Pandey and all faculty members and students during the condolence for the victims of Pahelgaon terror attack.

During the march, students raised slogans like "Down with Terrorism" and "Long Live National Unity," sending a strong message of peace, harmony, and brotherhood across the country. Faculty members of the university also participated in the march alongside the students.

Notable attendees included Dr. Kavita Singh, Dr. Gaurav Kumar, Dr. Kapil Shekhar, Dr. Chand Babu, Dr. Mandeep, Mr. Pankaj, Mr. Manish, Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Mr. Naman Anand, Saransh, Shomil, and many other teachers and students. The GBU community, through this sensitive event, reaffirmed its commitment to national unity and integrity and raised a powerful voice against terrorism.

8.GBU Showcases Unique Innovations in Education at Bharat Shiksha Expo 2025: The Bharat Shiksha Expo 2025, held from 24 to 26 April 2025 at the India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida, became an inspiring platform for educational institutions, academicians, and policymakers from across the country. The three-day event aimed to share innovations in the field of education, encourage the adoption

of new technologies and establish meaningful dialogues toward making India a global leader in education.

Gautam Buddha University (GBU) marked an impressive presence at this prestigious event. The university's representatives — Dr. Omveer Singh, Dr. Anant Pratap Singh, Dr. Vimlesh Kumar Roy, Dr. Bipasha Som Gune, and other faculty members participated on behalf of GBU, showcasing the university's academic achievements, research initiatives, and educational innovations. GBU's participation highlighted that the university is not only committed to delivering quality education but is also playing a leading role in promoting new educational technologies and policies.



GBU stall at Bharat Shiksha Expo

At this forum, the university shared its research work, teaching methodologies, and efforts in the field of digital education, engaging in valuable discussions with other renowned institutions. Bharat Shiksha Expo 2025 became an important occasion where academicians from different parts of the country strengthened the spirit of dialogue and collaboration toward a shared goal. The event served as a significant step toward promoting quality, inclusivity, and innovation in the education system.

9. Scout Guide Camp: On April 24, 2025, The Education and Training Department inaugurated a three-day Scout Guide Camp. The camp was organized in collaboration with the Hindustan Scout Guide Training Service Institute. The chief camp director, Mr. Vivek Bhargav (State Secretary, Uttar Pradesh), and Mr. Pinku Patil (Joint Training

Commissioner, Uttar Pradesh) were present to guide the participants. They provided an overview of the camp's objectives and explained the complete schedule for the three days. Following this, the participants were divided into groups to enhance their leadership skills.



Scout and guide trainer training the students

The participants were educated about the rules, ideals, pledge, and salute of scouting, followed by a practice of the march-past. Team-building activities, Scout games, songs, and group games were also conducted. These activities helped develop a sense of cooperation, leadership, and discipline among the participants, setting a strong foundation for the days ahead.

During the review session, all the participants shared their experiences. The participants not only learned the key aspects of scouting but also honed their skills, setting a strong foundation for the next two days.

Social Activities / Service

1.Road Safety Bootcamp: Triguna – The Science of Living, in partnership with Valvoline and Cummins Private Limited, successfully organized a Road Safety Bootcamp on April 4, 2025, at Gautam Buddha University. The purpose of this event was to raise awareness and educate students about road safety practices and responsible driving behaviours. The session saw active participation from Mr. Kuldeep from Valvoline and Cummins' safety

departments, along with Mr. Adarsh Gupta, the founder CEO of Triguna and an alumnus of GBU, and esteemed professors from the university. They shared their insights on the current challenges and solutions related to road safety in India. Their perspectives enriched the discussions and highlighted the collective responsibility of individuals and institutions in promoting safer roads.

The bootcamp included interactive sessions and informational segments designed to engage students and instil life-saving habits. Ms. Zebish efficiently conducted the event, ensuring a smooth and impactful experience for all attendees.



Students during the road safety boot camp

Vice Chancellor Professor Rana Pratap Singh, commended the organizers of the bootcamp and emphasized that the university remains committed to addressing significant issues that impact everyday life, thereby contributing to overall welfare and social responsibility. He further noted that the collaboration with industry leaders like Valvoline and Cummins Private Limited reflects a shared mission to promote a safer and more aware society.

A notable achievement of the event was the distribution of free helmets to 250 students, not only to make them understand the importance of safety but also to encourage them to incorporate this practice into their daily lives. The helmet distribution aimed to ensure that students apply the lessons learned from the bootcamp to their personal safety.

2. Road Safety Workshop: A special workshop on the theme of 'Road Safety Drive' was organized by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India. The event was held on an open stretch of road along the Yamuna Expressway in Jewar. Over a hundred students from various departments of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Gautam Buddha University – including the Department of Mass Communication and Media Studies, Department of Political Science, Department of Economics, and Department of History – actively participated in the event. The Transport Department of Gautam Buddha Nagar and the organization 'ATMA' representing tire companies, along with the i-TAC program, were present as co-organizers. During the workshop, students not only became aware themselves but also took a pledge to spread awareness about road safety among people around them. The aim of the program was to sensitize students to the importance of road safety, the role of public awareness campaigns, and their responsibilities towards society. On this occasion, several distinguished guests addressed the students, including renowned anchor and media expert Mr. Sumit Awasthi, the District Magistrate of Gautam Buddha Nagar, and Professor Bandana Pandey, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Head of the Department of Mass Communication, along with other experts.



Students of GBU at the road safety workshop

On this occasion, Professor Bandana Pandey, stated that this workshop provided a practical platform for university students,

where they can understand the issue of road safety through various examples, statistics, and documentaries. Students could internalize the valuable discussions shared here and ensure the safety of not only themselves but also their families. She remarked that students are not just the dreams of their parents – they are also the heritage of this nation. Therefore, when one follows traffic rules and protect one's life on the roads, one makes a meaningful contribution to the nation's progress. Just as walking on roads is our constitutional right, adhering to safety rules is also our fundamental duty.

She further added that Gautam Buddha University consistently offers its students opportunities to engage in real-life, practical experiences through media visits, workshops, and interactive sessions.

3.Smart Stick Startup :A startup associated with Gautam Buddha University's Incubation Center has been launched with the aim of making life easier for visually impaired individuals. Amit Jain, an entrepreneur at the center, has developed a medical device, a smart stick, designed to assist the visually impaired in their daily lives. Amit Jain and Priyanka Jain, founders of the BCI company, shared that they often witnessed the daily struggles of visually impaired people around them. In an effort to solve their problems, they created the smart stick. This device will inform the user of any obstacles or challenges in their path in advance. The smart stick will alert users to potential hazards such as potholes, stones, and other obstacles. Through AI, it will provide detailed information about obstacles up to a certain distance, ensuring greater safety. The smart stick is linked to Google Maps, and once users save a route through an app, the device will start providing relevant information about their journey. They only need to save their route once, after which the device will assist them in navigating their path with ease.

4.Financial Grant for Three Startups to Empower Rural Areas: The Government of Uttar Pradesh has launched an initiative to make rural India self-reliant, with ten startups aimed at addressing various issues. Among these, three startups are associated with Gautam Buddha University. The first, Saurya Ujjwala Pvt. Ltd., has received funding from the government to provide affordable electricity to rural areas. The second, Veer Connect India Environment Technology, is focused on environmental technology. The third, Walsco Technology Pvt. Ltd., is developing a solution to assist people stuck in legal complexities. Each of these startups is working in distinct fields and has received a grant of ₹5 lakh each from the Uttar Pradesh government to support their efforts in making a positive impact.

5.Gautam Buddha University's "Jurident" App Offers Legal Advice: A startup at Gautam Buddha University's Incubation Center, Walsco Technology Pvt. Ltd., has developed an app called Jurident. This app is designed to assist lawyers and law firms in accessing information related to law and the Constitution. Based on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) technologies, this app automates tasks such as contract analysis and document management, improving lawyers' efficiency and accuracy. Jurident allows for quick analysis of large volumes of legal data, facilitating better decision-making in legal matters.

6.GBU Stands in Solidarity with Myanmar and Thailand: A 7.7 magnitude earthquake in Myanmar has severely impacted several regions of Myanmar and Thailand. This devastating natural disaster has claimed numerous lives, destroyed homes, and left millions of families struggling with shortages of food, clean water, and essential supplies. In this difficult time, Gautam Buddha University (GBU), through its School of Buddhist Studies and Civilization, expresses deep sympathy-



Students from Myanmar and Thailand praying for their families.

and solidarity with the affected communities. Dr. Arvind Kumar Singh, Director of the School of Buddhist Studies and Civilization, stated that Gautam Buddha University has been a key academic destination for students from Myanmar and Thailand, with over 250 students graduating from here. Currently, around 30 students from these countries are studying at GBU. He stated that we, as an institution, extend our deepest sympathies to the people of both nations. Other faculty members also expressed their concern over this tragic situation, with sentiments of solidarity for their students and their families.

7.Public Awareness Campaign on Cyber Fraud: Under the guidance of Professor Bandana Pandey, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Head of the Department of Mass Communication and Media Studies, students from the Department of Mass Communication conducted a public awareness campaign on cyber fraud in Gharbara village, Greater Noida, on Saturday.

As part of the campaign, the students toured the entire village, educating residents on how to protect themselves from cyber scams, particularly those conducted through mobile phones. Using the traditional medium of street theatre (nukkad natak), they conveyed a powerful message to the villagers. Students of the BA Journalism and Mass Communication program actively participated in the campaign and delivered a

compelling performance that touched the hearts of the villagers, raising awareness about the threats of cyber fraud.



Students in the public awareness campaign in Gharbara village

On this occasion, Professor Bandana Pandey spoke about the awareness campaign, stating that all students of the department are trained not only in theoretical knowledge but also in the practical aspects of media. As part of this training, students also conducted a public awareness campaign and performed a street play in Gharbara village under the theme of development journalism. She further added that it has been observed that cyber criminals are increasingly targeting innocent people in rural areas, which makes it our moral responsibility to raise awareness among them.

The awareness campaign and street play were led by Dr. Vineet Kumar, Assistant Professor in the department. During the campaign, Dr. Vineet informed the children of the local village school about ways to protect themselves from cybercrime. He emphasized that they must become aware themselves and also help educate their parents about the risks of cyber fraud.

Dr. Ashutosh Kumar and Dr. Pratima, along with most of the department's students and faculty members, actively participated in the campaign and contributed to making it a collective effort.

8. Mass Communication Students Spread Road Safety Awareness through Street Play:

On April 28, students of the Department of Mass Communication and Media Studies -

conducted a public awareness campaign on road safety near Nimbus Society in Greater Noida. The campaign was organized under the guidance of Professor Bandana Pandey, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Head of the Department of Mass Communication and media Studies. As part of the campaign, students performed a street play (nukkad natak) and organized a rally to educate people about safe practices on the road. Through the play, they creatively conveyed important messages such as the importance of wearing helmets, fastening seat belts, following traffic rules, and avoiding the use of mobile phones while driving. The street play was directed by Vanshika Mishra, a second-year BA Mass Communication student, and was supported by Khushi, Madhuri, Mahi, Swati, Riya, Vishal, Nishant, Harsh, Yashnandan, Prakriti, Harshit, Ayushi, and many others. They performed the play and held the rally near the society to raise awareness among citizens about the importance of road safety and encouraged responsible traffic behaviour. Speaking about the initiative, Professor Bandana Pandey stated that the Department of Mass Communication at Gautam Buddha University emphasizes strong practical training alongside theoretical learning. This road safety campaign was part of the second phase of the department's training in development communication, where students used street theatre to deliver a meaningful message.



Faculty members and students of Mass Communication after the street play

She further emphasized that road safety is one of the most urgent needs of today, and it is the responsibility of every citizen to follow traffic rules in order to protect not only their own lives but also those of others. Assistant -

Professors Dr. Vineet Kumar, Dr. Kumar Priyatam, and Dr. Bimlesh Kumar played active roles in this campaign. The faculty members highlighted the importance of connecting students with social concerns through such rallies and street plays, and giving them hands-on practice in communication at the grassroots level. They reiterated that obeying road safety rules is the duty of every citizen. All faculty members of the department and second-year students of the BA Mass Communication program participated enthusiastically in this public awareness campaign

Sports News

1.Marathan: Students and employees of GBU participated in Marathan organised by Runex Sports in the premises of Delhi Public School Noida. In the 5 kilometer run an office staff from Education and Training department Mr. Dilip Kumar secured third position by completing the run in 18 minutes. Mohit Kumar, a student of Physial Eductaion, secured 5th position in the same event by completing the run in 21 minutes.

2.Student Shakti Singh Secures Third Position in Baba Sheetla Gold Cup Bharat Kesari Wrestling Tournament: On March 8–9, Gautam Buddha University student Shakti Singh delivered an impressive performance, securing third place in the historic Baba Sheetla Gold Cup Bharat Kesari Wrestling Tournament held at Village Sarfabad, Sector 73, Noida.

More than 400 wrestlers from across the country participated in the competition, -



Shakti Singh receiving the award for third position in Baba Sheetla Gold Cup Bharat Kesari Wrestling Tournament

including participants from Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Himachal Pradesh. Shakti Singh, a postgraduate second-year student in Buddhist Studies at the School of Buddhist Studies and Civilization secured third position in the Bharat Kesari weight category (above 75 kilograms).

3. Inauguration of Shauryotsav: The Annual Sports Festival of Gautam Buddha University Shauryotsav, has officially begun in April. Various sports competitions are organized as part of this event. Students have shown great enthusiasm and excitement for the event, and preparations for hosting various sports activities at the university's sports complex like Volleyball, badminton, table tennis, tug of war etc. have been completed.



Glimpses of Shauryotsav

4.Volleyball Championship: The three-day Volleyball Championship Challenge 2025 was held from 21 to 23 April at the Eklavya Indoor Stadium of Gautam Buddha University, where the finals in the men's and women's categories were played. In the finals, Sharda University clinched the trophy in the girls' category, while Galgotias University emerged victorious in the boys' category.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh Felicitating Players at Volleyball Championship

Dr. Pradeep Yadav, Sports Officer at Gautam Buddha University, informed that in the boys' finals, Galgotias University defeated GBU, and in the girls' final, Sharda University defeated IILM to win the trophy.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh honored the winning players by presenting them with trophies and awards.

NSS News

1. Yuva Samvad @2047: On March 5, the National Service Scheme (NSS) of Gautam Buddha University organized the program "Yuva Samvad @2047" at the Biotechnology Auditorium. This dialogue served as a vital platform by the youth, for the youth, and about the youth, emphasizing their significant role in shaping a bright future for India. The distinguished guests for the event included Dr. Amarnath Mishra (Professor and Forensic Expert, Amity University, Noida), Dr. Nisha Chaudhary (Gynecologist and Obstetrician, Government Institute of Medical Sciences, Greater Noida), and Dr. Satish Chandra (Assistant Professor, School of Law, Gautam Buddha University). These esteemed experts

shared their insightful thoughts on the theme "Building a Developed India."



Glimpses of Yuva Samvad @2047

As part of the event, a debate competition was also organized for NSS volunteers on the theme "Viksit Bharat – 2047". The energy and enthusiasm displayed by the students added to the impact and success of the event. NSS volunteers played an active role in the smooth and effective conduct of the program. Following the competition, the winners were awarded prizes and certificates. The event's success was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the NSS program coordinators and officials—Dr. J.P. Moyal, Dr. Lalita Mehra, Dr. Naveen Kumar, Dr. Vibhavari, Dr. Alpa Yadav, and Dr. Ajay Kansal. Vice Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, Registrar Dr. Vishwas Tripathi and Dean of Student Affairs DR. Manmohan Sisodia appreciated the program, commended the efforts of NSS, and encouraged the students for a bright and promising future.

2.Swachhata se Seva Tak: On March 29, 2025, NSS Unit 3 organized a one-day camp in a slum area near Kasna under the "Swachhata Se Seva Tak" campaign. The objective of this camp was to raise awareness about cleanliness among the citizens and promote community participation. This initiative aligns with the broader goals of the "Swachhata Hi Seva-2024"



Glimpses of Swachhata se seva tak event

campaign, which aims to establish cleanliness as both a personal habit and a social responsibility. Additionally, the campaign sought to enhance community involvement, making cleanliness an integral part of daily life.

3.Environmental Awareness and Implementation Campaign: On April 4, NSS Unit 2 organized a program as part of its Environmental Awareness and Implementation Campaign. The event included a field visit by NSS volunteers to promote environmental consciousness and action. The objective of the campaign was to enhance understanding and encourage active participation in environmental protection.

During the program, the volunteers took a pledge to safeguard the environment at all costs and to educate the younger generation about the benefits of preserving nature. Additionally, the volunteers cleaned the field near the GBU lake as part of their commitment to environmental action.



Glimpses of Environmental Awareness and Implementation Campaign

Special News

1.Inauguration of OPD for Pain and Cancer Patients at JIMS Initiated by GBU's Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rana Pratap Singh: On March 1, the Pain Therapy and Palliative Care OPD was inaugurated at the Government Institute of Medical Sciences (JIMS), Greater Noida, where pain and cancer patients will receive treatment. This OPD was established under the initiative of Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Gautam Buddha University. Speaking about this initiative, Prof. Rana Pratap Singh expressed that it was a privilege to be part of this noble endeavour and mentioned that this OPD would serve as a ray of hope for many individuals. The Director of the Institute, Brigadier Dr. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, stated that the Pain Therapy Center will prove to be a milestone for individuals suffering from severe pain. This center has been established to provide all possible assistance to people who have been enduring pain for three to four months. He also mentioned that the Palliative Care OPD would offer specialized care for patients, -

ensuring that treatment begins immediately upon the diagnosis of cancer. This not only alleviates the physical pain of patients but also provides relief from their mental health issues.



VC Prof. Rana Pratap Singh being felicitated at Sharda university

2.Vice Chancellor Prof rana Pratap Singh at Sharda University: On March 21, the Vice-Chancellor of Gautam Buddha University, Professor Rana Pratap Singh, attended the 8th North-East Cultural Fest “Beiliatus Culture” held at Sharda University as the Chief Guest.



VC Prof Rana Pratap Singh and Chancellor Yogi Adityanath

3.Vice-Chancellor Professor Rana Pratap Singh Meets Chancellor Yogi Adityanath: On March 28, Vice Chancellor Professor Rana Pratap Singh, met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and Chancellor of Gautam Buddha University, Yogi Adityanath. During the meeting, there was in-depth discussion and reflection on advancing the university's academic and research excellence.

4.International Smart City Conclave 2025: A three-day International Smart City Conclave 2025 was organized at Gautam Buddha University from April 21 to 23. On this occasion, the Chief Guest was Tejpal Nagar, MLA from the Dadri region. Vice Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, CEO of the Global Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Engineer Ashish Gupta, representative of Access Arabia, James, and many other experts, officials, and representatives associated with urban planning from India and abroad graced the occasion.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh and others at the International Smart City Conclave 2025

Important issues like urban development, the concept of smart cities, technological innovations, the digitization of public services clean energy, environmental conservation, and the protection of water resources were discussed in the event.

5.Vice Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh Attends Event at Savitribai Phule Inter College

: An environmental conservation program was organized at Savitribai Phule Inter College on the occasion of Earth Day. During the event, several competitions related to Earth conservation were held. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor of Gautam Buddha University, Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, was present as the Chief Guest. The Principal of the institution, Dr. Rajeev Kumar, and Vice Principal Preeti Phogat informed that the students took a pledge to keep the Earth clean and beautiful.

Admission

1.Admission Process Begins at the University:

The admission process for 4,360 seats across various programs for the upcoming academic session 2025-26 has begun from March 21. On this occasion, the university launched the Admission Brochure and inaugurated the Online Admission Portal. This academic year, the university has opened admissions to 160 programs, including 10 newly introduced courses. Admissions are being offered in undergraduate, postgraduate, integrated, and research programs. The newly introduced courses include:

- 1.B.Sc. (Hons.) in Clinical Psychology
- 2.Master of Physical Education and Sports
- 3.M.Sc. in Operations Research and Computer Applications
- 4.M.S.W. in Medical Psychiatric Social Work
- 5.Master of Design (Interior Design)
- 6.Integrated B.Sc.–M.Sc. in Ayurveda Biology
- 7.Integrated B.Plan–M.Plan
- 8.Integrated M.Sc.–Ph.D. in Life Sciences and Systems Medicine
- 10.B.Tech. (Mechanical Engineering – Weekend)
- 11.Post Graduate Diploma in Psycho-Social Rehabilitation



V.C Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, Registrar Dr. Vishwas Tripathi and others during the launch of admission brochure

2.Introduction of Postgraduate Course in Sports at GBU from the New Session: Gautam Buddha University is launching a Master in Physical Education and Sports program. In this context, Prof. Bandana Pandey said, that during the master's program, students will learn gym management, sports event organization, and how to successfully conduct various events. She emphasized the importance of Physical Education and Sports, noting that many students had been requesting this course for a long time. Previously, they had to go outside to pursue a master's degree in this field. The decision to introduce this course was made keeping the students' interests in mind.

3.GBU's Initiative to Revive the Ayurvedic Medical System: Gautam Buddha University is making a significant effort to revive India's oldest Ayurvedic medical system. The university is launching a new research program, Integrated B.Sc. and M.Sc. (Ayurveda Biology). This initiative is being led under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh. According to Prof. Singh, the aim of this program is to enable the treatment of serious diseases through new research in Ayurvedic medicine.

Awards and Achievements

1.CSR Top University of the Year : Gautam Buddha University, is proud to announce that it has been honoured with the prestigious "CSR Top University of the Year" award by CSR Magazine, a leading publication dedicated to excellence in education and social development. The award ceremony took place on April 20, 2025, at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi. The award was received by Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Rana Pratap Singh on behalf of the university. This recognition acknowledges the university's exceptional academic performance, its ongoing commitment to excellence in higher education, innovation, and fostering a culture of inclusivity. This milestone is not only a recognition of institutional development but also a reflection of the collective efforts and commitment of the entire

GBU community. The university expresses heartfelt gratitude to all faculty members whose hard work, academic rigor, and student-centered approach laid the foundation for this success. Their dedication to high-quality teaching, impactful research, and continuous mentorship has made a significant contribution to the university's growing academic profile. The tireless efforts of the researchers, students, administrative staff, and the entire academic and non-academic workforce also played a vital role in achieving this recognition. On this occasion, Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, expressed his deep appreciation for the contributions of the faculty, staff, and students. He remarked that this award is a collective achievement, symbolizing the university's academic reputation, social responsibility, and its firm commitment to the pursuit of transformative knowledge. He emphasized that this recognition serves as both an honour and an inspiration to continue striving for high standards in education, research, and social contribution.



VC Prof. Rana Pratap Singh receiving CSR Top University Award of the Year

2. Students of Gautam Buddha University Secure First Place at Microsoft's Agritech Space Hackathon March 8:

A talented team of students from the School of Information and Communication Technology (SoICT), has secured first place at the prestigious Agritech Space Hackathon organized by Microsoft. The winning team members included Achyut Kumar Pandey (B.Tech CSE, 3rd Year), Govind Dubey (B.Tech CSE, 3rd Year), and Manas Jha (B.Tech IT, 3rd Year). The students -



Students preparing for the Agritech Space Hackathon

developed an innovative AI model focusing on stubble burning, its impacts, and potential solutions. Their solution incorporated advanced AI techniques, including the use of heat maps and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN). They further enhanced the effectiveness of their model by utilizing satellite data from sources such as NASA FIRMS, Sentinel-3 (ESA), Himawari-8, and ISRO Bhuvan. Dr. Arpit Bharadwaj, Dean of SoICT; Dr. Arun Solanki, Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering; and Dr. Neeta Singh, Head of the Department of Information Technology, congratulated the students on their remarkable achievement and praised their hard work and dedication.

This accomplishment highlights the innovative spirit and technical expertise of Gautam Buddha University's students and further establishes the university's leadership in AI and technological innovation.

3. Dr. Arvind Kumar Singh Appointed Associate Editor of the Prestigious "International Journal of Architecture, Arts and Applications":

The International Journal of Architecture, Arts and Applications (ISSN Online: 2472-1131 | ISSN Print: 2472-1107) maintains an editorial team comprising of researchers from around the world to ensure that each research paper is reviewed by experts in the respective fields.

Dr. Arvind Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor at the School of Buddhist Studies and Civilization has been appointed as an Associate Editor of this prestigious international research journal. This appointment recognizes



Dr. Arvind Kumar Singh

Dr. Singh's extensive academic experience and his distinguished contributions to the field of Buddhist Studies. Dr. Singh has a rich experience of 24 years in the field of education, including six years of teaching at the University of Delhi and 14 years at Gautam Buddha University, along with four years of research and industrial experience. He has published six books and over 100 research papers in various national and international journals. Additionally, under his guidance, research scholars have published 11 books, reflecting his strong mentoring capabilities.

By joining the editorial team of this journal, Dr. Singh will have the opportunity to work alongside world-renowned scholars, gain early access to the latest research work, and influence the direction of research in his area of expertise.

Project

1 Dr. Arvind Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor in the Department of Buddhist Studies and Civilization, has received a research project from ICSSR on the topic "Kushok Bakula Rinpoche and the Cultural Revival of Buddhism in Mongolia and Russia."

2 Dr. Chandrashekhhar Paswan, Assistant Professor in the Department of Buddhist Studies and Civilization, has received a research project from ICSSR on the topic "The Influence of Indian Sculpture on the Buddhist Countries of Southeast Asia: A Relevance."

Doctor of Philosophy Awarded

During the months of March and April, the following students from Gautam Buddha University have been awarded the Ph.D. degree:

- 1.Sandeep Kumar, School of ICT
- 2.Roshan Lal, School of ICT
- 3.Priya Sharma, School of ICT
- 4.Sunakshi Verma, School of Management
- 5.Navodita Chaudhary, School of Management
- 6.Vijay Pal, School of of HSS
- 7.Shweta Arya, School of HSS
- 8.Huỳnh Thành Liêm, School of Buddhist Studies and Civilization
- 9.Vratika Singh, School of Vocational Studies and Applied Sciences
- 10.Himanshu, School of Law, Governance and Civilization
- 11.Aarti Chaprana, School of Law, Governance and Civilization
- 12.Varun Dixit, School of HSS
- 13.Shalini, School of HSS
- 14.Monika, School of HSS
- 15.Gaurav, School of HSS
- 16.Suprita Kumar Sinha, HSS

Placement

In the month of March-April companies such as Skill Veda Private Limited, India Exposition Mart Limited, MAQ Software, AAJ Enterprises Private Limited, Info Edge (India) Private Limited, Surya Roshni Limited, Policybazaar, HCL, Techsnitch Private Limited, and C&S Electric have conducted placement drives for the 2024 and 2025 batches, and more than 20 students have been selected through these drives.





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