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Life at Gautam Buddha University (GBU) - A Glimpse

Welcome to the GBU Newsletter (Sep-Oct 2023). With the weather shifting from sullen hot to pleasant autumn, the bustling campus of GBU is marching ahead with added energy and rhythm. New students are getting familiar with the campus, fellow students, subjects and lessons in classrooms. Teachers are engaged in imparting knowledge and enabling the students to achieve new thoughts, inventions and discoveries.

The vibrant GBU campus offers multiple opportunities to learn, adapt and grow, not only through the course curriculum, but also through various events, programmes and extracurricular activities in the campus. GBU campus is very welcoming to students from all walks of life and many call it their home away from home. Highly diverse fields of academics and activities are harmonized here. The new entrants are now exploring various new course opportunities under National Education Policy (NEP) System in various departments, while the outgoing ones are learning about education-industry interface through multiple visits to reputed companies. Overall, the students here are thriving, pursuing their goals and are busy building their glorious destiny.

Significant achievements and initiatives by GBU under the dynamic leadership of honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Ravindra Kumar Sinha : September–October

GBU in top 10 list: Gautam Buddha University secured a place in the list of top 10 institutions for Artificial Intelligence released by Academic Insights magazine.

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Orientation to ITEP:

National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) organized an event called Orientation to the ITEP (Integrated Teachers Education Programme), in line with the policies of NEP 2020, in this month. It was organized at Ashoka Hotel, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi on 2nd Sep 23. It's noteworthy that ITEP is given to 42 institutes in India including IITs, NITs, Central and State universities. There are three such institutes from the state of Uttar Pradesh. However, Gautam Buddha University is the only university in the state to offer B.A. B.Ed, B.Sc. B.Ed., and B.Com. B.Ed. programmes simultaneously, with 50 seats in each programme. Two faculty members from the university Dr. Vinod Kumar Shanwal and Dr. Rakesh Srivastava attended the orientation programme.



Dr. V K Sanwal & Dr. Rakesh Srivastava

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Teacher's Day, September 5th, 2023,

Teachers from Gautam Buddha University were invited to Rashtrapati Bhavan on the occasion of Teacher's Day. A team of nine faculty members represented the university there. They were Dr. Vikrant Nain, Dr. Arvind Kumar Singh, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Shrivastav, Dr. Shakti Shahi, Dr. Satish K. Mittal, Dr. Vidushi Sharma, Dr. Pankaj Deep, Dr. Vivek Mishra, and Dr. Vimallesh Kumar. G.B.U too organized a grand event at the university's main auditorium on the same day to celebrate Teachers Day.

Visit by Ven.Thich Giaoc Huang:
On September 3rd , 2023, Ven. Thich Giaoc Huang, the head of Distance Education Cell at the Buddhist University of Vietnam, visited GBU. He praised the students of Buddhist philosophy of the university.



Visit by Ven.Thich Giaoc Huang

Janmashtami Celebration:

On September 6th , 2023, ISKCON celebrated Krishna Janmashtami at the university's auditorium, with devotional music, dance, dramatics, and kirtan



One-day workshop on 'developmental technologies for startups and incubation':

Gautam Buddha University organized a one-day workshop on 'developmental technologies for startups and incubation' on September 9th , 2023. Successful startup founders, including Ankit Agrawal of Innovatiview India Pvt.Ltd, Shiv Agrawal, Founder and Director of Onevarsity Ltd; Gaurav Jha, Co-founder and CTO of Driffle.com; Mr. Keerti Singh, founder of RRS Educational Foundation; Shikha Chauhan, Founder of Soha Organics; and Dr. Amit Mishra, Senior Scientist in ST Microelectronics, shared their insights with GBU students in the event. Over a hundred candidates, interested in startups and new ventures, participated in the workshop and benefited from their success mantras.

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Book Launch: On September 9-10, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Architect Association (UPAA) released a book titled "Design Compendium" at Architecture and Art Confluence in Kashi. The book is authored by Dr. Nirmitha Mehrotra, faculty of Gautam Buddha University.

Rural Innovation and Skill Development Conference:

On September 13th, 2023, engineering students from GBU participated in the 'Rural Innovation and Skill Development Conference' held by CSIR-NISCP, in New Delhi. The conference aimed at providing information about new agricultural technologies to the students for their brighter future in the field of electrical and mechanical engineering. Dr. Anshul Varshney, who is a scientist in this field, exhibited his Fluid Flow Standard Lab on this occasion.

Hindi Divas Celebration:

Department of Indian Languages and Literature organized Hindi Divas programme on 14th September 2023 under the aegis of Dean School of Humanities and Social Sciences Professor Bandana Pandey and Head of Indian Languages and Literature Department Dr. Om Prakash. In this programme Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ravindra Kumar Sinha, spoke on the importance of Hindi in the global context. Among other speakers were Dr. Vishwas Tripathi, Registrar; Prof. N.P. Malkenia, Dean Academics; and Dr. Diwakar Garva, Assistant professor of Hindi. Dr. Vishwas Tripathi, spoke on linguistic identity of Hindi and Prof N.P. Malkenia spoke on the topic of Hindi in higher education, while Dr. Diwakar Garva, spoke on contributions of regional languages towards Hindi's prosperity. The poetry session that followed featured poets like Mr. Shailendra Madhur, Dr. Abha Shrivastav, Mr. Sunahari Lal Turant, Dr. Renu Yadav, Ms. Pavni Kumari, and Mr. Vaibhav Vandan. Prof. Bandana Pandey, and Dr. Om Prakash, felicitated the poets. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Vibhavari.



Hindi Divas

GBU students made us proud: Konti Ambassador Open International Taekwondo Championship was held in Nepal on September 13-27, 2023. Two GBU students participated in the event and brought laurel home. Vishal Nagar (1st-year B.B.A.) won a gold medal for India in the 74 kg category, while Nikhil Tomar (1st-year B.A. LL.B.) secured a gold medal in the 80 kg category. Around 2000 athletes from 12 countries participated in the competition.

Workshop on Gender Equality:

GBU National Service Scheme (NSS) organized a workshop on gender equality on 18th September. The workshop featured speakers like Ms. Meenakshi and Ms. Vanita who shed light on the topic of gender equality in their speech.

“ NGO Visit: On September 18th , 2023, the Department of Social Work conducted an 'Orientation Visit' programme to NGO C3 – Collaborate to Create Change. The team also inspected Kammapur Primary School to better understand their work. Faculty members, including course co-ordinator Dr. Siddharamu were present during the visit. C3 collaborators Ms. Nasreen and Ms. Rita Singh, presented the NGO's work in front of the team.

Ganesh Chaturthi in Hostel: Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated on September 19th , 2023, in Ramabai Women's Hostel in the campus.

U.P International Trade show:



GBU Stall in trade show

U.P International Trade Show was organized on September 21-25, 2023, in India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida. It was inaugurated by the honorable president of India. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath, also attended the inauguration. The overall progress and development of the state of Uttar Pradesh was the main theme of the trade show. The show featured over 2000 stalls, portraying various projects and achievements contributing to the state's development. GBU also had its stall in the event. The stall showcased details of its establishment and future plans of the university. It also focused on the history of drone technology. University's Chancellor, Shri Yogi Adityanath visited the stall. In this event an important session focused on the topic of 'Creating Harmony in Industrial-Educational Collaboration in the Field of Education and Industry.' Dr. Indu Upreti, Associate professor, from Gautam Buddha University represented GBU in this session.

During this time, on September 24th , 2023, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and Chancellor of Gautam Buddha University, Shri Yogi Adityanath visited Gautam Buddh Nagar to preside over the prize distribution programme for the winners in the MotoGP event. He visited GBU campus during this trip and attended an exhibition that was organized at the University Convention Center, at that time. The exhibition was specially curated for international visitors during the MotoGP event. It highlighted different events related to Buddha's life, such as his renunciation of domestic life, his life afterwards, and his Mahaparinirvana, along with glimpses of some Buddhist symbols.



Shri Yogi Adityanath in moto GP event

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NSS Foundation Day: On September 24th 2023, on the occasion of NSS Foundation Day, the NSS team at GBU conducted a cleanliness campaign under the 'Cleanliness is Service' programme at the university's shopping complex. Following this, an online lecture programme was organized. It featured Dr. Satish Chandra, who shared his thoughts on fundamental rights and duties of citizens and interacted with students.

Participation in the Public Enterprises CSR programme: Students from GBU's Department of Social Work participated in the Public Enterprises CSR programme in the Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on September 25th and 26th. In this two-day programme, students received detailed information about availability of different projects in NCR area from various companies. They also learned about 'Maharatna', 'Nauratna', and 'Miniratna' companies, and explored employment opportunities in them.

Volleyball Invitational Tournament: On September 26-27, 2023, GBU's Sports Council organized the Volleyball Invitational Tournament at the University's sports complex. Fourteen teams participated in the tournament, and the final match between Sharda university and KIIT resulted in Sharda University winning the title. The tournament awarded a prize of Rs. 2100 for the first position and Rs.1100 for the second position. For the prize distribution programme in the tournament, chief guest was Prof. Ravindra Kumar Sinha, Vice- Chancellor, Gautam Buddha University

Symposium on Narco terrorism: On September 25th, 2023, the Department of Political Science and the Seema Jagaran Manch jointly organized a symposium on the topic of Narco terrorism (Drug Terrorism) and National Security. The event was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ravindra Kumar Sinha. Main speakers included Mr. Suresh Kumar Sharma, former IPS; Seema Jagaran Manch State President Lieutenant General Dr. Nitin Kohli; Dr. Shrish Pathak, and Dr. Mamta.

Workshop on concrete modeling:

From September 21st to 25th, 2023, students from GBU's Architecture and Planning Department organized a workshop on concrete modeling. The focus of the programme was on the construction of a 1:10 scale concrete model of a house. Students showcased their skills by building walls using cement, bricks, sand, and reinforcement, while columns, beams, and slabs were made of M-20 grade concrete.



Volleyball tournament

Noida and Greater Noida Knowledge and Innovation Clusters:



Noida-Greater Noida-Knowledge in Innovation Network

GBU initiated the formation of 'Noida and Greater Noida Knowledge and Innovation Clusters' in Gautam Budh Nagar. Fifteen resourceful and senior level experts from ten industries and IIIT Roorkee Alumni Association of Greater Noida Chapter gathered and deliberated to finalize its agenda points under the able leadership of Prof. Ravindra Kumar Sinha. The discussion focused on issues like tackling unemployment, enhancing knowledge management, and optimizing resources across nine universities, sixteen government institutions, hundreds of private educational institutions, and 100 companies from various industries. The effort aimed at bridging the gap between education and industry needs. Dr Shakti Sahi, faculty and chief officer of GBU incubation centre, delivered her speech on this occasion. She focused on the concepts of sustainable innovation and the need of patents and copyrights for such innovations. A decision was taken to form an association by the name of Noida-Greater Noida-Knowledge in Innovation Network (NGN-KIN)

International Translation Day Celebration:

The Department of English and Modern European Languages, Gautam Buddha University, organized a 2 day event from 29th September 2023 to 30th September 2023 to observe International Translation Day. On 29th September 2023, the department hosted a series of engaging competitions. Students from various departments enthusiastically participated in various competitions such as 'translate-a-thon' (Hindi to English translation competition); poster making competition with themes like unity in diversity, world peace and importance of translation; and 'ink and emotion' (Bilingual self-composed Poetry competition). The main event took place at International Convention Centre on 30th September under the chief patronage of honorable Vice Chancellor Professor Ravindra Kumar Sinha, Registrar Dr Vishwas Tripathi, Dean Academics Professor N.P. Melkania, Dean School of Humanities and Social Sciences Professor Bandana Pandey and Head of English Department Dr Sumitra Huidrom, . The Guest of Honor was Dr. Gautam Choubey, a renowned writer, translator and a bilingual columnist who currently teaches at ARSD College, University of Delhi. In his speech he focused on the importance of translation skills and the employability of skilled translators in different sectors.



Technology and Indian Language Summit: On September 30th and October 1st , 2023, faculty members (Dr. Vidushi Sharma, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Mishra, Dr. Bipasha Som, Dr. Renu Yadav) and students (Ms. Jyoti, Mr.Gaurav, and Mr. Abhishek Tripathi) from Gautam Buddha University participated in the Technology and Indian Language Summit organized by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship(MSDE) in New Delhi. Eminent scholars from various states of India shared their insights on advancing technology in Indian languages and discussed opportunities for education and employment in mother tongues.

Gandhi Jayanti celebration:

The university celebrated birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri on 2nd October. On this occasion, honorable vice chancellor of the university addressed the gathering. In his speech he said non violence is not only a philosophy and diplomatic tool, it is a potent way to achieve justice and change in any system.

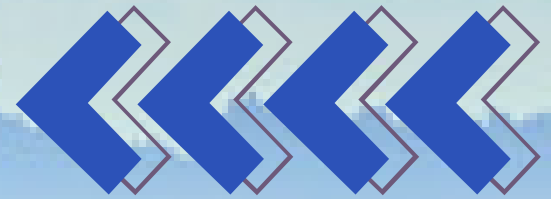


Gandhi Jayanti celebration



GBU NCC cadets

GBU in NCC: University NCC cadet Charu Pavaar and Kamakshi Tyagi represented 31 U.P Girls Battalion of Gaziabad group



Training programme in collaboration with CSIR -CBRI Roorkee: Gautam Buddha University organized a training programme in collaboration with CSIR -CBRI Roorkee. As part of that endeavour, a programme was organized in the university campus on 3rd October. The theme of the programme was 'Heritage and its Dimensions'. Director General of NCCBM Dr. L.P Singh was present in the programme. Chief scientist Dr. Devdutt Ghosh, Dr. Siddharth Behera and specialist Ms. Achal Mittal were also present in the event.

MoU with National Institute of Disaster Management:

On 4th October Gautam Buddha University signed an MoU with National Institute of Disaster Management, Union Ministry of Home Affairs. The MoU will also provide help for faculty and students exchange programme, as well as seminars and research based studies conducted at the university. NIDM director Santosh Kumar mentioned that the programme will be a six month certificate course.



MOU with NIDM



Health camp in the campus:

On 5th October, the Department of Social Work organized a health camp in the campus in collaboration with Sharda Hospital, Greater Noida. Treatment and medicines were provided to around 175 rural and underprivileged patients in the camp. Most of them were women.

Orientation programme:

On October 4th and 5th, 2023, a two-day orientation programme was organized for the students by the Department of Education and Training, G.B.U. Various courses such as 'Masters in Pedagogy', 'B.P.S.', 'Integrated Teacher Education Programme in the University under NEP 2020' etc were discussed there. The objective of this programme was to introduce students to a new journey with their classmates, lecturers and the university in general. It is worth mentioning here that the National Teacher Testing Council has started this programme under their pilot project. 42 universities of the country were selected for this. Gautam Buddha University is the only university in Uttar Pradesh to provide this programme.

Expert lecture:

On October 6th, 2023, the Department of Economics, Planning and Development organized an expert lecture on the topic 'Careers in the 21st Century'. Famous economist Dr. Surojit Saha was the keynote speaker in the programme.



Expert Lecture

International Conference:

From 11th to 12th October 2023, a two-day International Conference titled 'Structural Biology and Drug Discovery Conference 2023' was organized by the School of Biotechnology. Esteemed guests Professor T.P. Singh from AIIMS New Delhi and the former Chancellor of BHU, Chief Guest Professor Rakesh Bhatnagar, were present at the event. In this programme, Professors J. Shivaram from NUS, Singapore, Professor B. Jayaram from Delhi, Professor Faizan Ahmed from Jamia Hamdard University, Professor V. Krishna from RCB Faridabad, delivered lectures. During this event, poster exhibitions and scientific discussions on structural biology were also held. One day before the conference, on 10th October, a pre-conference workshop was also organized on this topic. There were fifty participants in the workshop. Two senior scientists Dr. Kaushik Kasavjahl and Dr. Vinod Devrajee shared their knowledge and experience with the participants there.



Mental health week: On October 11th, Gautam Buddha University and Bakson Homoeopathic Medical College jointly organized a programme to commence the celebration of mental health week in the campus. As part of the programme important issues related to mental health were discussed and a mental health rally was taken out.

E-sports tournament:

On 13th October 2023, an e-sports tournament was organized at Gautam Buddha University, in which 700 students from the B.Tech IT and Computer Science departments participated. Mr. Vivek Kumar, a student from Gautam Buddha University, was the winner in e-chess.



Buddha statue was unveiled:

On 14th October 2023, a Buddha statue was unveiled at the Meditation Center at Gautam Buddha University, and a two-day meditation programme was organized.



Buddha Statue Unveiled



Water is Life:

On 16th October 2023, a programme was organized by the Department of Biotechnology under the theme 'Water is Life, Water is Food, Let's not leave anyone behind' on the occasion of 'World Food Day'. Dr. Ishwar Singh, Principal Scientist of the Indian Agricultural Research Council, was chief guest in the programme. Students from several high schools in Greater Noida participated actively in various programmes organized to mark World Food Day 2023. Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Ravindra Kumar Sinha praised the students for displaying their products and for their collaborations with various organizations as well as food companies.



Workshop:

On 16th October 2023, a workshop on 'The Importance of Electrical Drawings and Layouts' was organized by the Electrical Engineering Department, in which Senior Departmental Officer Avesh Bhatnagar and Ms. Jaya from Sofcon India Pvt. Ltd. provided a lot of important information about software and electrical drawings to the students.

Cyber Security Week:

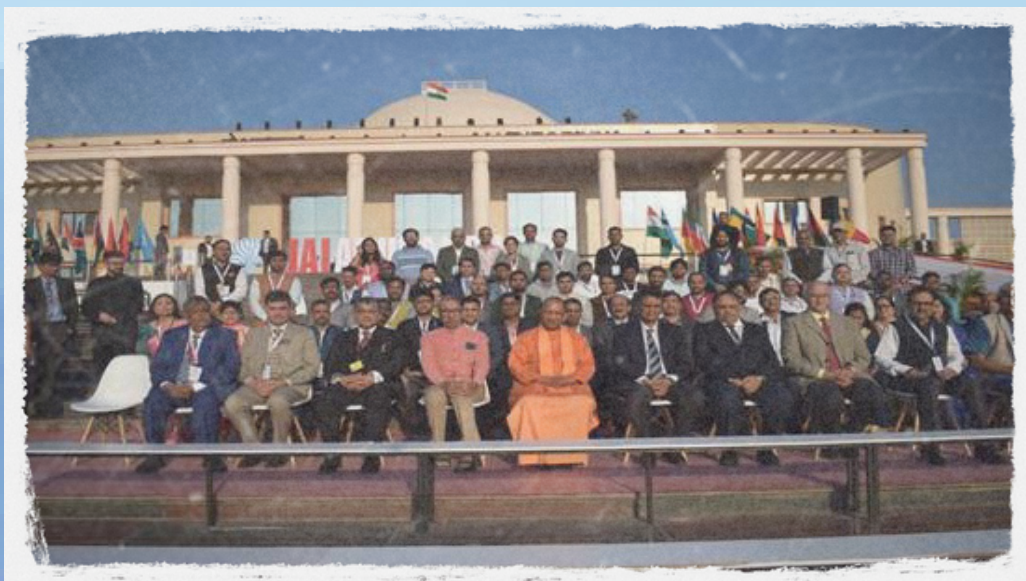
From 16th to 17th October 2023, Gautam Buddha University's Legal Aid Clinic organized a programme under the theme 'Security is Prevention' to commence the Cyber Security Week celebration. This included a debate on 'Cybercrime: Problem and Solution' and a rally on the topic of 'Cyber Awareness Campaign'.

Company Visit:

On 26th October 2023, honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Ravindra Kumar Sinha and his team visited a company called Addverb company. The visit was a part of the over all endeavour for establishment of Robotics Center at Gautam Buddha University. The team had previously visited several companies for this purpose. During the visit of the Robotics Centre, discussions were held with founder Satish Shukla about the future of robotics and establishment of the centre



Company Visit



International Abhidhamma Day:

From 28th to 30th October 2023, an International Conference on 'The Tenets of Buddha Dhamma and Global Well-Being: Nature, Significance, and Applicability' was organized by the Department of Buddhist Studies and Civilization, marking the occasion of 'International Abhidhamma Day' and the birth centenary year of Vipashyana Acharya Dr. Satya Narayan Goyenka. Former President of India Sri Ram Nath Kovind; the head advisor of the Kotte Chapter in Sri Lanka, Professor Kotapitiye Rahul Anunayake Thera; and Secretary General of the International Buddhist Confederation, Ministry of Culture, Dr. Dhammpia; as well as honorable Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit; were present at this event. Dr. Pandit addressed the gathering in the valedictory session. At this programme, scholars from countries such as U.K., Russia, South Korea, New Zealand, Australia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia, and Thailand, among others, were present. Ambassadors from seven countries including Nepal and Taiwan registered their presence at the event. This International Buddhist Conference that was jointly organized by GBU and IBC was indeed a remarkable confluence of academic excellence, global collaboration, and spiritual enrichment. The efforts of all involved, from the organizers to the participants, knowledge partners to Media partners, staffs to volunteers, contributed to making this event a significant milestone in the world of Buddhist Studies. The exchange of ideas, research, and dialogue during the conference has undoubtedly advanced the understanding and practice of Buddhism on Global scale.



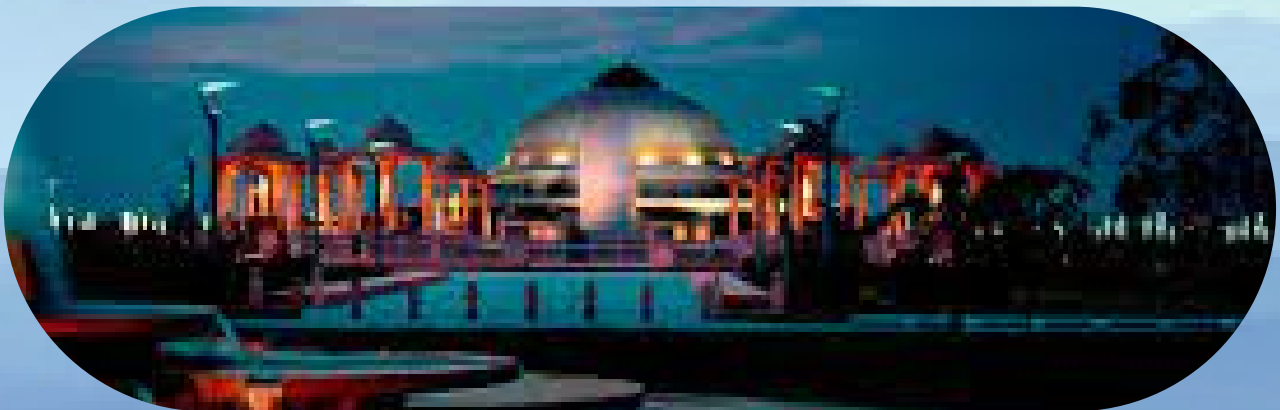
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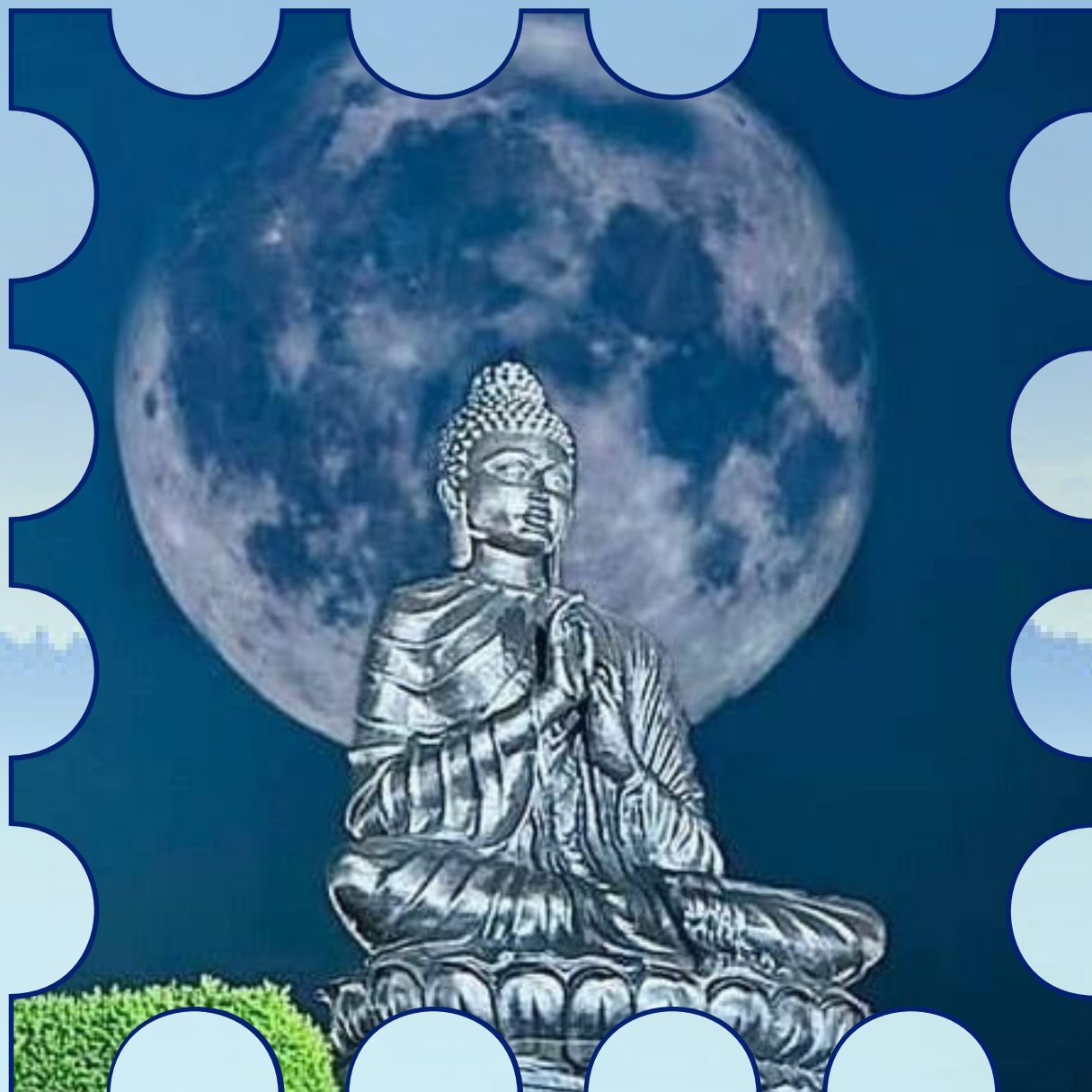
In the session 2022-23, more than 50 companies conducted their campus recruitment drive. Total 450 students have registered for the placement assistance out of which 320 students got placed (71% Placement). More than 75% Engineering and Management students got placed. More than 15 students got placement of above 10 LPA and approximately 50 students got placement of above 5 LPA. Two students of B.Tech (ME) got overseas offer in Stork, a multi national flour company. Other major recruiters were Axis Bank, HCL, Accenture, TCS, Nagaro Software, Honda Cars, Smart Cube, Tekion, India MART, Croma, PwC, SBI life, Jindal Steel, Decathlon, Spark Minda, Genpact etc. Mr. Om Sharma, student of B.Tech (IT) received pre-placement offer of 51 LPA from Microsoft.



PhD Viva:

Three research scholars have been awarded PhD degree in various departments across the university during this period. They are Swati Gandhi from SoLJ&G, Aniruddhabhabhai Kanubhai Khuman from SoBT and Prachi Aggarwal from SoM under the supervision of Dr, Rama Sharma, Dr. Bhupendra Chaudhary, Dr. Naveen Kumar respectively.





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