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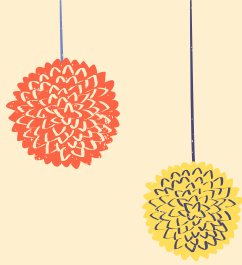




Editorial



Let's Talk



MAKE CHATGPT YOUR PROFESSIONAL ALLY AND GET AHEAD IN THE RACE



There comes a time in everyone's life when existentialism beckons! If you are under the impression that my editorial here would be a philosophical one, think again! I am not talking about existentialism in life. In fact, I am talking about professional existentialism. *ChatGPT*, a chatbot developed by *OpenAI*, has been throwing up existential questions to content creators, writers and even academics.


Just so that we are on the same page, *Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer* or *ChatGPT* is an *Artificial Intelligence* (AI) platform that provides answers to specific questions in the form of conversations. Therefore, *ChatGPT* can create content, write stories, provide solutions to problems, and deliver information on almost anything and everything under the Sun. It thus hobnobs with the hitherto existing job security enjoyed by professionals across the creative spectrum.

Now that the technical decks are cleared, let us get into a more pertinent discussion. Let us weigh in on the perennial debate that pits human intelligence against AI. While the arguments are piling up, I have a very honest submission to make. I believe that this debate is faulty and misplaced. There simply cannot be a battle between human beings and machines. While it might seem like a cliché, the fact remains that it is human beings that have created machines and not the other way around. Therefore, no matter what, AI can never compete with human intelligence.

Having said that, the conundrum faced by the creative community due to the advent of *ChatGPT* is as real as it gets. How does one find a way through. I have a few suggestions for the students of today, who would become the creative professionals of tomorrow. Readers can decide for themselves if these suggestions eventually manage to make any sense. Without any further ado, let me put down my humble suggestions in the form of pointers to ease the process of comprehension:

1. Do not look at *ChatGPT* as a possible competition. Make it your ally. Notwithstanding its efficiency, it can never match your creative potential. Use your creativity while using the services of *ChatGPT* to minimize the repetitive work that you otherwise end up doing.
2. *ChatGPT* can play the role of a very able assistant. While creating content, finding out relevant information can sometimes be a pain. *ChatGPT* can come in handy in easing this process. Let it provide you the inputs based on which you can produce your masterpiece. Mind you, one should not take everything that *ChatGPT* churns out in face value. There have been many instances when the chatbot has not been able to effectively provide the information solicited from it.



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3. Writers from across the globe have confirmed that *ChatGPT* fails when it comes to expressing emotions. Therefore, it is still not able to produce fictional texts. Authors and poets remain unchallenged in the given sector.
 4. Academics all over have confirmed that *ChatGPT* often rumbles without making any specific argument. Therefore, while it can be a help when it comes to plotting an objective piece of information, it still does not have the ability to grapple with subjectivity. Liberal Arts, thus, remains untouched in the larger sense of the term.
 5. *ChatGPT* can handle topics and issues that have already been formulated. However, it cannot deal with futuristic ideas as those do not exist in the known knowledge realm. Therefore, innovation and original thinking continue to be a fiefdom of the sentient human beings.

As is proven by the pointers above, there is a lot of misplaced concern about AI. While scientific developments would never stop, they would never be able to replace humanity. Logic and not emotion is the basis of this conviction!

Signing off for now!

Stay safe, happy, and healthy!

Cheers!

Dr. Amrita Chakraborty

Editor

SLS Mirror



SLS Event Calender



Sl. No.	Date of the Event/Activity	Name of the Event/Activity	Faculty Coordinator	Number of Participants	Department
1	6 December 2022 to 7 January 2023	Internship for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Batch of Psychology	Dr. Ritu Sharma	14	Area of Psychology, Department of Social Science
2	3 January 2023	Lecture on Kautaliya's Arthshastra and Dharmic Capitalism	Dr. Himani Baxi	50	Area of Economics, Department of Social Science
3	18- 20 January 2023	Skill Drill: A workshop on Soft Skills	Dr. Rachna Arora	356	Department of Languages Literature and Aesthetics
4	20 January 2023	Students Led Session for UPSC Civil Services Examination	Dr. S Venkata Krishnan and Dr. Anurag K. Srivastava	60	Center of Continuing Education & School of Liberal Studies
5	20 January 2023	CMIE Data Workshop	Himani Baxi	40+	Area of Economics, Department of Social Science
6	20 January 2023	Visit to 'Radio City' Station	Dr. Sandesh Mahajan	40	Area of Mass Communication, Department of Languages Literature and Aesthetics





7	24 January 2023	Psychology Exposure Program- Sangam	Dr. Ritu SharmaPrateek Singh	80	Area of Psychology, Department of Social Science
8	January 24 to 2&3, 7 February 2023	Business Model Canvas Competition	Dr. Supriya Poduval Pal	600	Department of Business Administration and Commerce
9	28 January 2023 to 5 February 2023	Study and Exposure trip	Dr. Sriram Dr. M.V. Reddy MS. K. Purohit	50	Area of Public Policy and Administration, Department of Social Science
10	31 January 2023	Study Abroad	Tejas Dve	70	Department of Business Administration and Commerce
11	31 January 2023	Exposure to SBI Youth for India Fellowship Programme	Dr. Nausheen Nizami	15	Career Cell, School of Liberal Studies





Key Events of SLS

INTERNSHIP FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE BATCH OF PSYCHOLOGY

Rapporteur: Bhavyaa Dave, Shakshi Srivastava.

December 6, 2022 - January 7, 2023: The Department of Psychology, SLS, PDEU, facilitated Internship for the Bachelors and Masters batch, at Kanoria Hospital and Research Centre, Ahmedabad, for over a period of one month, where 14 students participated. The interns particularly dealt with Alcohol and Drugs de-addiction cases, while also gaining exposure to other types of multiple addiction. The interns observed the application of psychological tests and provided effective counseling, and group therapy to patients and their close relatives to help them overcome the habit of addiction.

The hospital also arranged special lectures on different types of Drug Addictions and Mental Health Disorders Among Children, to impart an in-depth knowledge to the interns. The interns also received an opportunity to work within the Child Development Centre, where they dealt with different disabilities and disorders. The main aim of this training was to provide hands-on Clinical Exposure and prepare the individuals to provide their services to hospitals, clinics, schools, special educational schools and to government agencies.

The internship was supervised by Dr Ritu Sharma, Dean of SLS, PDEU and Dr. Rajendra Anand, CEO and De-Addiction, Mental Health Expert. Mr. Abhishek Tripathi, a Counseling Psychologist at the Hospital facilitated the training throughout the internship period.

The Keynote speakers for the lectures were Dr Naresh Trivedi and Dr Kapil.

The Key points discussed consisted of an intensive discussion over the following key topics:

- Clinical observation of clients.
- History taking
- Identification of disorders and diagnosis
- Symptoms of ADHD and Autism
- Tracing the roots of addiction and substance abuse.
- The choice and effectiveness of therapies.
- Career prospects in the field of Child psychology.
- Key aptitude and skills required in the field of clinical psychology

The Conclusion of the internship period has been proved to be effective in providing practical exposure pertaining to the diagnostic and therapeutic aspects of the field of clinical psychology. The participants have described it as a 'fulfilling' experience which has set in motion a virtuous cycle towards their holistic development. It has also been detrimental in introducing them to the wide gamut of career options offered by the field of psychology as well as molding their interests in their discipline of specialization.





The List of the Participants who completed the internship, are as follows

Bhavyaa Dave	Juhee Yadav
Shakshi Srivastava	Akansha Guha
Chetan Parmar	Labdhi Shah
Isha Mansuri	Akshita Sinha
Ishita Sejpal	Dwiti Desai
Ruben Joseph	Pearl Jariwala
Pooja Modi	Insiya Safri

The Testimonials of the Participants are as follows:

“I got great first-hand experience in dealing with ADHD and autistic children. I got to know how case study is taken from the client practically. I saw how therapy and therapists work on clients. Overall, it was a great experience for me.”

-Chetan Parmar

“I had a very good experience at Kanoria hospital. I haven’t seen any children going through Down Syndrome or ADHD. I saw every symptom which I had read in front of me. This was an eye-opening experience Because I got to know how children get treated and how they give therapy. I learned mouth therapy, speech therapy, play therapy, and sensory. I thank PDEU for this opportunity.”

-Shakshi Srivastav

“I have completed an internship in a Kanoria - Psychiatric Clinic where I’ve worked on a range of tasks, including working with patients who were drug addicts in clinical settings, and even with young patients. I am so appreciative of the opportunity which was offered to me by Dr Ritu Sharma and how much I gained from them. Even if I had looked hard enough, I genuinely could not have found a better or even equal opportunity anywhere else. I left with amazing contacts and connections as well as a whole different perspective on the academic and clinical aspects of psychology. I cannot wait to use what I have learnt in my upcoming coursework and plans. We all know that practical experience is the best, and this internship had given that hands-on experience which was needed. I feel that quality internships are essential to develop key skills that you can’t get in a classroom. I thoroughly enjoyed my internship and have had a valuable experience.”

-Pooja Modi

“After having completed this one month internship at Kanoria hospital, I got a better idea about my career. Many lectures were conducted by Dr Naresh Trivedi sir on career guidance. Proper supervision was provided to us from senior psychologists while dealing with patients. We were provided an opportunity to work at the rehab center as well as the child center where we learnt through practical experience and directly dealing with patients. We learned various kinds of therapies and management methods used for treatment. It was a Good experience overall, where I got to learn many new things.”

-Isha Mansuri





“My experience with Kanoria Hospital was engaging and informative. I gained professional skills that are required in the field on clinical psychology and I am grateful to have received this opportunity.”

-Akanksha Guha

“My internship at Kanoria Hospital has been a wonderful holistic learning experience. Be it taking case histories of patients with addictions, assessing them, interacting one on one with children having multiple disorders like Autism and ADHD and assisting in providing them therapy, I was happy to be involved in all the activities taking place at Kanoria Hospital. I would like to thank PDEU and Prof. Dr. Ritu Sharma for providing me with this internship Opportunity.”

-Ruben Joseph

“My experience as an intern with Kanoria Hospital and de addiction center has been a truly enlightening one. The practical exposure awarded by the organization has been highly informative and will play a ubiquitous part in enhancing my skills as a counselor.”

-Bhavyaa Dave

“My experience at the Kanoria Hospital taught me a lot about being a psychologist and it helped me realize the responsibility one has towards their patients; how to be objective and try my best to work in my patients’ favor and provide them with the most effective tools to help them improve their quality of life.”

-Akshita Sinha

“During the entire internship, I gained a lot of insight, learning, ethics and experience regarding the following:

1. *How to clinically observe clients and children.*
2. *Correctly understand and identify the symptoms.*
3. *How to accurately diagnose a disorder with its proper understanding beforehand.*
4. *The use and importance of positive and negative reinforcement for treatment.*
5. *Career prospects in Child Psychology and Addiction Psychology.*
6. *Workplace support and communication.*
7. *Removal of Public Speaking.*
8. *Use and importance of various therapies.*
9. *The procedure and items for collecting Case History.*
10. *Maintenance of Interpersonal Relations.”*

-Juhee Yadav

“It was a very good experience which is very ideal for a psychology student. To see patients and their treatment first hand and to be able to assist on some of the therapies gave me a hands-on experience to the bookish knowledge and gave me a deeper understanding on how to become a good psychologist and help the people to my best level. I thank Kanoria from the bottom of my heart to give me this opportunity.”

-Insiya Safri

“Working with Kanoria gave me a practical experience with helped me put my theoretical knowledge to use. Interacting with patients with psychological disorders enabled me to give a wide exposure in the field. Thank you Kanoria group.”

-Pearl Jariwala





A GUEST LECTURE ON KAUTILYA'S ARTHASHASTRA AND DHARMIC CAPITALISM

Rapporteur: MA Economics Semester 4 students

January 3, 2023: The Economics area of the Department of Social Science organised a lecture on Kautilya's Arthashastra and Dharmic Capitalism by economist and author Sriram Balasubramaniam. The event was organised by the faculty members of the Economics Area of the Department of Social Science. Balasubramaniam provided a description of his book in which he listed all of the contents. According to him, from the third century BCE, there was an economic framework that he was keen to understand, which indulged him in this topic. His book, titled '*Kautilya Nomics: For Modern Times*', is based on the foundation of Dharma, which revolves around the three components of ethics, harmony, and responsibility. The speaker stressed the need for understanding our past through the ancient texts, as India had a glorious past. The Director, Dr. Nigam Dave, and Dean, Dr. Ritu Sharma, of the School of Liberal Studies (SLS), graced the occasion with their presence. The event was attended by 50 students.

Mr. Sriram Balasubramaniam is an eminent economist and author. His primary interests span global macroeconomics, emerging markets, and new growth models. '*Kautilya Nomics: For Modern Times*', his most recent work, which offers a greater understanding of Chanakya's thought and the Arthashastra in reference to contemporary events, was recently released. He has extensive international experience, having lived, worked, and studied on more than three continents, in addition to being a Columbia University alumnus.

He discussed a wide range of topics, ranging from:

- Principles of Kautilya's Arthashastra, connecting it with the modern era.
- The central idea of economic prosperity
- Kautilya's principles of economics are based on his practical experience.
- Kautilya's principles revolved around the central idea of wealth creation.





SKILL DRILL: A WORKSHOP ON SOFT SKILLS

Rapporteur: Dr. Rachna Arora

January 18-20, 2023: Keeping in view the NEP 2020 which emphasizes employability and recognizes the importance of education in equipping students with the necessary skill sets, Dr. Rachna Arora, Assistant professor in the Department of Languages Literature and Aesthetics at Pandit Deendayal Energy University organized a 3 Day Soft Skills workshop '*Skill Drill*' for 4-semester B.Tech Students for the course of *Soft Skills (Open Elective Course)*. Key speaker of the workshop was Swapna Sai P, Certified Image Consultant & Soft Skills Coach, ICB (Conselle Institute of Image Management, USA; SQA, UK-NABET accredited). The workshop was attended by 356 participants.

The workshop was designed with the objective to bring about an interface between knowledge and its application that is more effective, relevant, and useful. Through simulations, brainstorming discussions, intense questioning, in-depth analysis, and meaningful reasoning, the workshop aimed to sensitize students to develop, enhance and hone their soft skills which are equally essential to hard skills to have a sustainable and dynamic career and to carve out a niche for oneself in a highly distinguished world and to accelerate their employability. More than 300+ students from different branches across School of Technology (SOT) and School of Energy and Technology (SOET) actively participated in the workshop.

The workshop was imbued with fun and learning sessions from movie screening to expert talk, activities, brainstorming discussions & intense questioning. Topics like Effective Teamwork, Negotiation Skills, and Interpersonal Skills were discussed with respect to employability and professional success, and social well-being. The final day of the workshop was graced by the Directors and Deans of different schools who actively participated and shared their own experiences of how soft skills contributed to their success stories. The workshop concluded with students' feedback and a vote of thanks.







STUDENTS' LED SESSION FOR UPSC CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION

Rapporteur: Dr S Venkata Krishnan

January 20, 2023: A students-led UPSC Civil Services Examination session was conducted on January 20, 2023, at the D-Block of the School of Liberal Studies (SLS) under PDEU. The event was organized by the Center for Continuing Education (CCE) SLS under PDEU.

The following things were discussed with 60 enthusiastic participants:

1. UPSC Civil Services Examination Syllabus
2. Materials & Sources including what steps to follow & how to make notes
3. Previous UPSC papers
4. Importance of Newspaper reading
5. Need analysis (What support is required further...special lectures etc.)

The session was led by Mr. Sumedh Desai, a student of master's degree (Political Science and International Relations) who is also preparing for the UPSC exam under the guidance of Dr. S Venkata Krishnan and Dr. Anurag K. Srivastava.

Note: Interested PDEU UPSC Civil Services Examination aspirants can call or message: +91-9909004860



CMIE DATA WORKSHOP FOR ECONOMICS MAJOR STUDENTS

Rapporteur: Vishwa Kapadia and Kiran Singhal

January 20, 2023: The Area of Economics, Department of Social Science, SLS, PDEU, organized a CMIE Data Workshop called the '*Economic Outlook*' and '*States of India*' for its BA and MA Economics major students. The workshop was organized for two hours, which gave hands-on training for data extraction. Mr. Parth Rana conducted this workshop on behalf of CMIE and the students benefited immensely from it. Dr. Himani Baxi, a Faculty of Economics introduced the speaker and concluded the session. During the workshop, the students learned how to extract Economic Data from the CMIE portal, mainly from Economic Outlook and the States of India. In the Economic Outlook, there was a wide range of data available for all the economic indicators of India's economic performance including, national accounts, money and banking, infrastructure, energy, health, education, tourism, etc. Similar data sets were also shown available for each Indian state in States of India – CMIE. These data sets can be used for course assignments and research dissertations of both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Apart from the statistics and data extraction, students learnt how to access various documents, reports and forecasting tools that are available on the CMIE portal. The students were also provided with their login credentials for remote access and access to receive alerts and updates of the preferred economic issues. Towards the end of the workshop, Mr Prasant Joshi, the Assistant Vice President at CMIE addressed the students regarding the career opportunities at CMIE after their graduation. He also highlighted the various skills needed in the current time for growth and career development. We thank all the faculty members of the Economics Department, SLS, for organizing such an interesting workshop to enhance our skills related to economic data which certainly is a need of an hour.





PSYCHOLOGY EXPOSURE PROGRAM - SANGAM

Rapporteur- Psychology Area of the Department of Social Science

January 24, 2023: Psychology Exposure Program *Sangam* was organized on 24th of January 2023 by the Area of Psychology, Department of Social Sciences, School of Liberal Studies. Faculties and students from Auro University Surat (Gujarat) participated in the program where they interacted and learned about different psychology laboratory activities and team-building exercises conducted by postgraduate students of psychology. The initiative was applauded by Dr. S. Sundar Manoharan, Director General, Pandit Deendayal Energy University.



The program was inaugurated by Professor Nigam Dave, Director SLS, who discussed the significance of organizing such interactive activities and shared his beautiful experience of visiting Auro University, Surat with the students. Further, Dr. Ritu Sharma, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, in her address shared the idea behind this exposure program. She said programs like these give our new learners an opportunity to interact with peer groups to connect, communicate and grow together, leading to sharing of experiences and finding a common pathway that further contributes to the knowledge pool of the discipline and helps the learner to evolve better.



In a session on '*Emerging Trends and Career Paths in Psychology*' students got an opportunity to formally interact with Dr. Priya Rajkumar and Dr. Megh Goswami from Auro University and in-house faculty for psychology - Dr. Ritu Sharma, Dr. Neeta Sinha, Dr. Gitanjali Kapoor, and Dr. Prateek Kumar Singh. Dr. Shraddha Sharma moderated the session.

Experts entertained students' curiosity related to emerging trends in psychology viz. artificial intelligence, art therapies, big data, and offering consultancy to mainstream media, corporates, and organizations of public and private nature. Doubts and questions associated with career paths were also addressed with special emphasis on the role of internship as an opportunity to identify and explore the best possible career.



In the next session, postgraduate students of psychology conducted a laboratory exposure activity to allow the students of Auro University to experience the practical aspect of psychology. Students learned about different kinds of apparatus and their utility. Students had hands-on experience with Mirror Drawing Apparatus, Muller Lyer Illusion, and Size-weight Illusion, and Pass along the test. Also, students got an opportunity to learn about the Thematic Apperception Test, Rorschach Inkblot Test, Bhatia Battery of Intelligence, and McDougall's disc apparatus



Using this opportunity to interact and build social capital with students from Psychology, SLS planned some activities to set the foundation for developing and deepening the peer bond relationship. In-house students Ms. Khushi Rawal, Ms. Liza Abadan, and Mr. Samyak Taral Shah shared their PDEU journey and talked about the transformation they experienced as a result of learning psychology. Rest of the psychology students planned some activities like ‘*Guess the Disorder*’, ‘*Chinese Whisper*’, ‘*Fashion Perception*’, and ‘*Stroop Test*’, where students from Auro University participated and connected



The program concluded with the sharing of gratitude from Guest teachers and students. Followed by a vote of thanks by program coordinators Dr. Ritu Sharma and Dr. Prateek Kumar Singh.



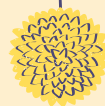
TALK ON 'EXPOSURE TO SBI YOUTH FOR INDIA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME'

Rapporteur: Dr. Nausheen Nizami

January 31, 2023: Career Cell, School of Liberal Studies, organized a talk on "Exposure to SBI Youth for India Fellowship" on January 31, 2023 (Tuesday) for undergraduate and postgraduate students of SLS. Ms Tejaswinee Jog, a 2017 SLS batch alumna, was invited to give the talk. Ms. Tejaswinee completed her 13-month Fellowship in November 2022 and was enthusiastic to share her experience with her junior batchmates. The event was attended by 15 participants.



SBI Youth for India Fellowship was launched on March 1, 2011 and was inaugurated by former President of India, Hon'ble Shri APJ Abdul Kalam Ji. It is nationally recognised as the flagship programme of the SBI Foundation. It is a 13-month-long fellowship that enables youth to join hands with rural communities to work on development projects in partnership with reputed grass-roots NGOs. The SBI Youth for India Fellowship is offered to India's brightest young minds as an opportunity to go live and work with rural communities to help solve pressing rural development challenges. The fellowship offers young leaders an opportunity to experience a transformative journey through a process of unlearning and understanding the challenges of rural India, collaborating with NGO partners and the local community, and finally building and sustaining grassroots level initiatives.



During her talk, Tejaswinee shared all details linked to the said opportunity including Eligibility criteria, important dates, and assessment criteria, potential questions during interview, location of the Fellowship, Partner-NGOs with SBI Foundation, stipend details and professional life post-Fellowship experience. By sharing her ground experience, she was able to connect to the young minds and motivated them to share a part of their life in the upliftment of lives in rural areas.

She narrated her Fellowship experience by stating that she worked in a tribal village in Tamil Nadu, which had 61 members in 15 households. The primary issue identified and addressed in her yearlong fellowship was anemia. The majority of the women suffered from anaemia owing to their consumption of undernourished meals. Tejaswinee successfully generated awareness about the importance of iron-rich diets and also distributed iron cooking vessels to facilitate iron absorption in meals.



The event had a Q&A round with the audience. Following that, Dr Nausheen Nizami gave a vote of thanks, and the speaker was honoured with a memento by two MA Economics students, Vishwa Shah (in her final year) and Vishwaa Kapadia (in her first year).





Audit Course



AUDIT COURSE EXPOSURE TO NCC REPUBLIC DAY CEREMONY

Rapporteur: Audit Course Team

January 26, 2023: On the 74th Republic Day of India a ceremony was organized under exposure to NCC. It was a mandatory program for the first year students of SLS. The ceremony started with flag hoisting which was done by Dr. S. Sundar Manoharan, Director General of PDEU along with Prof. Nigam Dave, Hon. Col. and Director SLS. It was followed by the ceremonial parade carried out by the core NCC cadets. It was a proud moment for the students of Exposure to NCC as they were also the participants of the parade. This was the very first time when international students took part in the parade. It was a golden opportunity for the students as they were trained by Capt. Khushali Purohit and Dr. Anil Markana.

The Audit team arranged practice sessions prior to the ceremonial day where they got time to work on themselves and practiced and got proper training by senior under officers. Then the respected chief guest gave a speech and mentioned how the university has emerged in the last few years and shared a proud moment for all as our college has been accredited with A++ by the NAAC, followed by a cultural program organized by different clubs of the university. Later all the participants received certificates of participation by Prof. Nigam Dave himself. The session ended with the NCC song and it was a successful and fruitful event.

Testimonials of the students:

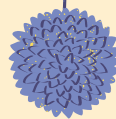
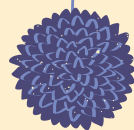
“The Audit Course Team trained the first year SLS students for the 74th Republic Day Parade, the Coordination among the students during the parade reflected the hardwork and dedication of students as well as the Audit Team.”


-Jigar Sarang(19BABBA179)

“It was a surreal experience for us as we had an opportunity to be a part of the ceremonial parade. We all practiced a lot and polished ourselves. Representing ETN in front of guests was a proud moment for me.”

-Aneri Rajyaguru (22BABBA268)







AUDIT COURSE RURAL INTERNSHIP (2022-23) HYBRID BATCH 2022-2026

Rapporteur: Audit Course Team

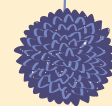
December 7-27, 2022: Rural Internship is an internship carried out in a rural area. It is a work-based activity in which students are engaged in learning through practical experiences in rural areas. School of Liberal Studies (SLS), Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU), established by a special act of Assembly (2007), has introduced a mandatory Rural Internship (RI) for first-year students across schools. Dr. Neeta Khurana and Capt Khushali Purohit are the head coordinators for this program. Under their guidance and with the efforts of the entire RI team, all the internship events are conducted.

The main objectives behind conducting Rural internship were to develop leadership qualities and societal responsibility, to create a sense of belongingness for the community, to strengthen understanding on concepts of rural development and the parameters of quality of life and to provide exposure to grassroots realities in rural settings, with a focus on participation in interventions by NGOs. The RI for the year 2022-23 was conducted from 7th December to 27th December, 2022 and a total of 416 students completed their internship this year.

The first phase of RI had college campus workshops, and the students were divided into groups. Mr. Rahul Patel and Mr. Mayank for Geospatial analysis on *Open Source GIS Software*, Mr. Karan Shah and Mr. Darpan Vaishnav for *Impact Assessment*, Mr. Leslin Bastian and Mr. Raj Parmar for *Documentation and Sensitization*, were invited and commenced these workshops. The Second phase of RI had local NGO visits. Students visited 4 different NGOs:

- Environmental Sanitation Institute, Sughad
- Jivan Tirth, Serenity Library
- Akshaya Patra Foundation
- Geer Foundation, Gandhinagar

Students had an orientation on 11th of December where they were addressed by the Director of SLS Prof. (Dr.) Nigam Dave and the FOLS Dean Dr. Ritu Sharma who emphasized upon the academic importance of RI. Dr. Neeta Khurana and Capt Khushali Purohit gave detailed information about the trusts and the NGOs as well as the third phase which they were going to experience during the village stay. Rules and expectations were reinforced by Prof. Pradeep Mallik, Dr. Reddy, Dr. Himani Baxi and later RI team mentors shared their experience. Dr. Sharma and Dr. Khurana also briefed about the compulsory additional internship of GARIMA survey as instructed by DG Sir. After the briefing Dr. Khurana introduced the Mentors and RI team and then the faculty coordinators gave their time to solve the queries of the students and told them how the journey of rural internship has been so far.



The third phase of RI was NGO stay. The following were the NGOs where students went for NGO stay in order to complete their Rural Internship. All the students were divided into 6 groups:

- Lokniketan Trust, Ratanpur
- Lokniketan Trust, Virampur
- Lokniketan Trust, Sembalpani
- Lokniketan Trust, Lavana
- Samvedana Trust, Dholi Bhakhri
- Sarjan Foundation, Rampura (Vadla)

During their stay at the NGO they interacted with the students there and did various activities like case studies, cleaning, created a website for the NGOs, they also conducted lectures where the students of the college taught different subjects and played with the students of the NGO. They also visited their surrounding villages, did various surveys, and learned how the panchayat, hospitals, schools and post offices work.

It is important to note that the team of mentors and Rural Internship interns are the major strength on which the program stands strong. Along with that we also distributed kits to the students which included Fabric made Handbags and steel bottles as a result of the campaign 'No Plastic Initiative' carried out through this internship. Plant saplings were also distributed to spread the 'Clean India, Green India' thought amongst the youth of the nation.

This 21-day immersion during Rural Internship with NGOs and exposure to Villages, use of GIS, understanding sustainability through experiential learning. To know about rural technology, rural business, and cross-cultural immersion led to transformation, mindfulness, empathy, adaptability, leadership and exposure. Inputs about watershed management, organic farming, best practices, experiencing MISSION LiFE, G20 focus points, Village organization, learning about coexistence, rural life, macro and micro challenges, opportunities, innovation, awareness and most importantly gratitude are important takeaways. We firmly believe that To Lead India you need to Feel India.

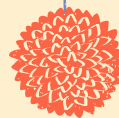
"Experience in rural internship at Sarjan Foundation was life changing where we had to come out of our comfort zone. We had to cultivate ourselves according to how they live in their daily lives. It helped me lead to new technical and professionalism skills while working and surveying the people around Sarjan Foundation. The process was passed very smoothly with the acceptance and cooperation of the NGO staff and the guidance of the faculty members from our institution."

-Sahil Chunara (20BCO074)

"Participating in RI was an entirely new experience for me. It has been quite beneficial to me in developing new relationships both with seniors and with the students in my year. The employees of the company were also cordial with us and willing to assist us anytime we needed it. I learned how villagers live and make a living while participating in RI. RI was an entirely new experience for me, and I appreciated it."

-Krish (22BCO040)







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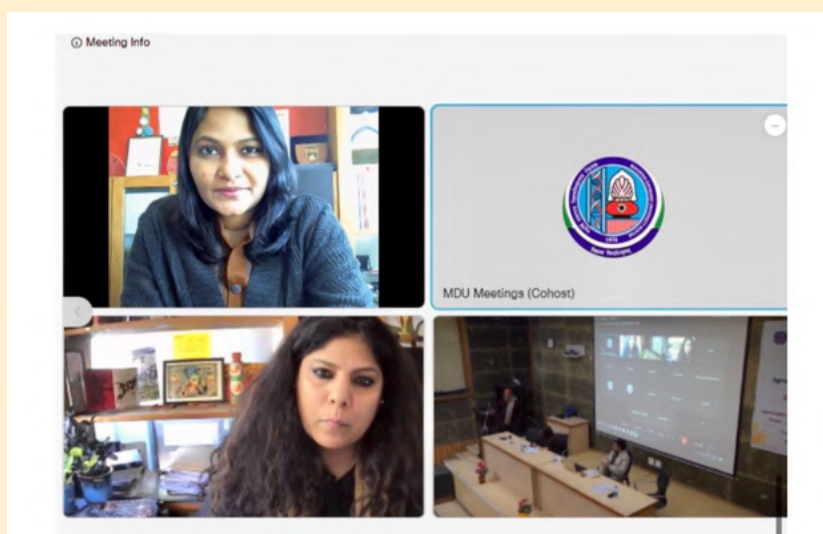
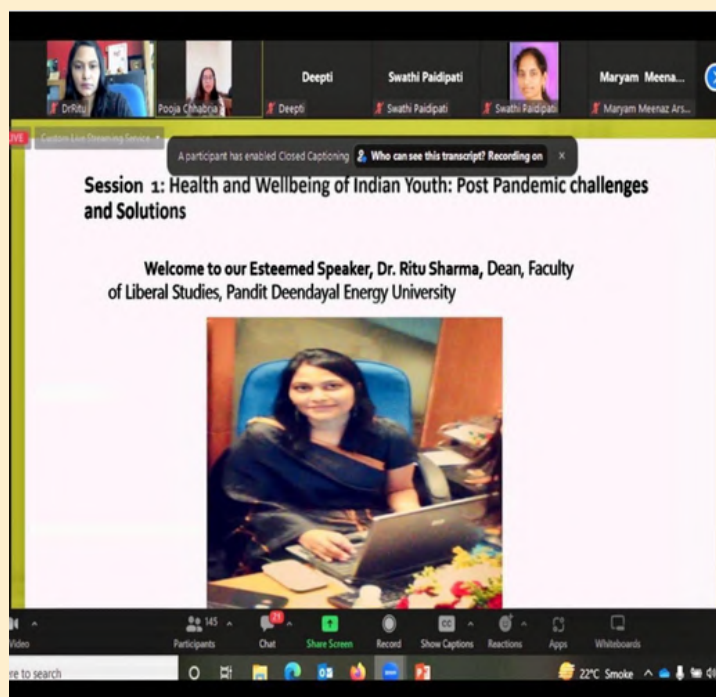
Achievements of Faculty Members and Staff



DR. RITU SHARMA

Dr. Ritu Sharma was invited as a resource person to share insights on Health and Wellbeing of Indian Youth: Post Pandemic Challenges and Solutions at National Seminar organized by the Department of Psychology, Osmania University, and Sponsored by ICSSR-SRC, Hyderabad on January 27, 2023.

Dr. Sharma was also invited for a panel discussion to share the success story of '*Post Solarisation Impact Assessment: Modhera*' during the panel discussion on *Natural Resources and Socio-Economic Changes at International Seminar on Psycho-Social-Economic Changes: Agencies and Pathways to Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India)* on January 16, 2023.



DR. AMRITA CHAKRABORTY

Dr. Amrita Chakraborty co-authored the article '*Deconstructing Kantara (2022): A Heady Mix of Metaphysics, Local Traditions and Class Struggle*' in **Economic and Political Weekly** on January 14, 2023 in page number 65-66. The ISSN of the journal is 0012-9976 and E-ISSN is 2349-8846 and is listed in **Scopus**. The other author of the article is Bhattacharjee, Sunayan. The article can be accessed in the link: <https://www.epw.in/journal/2023/2/postscript/%E2%80%8B%E2%80%8B%E2%80%8B%E2%80%8B%E2%80%8B%E2%80%8Bdeconstructing%C2%A0kantara.html>

Dr. Amrita Chakraborty published another paper titled '*Feminist Messages in Guru Dutt's Pyaasa (1957): A Distinctive Case Study*' in *ShodhKosh: Journal of Visual and Performing Arts* with page number Page: 467-476 in Volume 3 Issue 2 July-December – 2022 edition. The ISSN (Online) of the journal is 2582-7472 and the DOI is 10.29121/shodhkosh.v3.i2.2022.230. The authors of the paper are Bhattacharjee, Sunayan, Chakraborty, Amrita. The journal is peer reviewed and listed in **UGC Care**. The paper can be accessed in the link: <https://www.granthaalayahpublication.org/Arts-Journal/ShodhKosh/article/view/230>

DR. HARMIK VAISHNAV

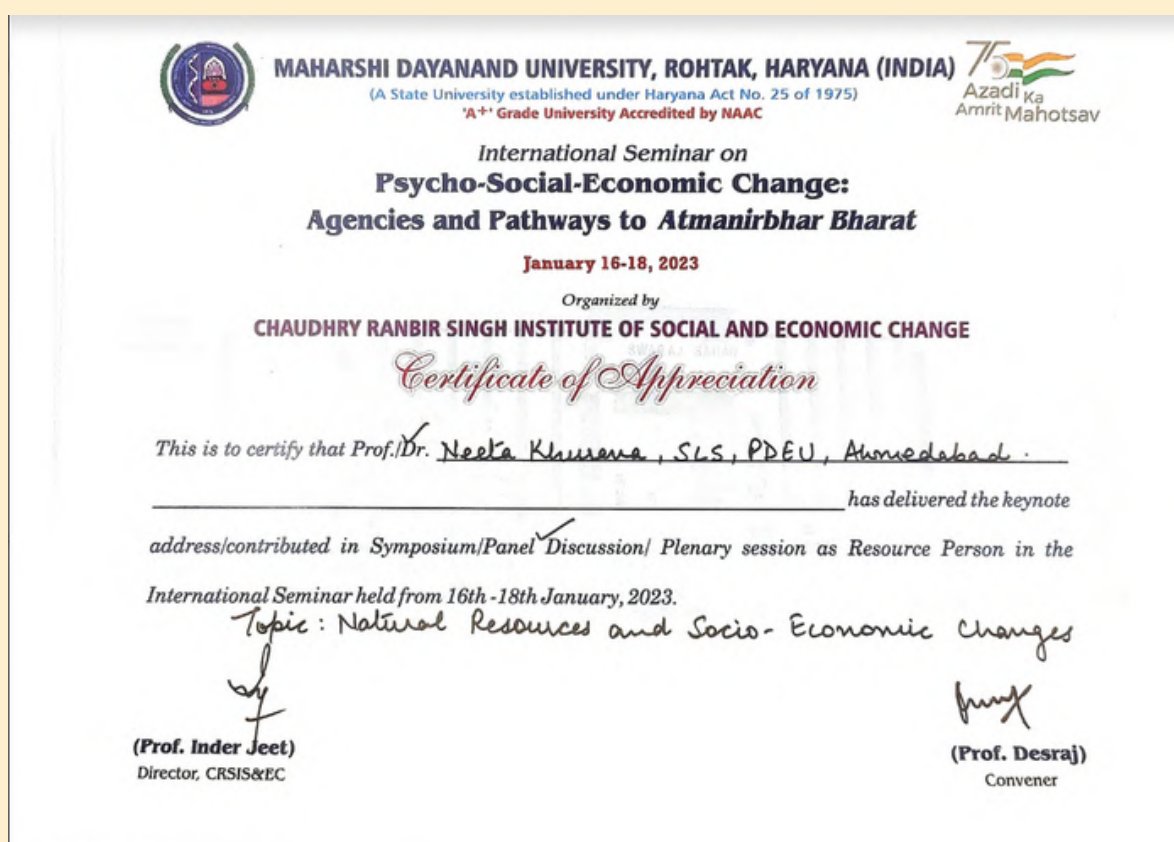
Dr. Harmik Vaishnav was invited as a resource person at FDP organized by Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) on December 23, 2023. He spoke on '*Literature as a pedagogical tool for study of Law.*' English teachers teaching in various National Law Universities of India as well as other prestigious law institutes of Gujarat were the beneficiary participants.



DR. NEETA KHURANA

Dr. Neeta Khurana was invited as a panel member for discussions on the topic '*Natural Resources and Socio-Economic Changes*' during International Seminar on *Psycho-Social–Economic Change: Agencies and Pathways to Atmanirbhar Bharat*, (January 16-18, 2023) organized by Chaudhary Ranbir Singh Institute of Social and Economic Change, Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana (India).

Dr. Khurana is also nominated by the Director General of PDEU as Nodal Officer for GT20 Events.

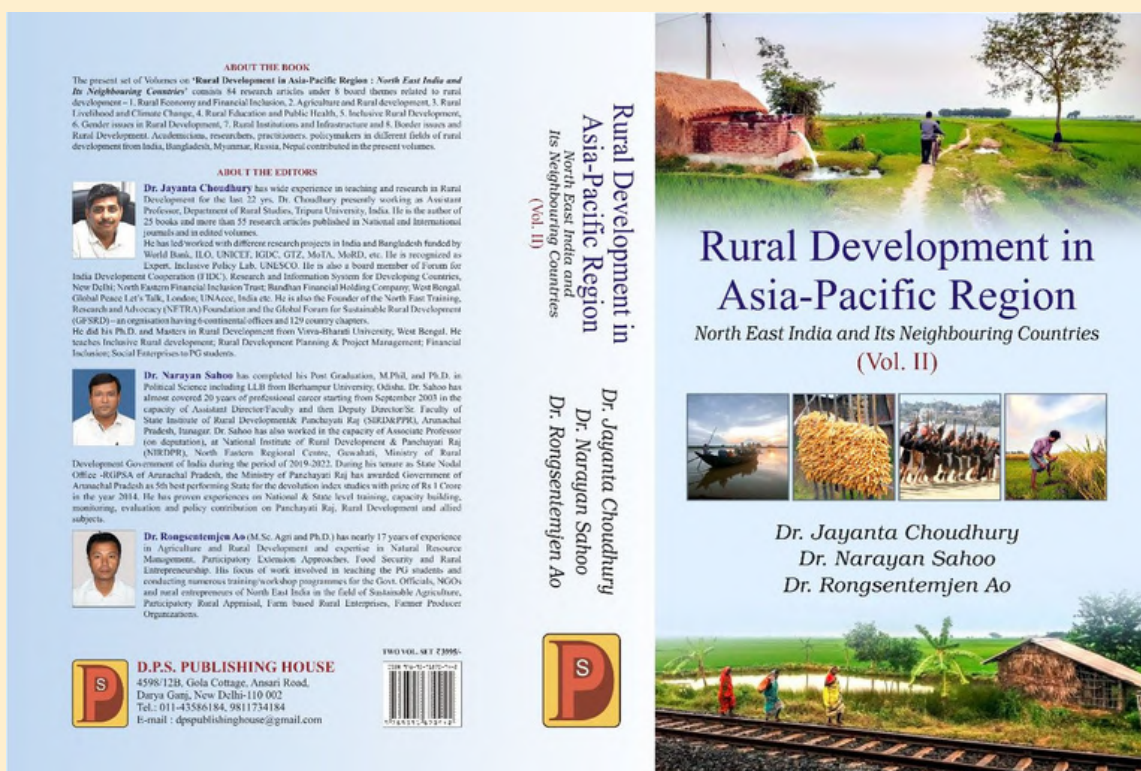


DR. UDAYPRAKASH SHARMA

An article titled: '*The Politics of Justice within Borders: A Cosmopolitan Perspective*', by Dr. Udayprakash Sharma was published as a book chapter in J. Choudhury, N. Sahoo, R. Ao (Eds.) Book titled: '*Rural Development in Asia-Pacific Region: North East India and Its Neighboring Countries*', (I ed., Vol. 2, pp. 1008-1026) Published by D.P.S. Publishing House, New Delhi. ISBN: 978-93-91870-94-2

The two volumes of the book were published under the aegis of an International Seminar on *Rural Development in Asia-Pacific Region: Special reference to North-East India and its Bordering countries*, during August 24-28, 2020, organized by National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, North Eastern Regional Centre, Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India, Guwahati, India, in collaboration with Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Government of Bangladesh, Cumilla, Bangladesh at National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, North Eastern Regional Centre, Guwahati, Assam, India. The present set of volumes consists of 84 research articles under 8 broad themes related to rural development.

This article enters the realm of justice, which is described as a principle that transgresses mere domestic borders. Dr. Sharma in his paper titled '*The Politics of Justice Within Borders: A Cosmopolitan Perspective*,' believes that injustices caused in the international arena tend to inform the structure of justice within the domestic realm. Cosmopolitanism in international relations and its relevance in the contemporary scenario are stressed as a priority concern due to its ability to hinder any instances of justice in the international arena through collective action of all the state actors.



The Politics of Justice within Borders: A Cosmopolitan Perspective

Dr. Udayprakash Sharma

Introduction

We do not live in a just world. This may be the least controversial claim one could make in political theory. But it is much less clear what, if anything, justice on a world scale might mean, or what the hope for justice should lead us to want in the domain of international or global institutions, and in the policies of states that are in a position to affect the world order. I believe that the need for workable ideas about the global or international case presents political theory with its most important current task, and even perhaps with the opportunity to make a practical contribution in the long run....¹

In 2005, when the international realm was characterized by several conflicts, some cross continent such as Operation Desert Storm and others between regional powers, for instance the conflict in Tuzla Island between Ukraine and Russia, the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan reminded world leaders of their obligation to increase overseas development aid to 0.7 percent of each state's gross national income, a target based on an agreement reached at a 2002 Millennium Goals Summit meeting.² Although world leaders voluntarily agreed to that figure, Annan's reminder is part of a larger discourse surrounding foreign aid that is based on a right to development, enshrined in various UN documents and treaties, rather than some vague notion of charity. And yet, whenever, or for much of the time, developed countries regard the issue of distributive justice among states as a question of charity; the developed countries are rarely obliged to increase their levels of foreign aid. Put differently, there is little, if any sense of obligation or entitlement towards justice in the international realm.

If a comparative study were carried out between the focus paid to the issues of war, conflict and diplomacy in the international realm and the attention given to the concern for justice, equality and fairness, it would not be incorrect to conclude that much of the discourse on international politics concerns itself with the former. Over the past several decades, there has been a steady and continuous flow of literature on the issues of war and conflict. To this extent, the attention paid to the issue of war is



Student's Achievements

AARJYAADITYA MOHANTY

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Aarjyaaditya Mohanty (20BABBA066) completed an internship in the L&T-STEC (Joint Venture) company in Mumbai, an ongoing Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation project. He was in the accounts department at the project site. He was introduced to different financial terms used at the project site. He started this internship on December 8, 2022, ending on January 7, 2023. This tenure exposed him to different levels of challenges faced on the construction site and how to solve them. His biggest learnings from the internship were teamwork, leadership, honesty, and hardcore determination.

He expresses gratitude to L&T-STEC JV for allowing him to work as an intern at their esteemed organization.



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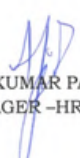
TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that **Mr. Aarjyaaditya Mohanty**, who is pursuing BBA (Hons.) from School of Liberal Studies, Pandit Deendayal Energy University, Gandhinagar has successfully completed the Project Training at our Mumbai Metro UGC 01 Project site from December 08, 2022 to January 07, 2023.

We found Aarjyaaditya hardworking and sincere during the training period.

We wish him all the success in his future endeavors.

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VIGNESH KENNY

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Vignesh Kenny from the School of Liberal Studies, PDEU got admission to the Master of Science in Finance Programme in the School of Business at Stevens Institute of Technology for Fall 2023 semester. The admission committee has recommended him for a scholarship of \$13500 to pursue the program because of his outstanding academic performance.



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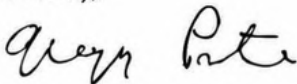
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Stevens isn't a business school for everyone. Not only do you need the right academic excellence, you need a deep appreciation for technology and its role in solving business problems. It's clear to me that you're the kind of creative, critical thinker who will thrive at a school where new technology isn't just taught — it's invented, refined, shared and applied.


For more details on your admission and to confirm or decline this offer, please read the information on the following page. Our admissions office as well as your advisors will be in touch with you shortly to ensure you have everything you need to enroll at Stevens for the upcoming semester. Until then, please share this happy news with those who have supported your journey so far.

I'm so excited to welcome you to the Stevens community. I'm confident that you'll do great things here that will change the way you see the world and prepare you for an incredibly rewarding career.

Sincerely,



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Zanish Sunil Mistry completed his global volunteer internship in Egypt.





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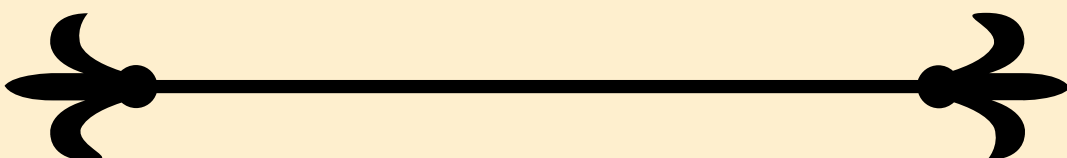
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