A 'Voting Awareness Campaign' was organized by the students of the University on 2 April 2014 as per the guidelines of the Election Commission, in light of the ongoing General Elections 2014. The campaign and awareness march was conducted at the behest of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Gurgaon Mr Pushpendra Singh Chauhan and the Chief Executive Officer of DRDA, Gurgaon. The motive of the campaign was to achieve more and more youth participation by making them take a pledge to vote and letting them know their democratic responsibilities. The campaign was also aimed at promoting free, fair and peaceful elections, where the voter votes fearlessly and without being influenced by considerations of religion, race, caste, community, language or any inducement. All volunteer faculty members, staff and students joined the campaign enthusiastically and pledged to cast their vote.

The campaign covered the University campus and the neighbouring residential area. After signing of the banner, which displayed a ‘Pledge to Vote’, the campaign moved to Sector 23 Main Gate where the students distributed pamphlets and tricolour wrist bands to the masses. The awareness march was taken around Sector 23 market and covered the entire neighbourhood. The residents too were enthused by the fervour of the students and turned out in large numbers to sign the pledge.

Speaking at the occasion, the student Election Ambassador of the University, Vineet Gupta said, “I am confident that our campaign will have a positive impact not only on all faculty, staff and students of ITM University, but also on our neighbourhood. There was a lot of enthusiasm amongst the residents of Sector 23 and we hope to see a marked increase in voter turnout on Election Day.”

ITM University continues to hold faith in our democracy and its values, and pledges to continue the democratic traditions of our nation.

Sitar maestro Pt. Prateek Chaudhuri accompanied by tabla ustad Pt. Sovon Hazra rendered a mesmerizing and educative performance at the University on 16 April 2014. The event, Virasat 14, was organized by School of Law under the ITMU Chapter of Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC MACAY) a voluntary youth movement which promotes Indian classical music, dance, and other aspects of Indian culture. Virasat, literally means ‘heritage’ and the concert was held to generate awareness of the cultural traditions and heritage of India.

Through the performance and interaction with renowned artists, students were privileged to understand and appreciate some of the intricacies of our classical music. Pt. Chaudhuri explained that no other music in the world has ‘ragas’ for different times of the day or seasons, except Indian classical music and through their performance Pt. Chaudhuri and Pt. Hazra showed the difference and relevance of it. Using the example of a painter, who may have a limited area on a canvas on which he/she can paint to express mood or emotions, a ‘Raga’ also has limited musical notes which a musician can use to express his/her feelings and emotions.

Pt. Chaudhuri and Pt. Hazra, through their captivating rendition made the students aware of the different beats or ‘taals’ of the tabla and how the beats are used to make music. The students were enthralled by the beauty of classical music and joined the eminent musicians by clapping to their beats when they played the Raga Madhuvanti. The experience was a memorable one as the students thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it while gaining an insight into the cultural traditions of India. The programme concluded with the melodious notes of ‘Vaishnava Jana Tô’ by Pandit Chaudhuri.
The Society for Innovations and Development (SID) organized a motivational and energizing seminar, ‘The Life Sagas...an Awakening’ to envisage students’ aspirations, appreciate the worth of their present moment in time and design a road map to their ambitions. The seminar was conducted by experts from The Life Sagas group or TLS on 17 April 2014.

Ms Bhavna Khanna, the key speaker asked the students to understand the purpose of their life, as nothing in the world happens without a purpose. She motivated them to believe in their inner voice and innate talent. No one is a failure, it is just that we don’t see our success. Citing the examples of Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg, she said that they both had a burning desire to serve humanity and their purpose of life was to connect with people. This led them to start Microsoft and Facebook, respectively.

Mr Sudhir Nara spoke on meditation and stressed that meditation is a tool to reach our inner grand unified field and create happiness. It helps overcome life's problems and challenges, helps build confidence and that is the path to success in life.

Mr Amit Auumkaar, speaking on motivation, delivered a talk in a lighter vein. Through personal examples he showed how motivation helped him achieve anything he wanted. He emphasized that it’s all about practice!

This inspiring and motivating seminar was organized by SID members Rohit Mittal and Payal Gupta, 2nd year BTech students, under the guidance of Prof. Gaurav Gupta, APS.

Yukti visits Old Age Home

The social service club, Yukti, organized a visit to Tau Devi Lal Old Age Home, Sector-4, Gurgaon on 11 April 2014. The Suvidha Cell of Yukti, specializes in providing basic amenities to the needy. The old age home has 25 physically and mentally challenged women residents. They were given essential items of daily use such as sanitary kits, sanitation kits, wheat, rice, spices, sugar etc. Refreshments were also served.

The delegation was led by Ms Jyotsna Singh, faculty coordinator, Yukti, accompanied by other faculty members. Yukti team spent the afternoon with the elderly people, served them refreshments, and prepared an inventory of other items required at the home, like medicines, other medical kits etc. These are to be promptly supplied in their coming visit, shortly.

University Students visit Blind School

ITMU students and faculty at the Blind School

Satya Sai International Organization conducted a modular course for ITM University BTech 6th Semester students on moral values and personality development entitled, ‘Life is a Game, Play it’. The course contains 9 modules in which the 8th module is for Outdoor Service activity. Under this module, ITMU students enrolled in this programme did Seva/Service activity at AICB Capt. Chandanlal Special School for the Blind, Behrampur, near Hero Honda Chowk, Gurgaon on 22 April 2014. The University students and faculty visited the computer lab, library, science lab, and mess at the Blind School, and donated Rs. 11,000 to the Blind School. The students also distributed sweets among the students.

Laurels won by Ms Jyotika Pruthi, Assistant Professor, CSE & IT Department

Institution of Engineering and Technology, United Kingdom, (IET,UK), Delhi Local Network conducted a Present Around the World (P.A.T.W.) competition for the Northern Region under the Young Professionals Section on 19 April 2014 at Bharti Vidyapeeth University, New Delhi. The event saw participation of 87 engineering students/professionals from various colleges/organizations spread across Northern Region of India. Ms Jyotika Pruthi, Assistant Professor, Department of CSE & IT of the University also took part in the competition. Each participant came up with very innovative, mind boggling and unique topics making the competition very exciting and tough. It gives us immense pleasure to inform that Ms Jyotika Pruthi was adjudged the Winner, having stood first in the entire Northern region.

87 participants were judged by an expert panel from Academic and Industrial sectors. Out of these, 9 participants were shortlisted for the final face-off. A special jury was constituted for this final round. The jury included officers from Engineering Services, Retired Defence Service Officers and Academicians from various engineering disciplines.
After 3 hours of exclusive presentations and grueling question and answers session, the runners-up and winners were selected. Ms Jyotika Pruthi was adjudged the winner and was awarded prize money of Rs. 15,000/-. The runner-up was Mr Guthak who won prize money of Rs. 10,000/-. The winner now moves to the National Finals, which will be held in Delhi in due course. The winner of that round will move to UK for the final round.

**Interview with Adjunct Professor (ITM), Dr Ranjit Sinha**

School of Management (SOM) is fortunate to have guidance of learned Adjunct Professor Ranjit Sinha, who has been guiding them in all academic matters from time to time. Professor Sinha has a Masters in Industrial Engineering and Business Administration (Cranfield, UK), PhD in Operations Management (Birmingham, UK). He is a Chartered Engineer, UK; Fellow of the Institution of Production Engineers, UK, Fellow of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, UK; Member of the Institute of Management, UK Professor Sinha has 40 years of industrial experience in the UK.

In an exclusive interview to Ms Rekha Mathur, Sr Editor, coordinated by Asst. Prof. Jaya Ahuja, SOM, he speaks about the role of art, craft, science and a common sense approach in Management. Prof. Sinha shared his views on dynamic case study teaching method and showed the way ahead to raise the status and profile of the SOM.

**It is said that Management is the place where art, craft and science meet. Do you agree with this statement or not and why?**

Agree, absolutely. Management, in a generic term, covers a wide spectrum of business functions and the span of management controls within these functions require art, craft and the scientific approach to be effective and successful. However, the level of application will vary from one function to another.

I would like to give some real-life examples to support my views. To illustrate this, I will select some business functions:

**Sales Management** – Bringing in business is their key responsibility, but it requires:
- Building relationships, mutual trust and earning respect of prospective buyers
- Need to be sensitive and flexible in negotiations.
- Skillful networking
- Selling skills and tactics
- Listening, questioning and understanding customer's needs, etc.

All the above factors do not really require 'science', but certainly require all the 'art and craft' of selling and convincing the customer what he needs to clinch business deals.

**Communication and HR Management**

Good communication is the lifblood of the management and the organization. It takes many forms, such as speaking, writing, listening and articulating, to convey the message to human resources of the organization. The power of 'art and craft' of delivering a message to get things done, pass on and obtain information, reach decisions, achieve joint understanding, take people along and move forward towards business targets, cannot be overemphasised.

**Product Development, Design and Manufacturing Management**

All these business and management functions require extensive application of technical, engineering and well-tested scientific methods and techniques to carry out tasks efficiently.

The above illustrations endorse my view that a good management requires a sound combination of art, craft and science to be effective and efficient.

**What do you consider to be 'Strategy'? How important is it to have a strategy for the success of a project in an organisation?**

‘Strategy’ is a plan, a journey and a set of well-defined milestones and objectives for achieving an organisation's goals. It is not just important but absolutely essential, as without this the progress of a project cannot be measured and monitored effectively for assessing the success and achievement of the goal.

**What is the role of teaching of ethics in a business school?**

I remember a very famous ethical saying of President Kennedy, “Ask not what your country can do for you -- ask what you can do for your country”. In essence and spirit of ethics and philosophy, I believe that a Business School has the responsibility to teach and remind themselves and their students their duties and responsibilities to society. In most progressive countries and corporate organizations, you will see that social and moral ethics are taken very seriously whether it is global warming/pollution/environment/energy/poverty or unemployment. With a significant percentage of our country’s population under the burden and stress of poverty and unemployment, you do not just need lessons and teachings on ethics, but you must have a burning desire, an honest commitment and the willpower to do something about it. This is what the role of teaching should be --- ACTION, NOT WORDS!

**Share your views on dynamic case study teaching method.**

Dynamic case studies provide real-life problems and issues and present an opportunity for students to use and apply methodologies and management techniques they have in their MBA course and from various seminars.
As part of this method, I strongly recommend that students should be split into several groups and be asked to study the "case" by business functions, such as, Sales and Marketing, Manufacturing, Finance etc. After they have fully studied and analysed the "case", they should define the problems and propose their solutions; give a presentation of the "Case Study" to the Faculty and the whole group.

This exercise should be repeated for the next Case Study, and students should be rotated so as to give opportunity to all to study and have exposure to other functions. Also, it is very important that question/answer sessions are encouraged and flow freely with faculty members getting truly involved and acting as catalysts.

This type of learning is very stimulating and rewarding.

**How important is it to bring theory and practice together in the classroom and how this approach makes the experience much more beneficial for the students?**

It is very important to bring theory and practice together. However, the approach should be pragmatic, practical and realistic. Most theories cannot be totally applied in practice as there could be likely constraints and limitations, and likewise, business situations arise which are never taught in an MBA course. Hence, a common sense approach is critical as there is no substitute for good common sense, people sense and being street smart. These attributes only come from practical experience and that is why, bringing some real-life case studies into the class room is so beneficial for students to have a go, and come up with some practical and realistic solutions or at least get a taste/ experience of the gap between theory and practice.

**What changes in ITMU's Management curriculum would you suggest so that it can meet national needs and international standards?**

Having the advantage of attending an elite UK Business School followed by 40 years of industrial experience in the UK, my observations, based on my few short trips to ITMU to conduct seminars, with limited exposure to its curriculum, will raise the status and the profile of the ITMU Management School.

- During the 2 years course, students should have exposure to business and industry during long vacations between semesters.
- Student’s individual dissertation/thesis should be business or industry-based.
- Theoretical dissertation should be discouraged.
- Industry-based Group Project Teams for students should be considered and introduced.
- These Group Projects will be run by students but supervised by faculty members.
- All students, on rotation basis, will have the opportunity to chair a Project Meeting, give presentations and also act as Secretary for the Project Meeting.
- By carrying out the above activities, the Management School will be preparing the students for a more rewarding business life after their MBA.

I have had the opportunity to raise these issues with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Prem Vrat, while visiting the University and found that these are already within his radar range and strategy.

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**Department of EECE**

**Departmental Activity**

Professor Ved Prakash Sandlas, Distinguished Scientist and Former Chief Controller (R & D) DRDO; Project Director-Satellite Launch Vehicle, Vikram Sarabhai Space Center-ISRO visited the University on 9 April 2014 for mentoring EECE Faculty. Ms Amanpreet Kaur coordinated the mentoring meeting in which the faculty members discussed their research areas and methods to improve their teaching skills with Prof. Sandlas.

**Workshops Organized**

- A one day workshop ‘Hands on Matlab’ for EECE students, technical staff and faculty on 11 April 2014. Participants had hands-on experience on Matlab covering basic Matrix operations, 2D plotting, 3D plotting, logical functions, control structures, graphical user interface, image processing toolbox etc.

**Workshops Attended**

- A national workshop was organized on ‘Hands on experience with FPGA design using verilog’ on 27 March 2014. It was conducted in collaboration with DKOP Lab, Noida. The DKOP labs are corporate partners of IIT Delhi and training partners of Cadence Design Pvt Ltd. in India. Students of Department of EECE and CSE, and from various colleges across the NCR attended the workshop. The workshop has given the participants experience to work with Xilinx software and FPGA kits.

- A workshop on ‘Change Your Words, Change Your World’ was organized by Santulan Society of ITMU in collaboration with Santulan group (Delhi & Mumbai) on 24 March 2014. The workshop focused on improving the communication skills and helping the participants to understand, how to strike balance in life.

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**Ms Kusum Dangi, Ms Charu Rana, Ms Vandana Khanna, Ms Pooja Saberwal and Ms Jyothi Varanasi attended a workshop on Computational Optimization at ITM University on 28 March, 2014.**
**Department of CSE and IT**

**Departmental activities**

- The Department of CSE & IT organized a national CEP on ‘Android Application Development’ on 8 and 9 March 2014, coordinated by Ms Jyotika Pruthi and Ms Rita Chikkara.

- The Department organized a National CEP on ‘Memory Power’ on 27 March 2014, coordinated by Ms Neha Sahu, Ms Neha Popli and Ms Richa Chabra.

- The Department of CSE & IT conducted Pre-Placement Interview (PPI) for the third year CSE & IT students on 28 and 29 March 2014. Seventeen industrial experts from various industries like TCS, HCL, Xerox, Aricent, Hewitt, Interglobe, Converse etc. conducted the interview. Each expert interviewed 15 students, who were given the detailed feedback regarding their technical/non-technical skills afterwards. The experts also counselled the students in the area in which they were weak or needed improvement.

**Guest Lectures**

- Mr Amit Kumar Gupta, Program Manager, Technology Solutions, Noida, delivered a lecture on ‘Basics of VLSI Design and Career options in semiconductor Industry’ on 10 February 2014.

- Mr Deepak Choudhary, Senior Analyst (Business & System Integration), Accenture, delivered a lecture on ‘How to bring your career on track!’ on 4 March 2014.

- A lecture on ‘Microsoft Technologies (Normalisation in Database)’ was delivered by Mr Rajesh Kumar, Sharepoint Technology Architect, Infosys, on 6 March 2014.

- Mr Deven Verma, co-founder Online OPD, MDD Medical System (India) Pvt Ltd., delivered a lecture on ‘Graphology’ on 10 March 2014.

**Department of Mechanical Engineering**

**Departmental Activities**

- A workshop on CNC Programming for faculty members and technical staff was organized on 4 and 5 April 2014. 12 participants including 8 faculty members and 4 technical staff attended the workshop. It was conducted by Mr Virender Bhardwaj, Managing Director, M/s Distinct Solutions Private Limited and Dr Durgesh Sharma, CNC Expert, M/s Distinct Solutions Private Limited. The workshop provided hands-on training on CNC simulation software.

**Industry Interactions**

- Prof. Ravindra Ojha and Ms Amrita Jhawar visited Federal-Mogul Goetze (India) Limited, Bhiwadi on 14 April 2014 along with 3rd year Mechanical Engineering students. Three students have been selected for summer internship by the company.

- Prof. Ravindra Ojha and team at M/s Federal Mogul Goetze (India) Limited

- After successful completion of Lean Workshop, seven students from 3rd year Mechanical Engineering have been selected for summer internship. Five of them will be doing their internship in Bharat Gears Limited, Faridabad and two in GKN Driveline, Faridabad.
An industrial visit to Kaizen Metal Forming Pvt Ltd (Faridabad) for the students of 1st year was organized on 26 March 2014. The visit helped students to develop technical know-how of various forming and welding operations which they studied in the course, ‘casting welding forming’. The Managing Director, Mr VK Chawla, impressed by the involvement and interest of the students, said that he could help the University in arranging internships for the students in his supporting companies like Harley Davidson, Sonalika Tractors etc.

Faculty Outreach Activity

- Mr Ashwini Sharma was invited by Ms Gonaturo Pvt. Ltd. for his valuable inputs in developing a food processing machine on 19 April 2014.

Society Activities : Personage

- The Society (Personage) conducted personality and intelligence quotient test for 2nd year Mechanical Engineering students from 14-18 April 2014.
- An article writing competition, INDITE, was organized which received a warm response and participation from the students. Selected articles will be published in the forthcoming Departmental magazine.

Guest lectures

- Mr Vikas Sood, Senior Manager, Department of Production Engineering Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. delivered a guest lecture on ‘Sheet metal operations, steel making and metal forming’ to 2nd year Mechanical Engineering students on 21 April 2014. Mr Sood has patented four designs of dies that are used by MSIL in press shop and three more patents are expected by the end of this year. He is considered as a domain expert in the field of press operations / TWB (tailored welded blanks) / yield improvement / materials.

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Workshop Organized

- A two day workshop on STAAD PRO was conducted on 21 and 22 April 2014 under Institution of Engineers (India) student chapter, followed by a championship on the efficient bridge design. Prof. S Krishnamoorthi inaugurated the workshop which primarily focused on analysis and design of concrete and steel structures using the software STAAD PRO. A total of 30 students participated from the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering. The workshop was highly appreciated by the students and they derived maximum benefit from it. Sarthak Gupta, 2nd year student, was the best performer in the championship. Two more students of 3rd year were also shortlisted for the national round which is expected to be conducted at IIT Delhi in June 2014. All the participants were given certificates of participation and three best performers were given certificates of merit. The event was coordinated by Mr Nipun Verma.

Faculty Outreach Activity


Department of Applied Sciences

Educational trip

- A one day educational trip to Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi for MSc and BSc Mathematics students was arranged on 22 April 2014. During the trip, students and accompanying faculty attended a 2 hour expert lecture by Prof. Rajveeva Laxman Karandikar, Director, Chennai Mathematical Institute, Chennai describing the ‘Interface of Mathematics with Society’. Prof. Karandikar gave a detailed explanation of the application of Mathematics in various fields. The students and faculty members interacted with other participating researchers and scientists present.

Guest Lectures

- An invited talk by Dr Pawan Kumar Kulriya (Scientist from Inter-University Accelerator Centre, New Delhi) on ‘Nanocomposite Materials for Hydrogen Gas Sensor’ was organized on 22 April 2014 for faculty members, research scholars and students of BTech (ME 6th semester and CSE&IT 8th semester) studying Nanotechnology. Dr Kulriya explained the background of Nanotechnology and later shared his recent research work on use of nanomaterials for hydrogen gas sensors. Dr Kulriya’s expertise is in the areas of synthesis of nano-structured materials using sputtering, e-beam and resistive heating techniques and modification of materials using ion irradiation and implantation.

- Mr Paritosh Tyagi gave a talk on ‘Management and Handling of Electronic Wastes’ on 22 April 2014 for students of BTech (CSE 6th semester). He enlightened the students on application of e-waste
rules, treatment, storage and disposal facility, sequence of options for disposal of e-waste, authorisation for related activities and guidelines issued by Central Pollution Control Board. Mr Paritosh Tyagi (Former Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board) has been associated with ITM University under AICTE-INAE (Indian National Academy of Engineering)-Distinguished Professorship Scheme to promote technical education, research, industry-institute interaction, enrichment of curriculum content and other activities.

News from the School of Management

Industrial Visits

SOM organized an informative visit to Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), North Regional office, New Delhi on 15 April 2014. SEBI plays role of a regulator in Indian capital market and as such, this visit was highly beneficial for our students for understanding the functioning and regulation of the stock market. 25 students of all branches accompanied by Dr Himanshu Choudhary and Ms Shashi Gupta of SOM for this visit.

Board of Studies Meeting

Third BOS meeting of SOM for UG programmes i.e. BBA, BCom (H) and BSc Economics (H) was held on 19 April 2014. Eligibility and selection criteria for admissions were revised and interview was made compulsory for selection in all the three programmes. Course structure of all programmes was also reviewed.

News from the School of Law

School of Law spreads awareness about sex-selective abortion

Female foeticide has been a serious issue of modern society. The State of Haryana is ranked last among all the states in India (according to the Census report of 2011) as far as sex-ratio in the country is concerned. Despite implementation of several Acts and Laws by the Parliament of India the desired objective of improving the sex-ratio has not been achieved. To spread social awareness about female foeticide among one and all, School of Law organized a street play performance on 26 March 2014 with the support of Centre for Social Research (CSR), a New Delhi-based organization headed by noted social activist, Dr Ranjana Kumari. The actors of the street play were primarily drawn from the members of ‘Abhimanch’ – the theatre group of the University. The play satirically depicted the slow pace of the legal machinery responding to a case of sex-selective abortion. The play was able to strike at the conscience of the audience and was appreciated by all. The actors were presented with certificates and a cash award of Rs. 3000/- as a token of appreciation.

Inter-College Quiz Competition organized on Women’s Rights

The knowledge and awareness of the young generation about women’s issues were put to test when School of Law organized an inter-college quiz competition on women’s rights on 26 March 2014, sponsored by Centre for Social Research (CSR). A total of 12 teams, each consisting of two members, participated in the competition including teams from Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala; Faculty of Law, Delhi University; Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies (VIPS), IP University; Amity University, Noida; and Amity Law School, New Delhi. In a keenly contested showdown, VIPS emerged as winners while ITMU School of Law and Amity Law School ranked at second and third positions, respectively. All the participants were presented with certificates of participation. Besides certificates of merit, the first three teams won trophies and cash prizes worth Rs. 3000/-, Rs. 2000/- and Rs. 1000/- respectively.

Visit by representatives from BPP Law School, UK

Prof. Peter Crisp, Dean, BPP Law School, Stefanie Esswein (Head of International Recruitment) and Mr Mohit Gambir, BPP Education Business Partner (India & Nepal) along with Ms Moneesha Gupta, Senior Project
Manager- North India (Services for International Education Marketing, British Council) visited School of Law on 7 April 2014. Prof. Peter Crisp conducted a Masters Class on ‘Passing Off as a common law remedy in Trade Mark Law’. In a very interactive session with the 3rd Year Law students, he put forth his views on how the passing off remedy has evolved in the UK through case-law, and how should a passing of claim be effectively argued. He also elucidated on the classical trinity test and its wider acceptance over the Advocate Test. The seminar was followed by a discussion with the faculty members of possible future tie-ups for summer schools, student and faculty exchanges, etc.

Visit by Law Professor and Students from Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Holland

A delegation of 19 Corporate Law Masters’ students from Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Holland visited ITM University, Gurgaon on 3 April 2014. Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Holland, is ranked No. 1 in the world in the area of economic law.

Besides attending guest lectures conducted by our faculty members, they went around the University Campus and also spent some time with our students. The visiting students had been assigned a case study which sought to compare the Dutch corporate law with its Indian counterpart.

This India trip was organized in collaboration with the Royal Netherlands Embassy, New Delhi with visits to Supreme Court of India, Delhi Arbitration Centre, National Law University, Delhi, NALSAR, Hyderabad, besides ITM University.

During discussions with Prof. S Santhakumar, Director School of Law, Ms JJM Grapperhaus, the accompanying professor expressed the desire that a lasting cooperation could be forged and the possibility of student exchange programme could also be explored.

Guest Lectures

A guest lecture by Prof. Lakshmi Jambholkar, Executive President, ISIL on ‘Private International Law Aspects of Marriage and Matrimonial Causes: The Indian Perspective’ was held on 24 April 2014. She delivered a brief yet engaging lecture on how inter-country and NRI marriages have posed a jurisdictional problem since long in India and discussed landmark judgments on the issue of formal and essential validity of marriages, domicile of Indian married women and recognition and enforcement of foreign divorce decrees in India. She brought to fore the drawbacks of relying on the archaic law enshrined in the Indian Succession Act on married women’s domicile and called for increased judicial activism especially by the apex court, to remedy the errors being caused by the law.

Faculty Outreach activities

Mr Charles Sabga, Regional Legal Adviser for South Asia, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Dr Anuradha Saibaba, Legal Adviser, ICRC, New Delhi, delivered lectures on the Importance of ‘International Humanitarian Law and its linkages with Human Rights Law’ to 6th semester BBA LLB (Honours) students on 25 April 2014.

Dr Anuradha Saibaba delivering lecture

Mr Parikshet Sirohi arranged for himself and three students of BBA LLB (Honours) 6th Semester, Ms Gabriella Ruhil, Ms Manisha Dash and Mr Mandeep Kalra, to attend ‘Managing Intellectual Property : India IP & Innovation Forum 2014’, by getting full waiver of delegate fee amounting to Rs. Four Lakh Eighty Thousand (Rs. 4,80,000 only).

Ms Aakanksha Kumar, Research Associate, was invited to judge the Preliminary Rounds of the 3rd RGNUL National Moot Court Competition, 2014 held at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala from 28 - 29 March 2014.

Mr Parikshet Sirohi, Assistant Professor, was invited to judge

• The National Moot Court Competition held at School of Law, Ideal Institute of Management & Technology, New Delhi on 30 March 2014.
• The Preliminary Rounds of the 3rd RGNUL National Moot Court Competition, 2014 held at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala from 28 - 29 March 2014.
• The DU-NHRC Moot Court Competition held at Faculty of Law, Delhi on 8 March 2014,
• The National Moot Court Competition held at NLIU, Bhopal from 1 – 2 March 2014, and
• The Auro University Moot Court Competition, at Auro University, Surat on 22 February 2014.

Ms Aakanksha Kumar, Research Associate, was invited to judge the Preliminary Rounds of the 3rd RGNUL National Moot Court Competition, 2014 held at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala from 28 - 29 March 2014.
Conference attended

Mr Parikshet Sirohi, Assistant Professor, along with 25 students of BBA LLB (Honours) attended the ‘National Seminar on Intellectual Property Intervention for Academic Institutions’ jointly organized by Ennoble IP and JRE Group of Institutions at JRE Campus, Greater Noida on 22 April 2014.

Centre for Languages Learning (CLL)

BOS Meeting of CLL for Restructuring of English Courses

The meeting of the Board of Studies of Centre for Languages Learning was held on 16 April 2014 to discuss the restructuring and rationalization of English courses offered by the Centre across all three Schools. Dr Shrutimita Mehta, Head of the Centre, briefed the purpose behind the restructuring and rationalization of the English courses offered by CLL to all the three schools. The Chairman, BOS, Prof. Ravindra Ojha expressed that valuable inputs, worthy suggestions and guidance by the External Expert, Prof. Pashupati Jha, IIT Roorkee have been instrumental in making the courses offered by CLL industry-oriented.

Board of Studies Meeting of CLL for Introduction of Courses in French and German as Open Electives

Board of Studies Meeting of CLL was held on 21 April 2014 to approve the content of courses in foreign languages namely French and German as Open Electives. The distinguished external experts for the two languages, Prof. MK Julka, External expert-German, University of Delhi and Dr Farida Irani, External expert-French, University of Delhi, provided their valuable feedback on the content. Dr Shrutimita Mehta, Head, CLL, briefed the members that the purpose behind introducing foreign languages as Open Electives was to provide the students of the University an upper edge in placements. All students are encouraged that they should avail the unique opportunity to learn a foreign language.

News from the School of Professional Attachment (SPA)

Placements during the Month

3 April 2014 was an important day for School of Professional Attachment. Eight bright and vibrant students of the Department of Mechanical Engineering got placed with a reputed organization, Sona BLW Precision Forgings. It is a matter of pride for the University when an alumnus, Mr Narender visited us as a recruiter for on campus placement drive.

The placements got a boost with the placement of four of our students with housing.com. On getting a good response from the students, they were invited for further selection on 11 April 2014 and the results are awaited.

16 shortlisted students from Mechanical and Electronics Engineering were put through a competitive aptitude and technical test by Samsung Engineering. On 13 April 2014, after a rigorous process of selection at their office for an oversees placement, 8 students did us proud when they got selected for placement.

Decimal Technology has given an offer to two students.

One student could bag an opportunity from Leeway Hertz placement on 14 April 2014.

Orkash campus placement drive held on 23 April 2014 took off to a flying start and 15 students have got shortlisted for final round of interview.

Subros campus drive took place on 25 April 2014 with 7 students getting successfully shortlisted.

Internships

Ingersoll Rand, a global organization has given two of our students an opportunity for summer internships in their organization.

Samsung Heavy Engineering and Manusis, well-established IT organizations have extended an offer of internship to one student each.

ICL-IZone has initiated a relationship with us with an offer of internship to one of our bright students from MBA.

Snapdeal has given an opportunity to our MBA students for internship in finance.

Competitions

A very active placement Club ‘Aarohan’ launched a group discussion competition called ‘Cabinet’, to give our students hands on practice in participation in Group Discussions. The students were divided into groups and put through three rounds which included general group discussion and
Guest Lecture
Mr Anish Gupta, Head HR and Mr Neeraj, Senior Consultant from Deloitte addressed our students on ‘Campus to Corporate and Cyber Threat’. The session went on for 3 hours with active participation by the students, which was well appreciated by the visiting team.

News from the Library
Vice-Chancellor gifts collection of books
Prof. Prem Vrat, Vice-Chancellor of our University has gifted his collection of PhD theses (supervised by him) and books on various subject areas like operations management, quality management, education management etc. to the Library.

We have established a separate section called ‘Prof. Prem Vrat's collection of Theses and Books’ in LIRC (Library and Information Resource Centre). All are requested to visit the library and see the valuable collection.

We thank Prof. Prem Vrat for this large hearted gesture.

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There is provision of customer support that dedicatedly works on the legal queries and provides relevant documents. Westlaw also provides training support for inquiries received via email or during personal training sessions.

Research Papers Published
Journal Publications
13. Ashwini Sharma, Prof. Dixit Garg and Dr Ashish Agarwal, ‘Study of


Conference Proceedings


Two students of School of Law, Sakshi Ji and Gaurangi Gupta participated in The Kairos 2014, NLU Delhi’s maiden literary and cultural fest which was held from 28 February to 2 March 2014 at National Law University, Delhi. Kairos 2014 featured with a variety of exciting events covering a wide spectrum of interests, including debate, music, dance, performing arts, fine arts, literary, and legal competitions. On the first day, i.e., 28 February, a Face Off Competition was organized in which our students won the 2nd prize, along with the certificates and a cash prize of Rs. 1000.

Employees of the Month

The University is pleased to announce the following Employees of the Month for their overall commitment in putting in the longest working hours in their respective departments.

Ms Sunaina Sangwan
Assistant Professor
School of Management

Mr Sanjeev Kumar
Security Officer (Admin)

Mr Akhilesh Kumar
Technical Assistant
CSE&IT (Server Room)

Students’ Activities

A team of three students of School of Law, Ms Urvashi Bharadwaj, Ms Prerna Gupta and Ms Parul, Semester IV, BBA LLB (Honours) participated at the National Moot Court Competition organized by Faculty of Law & Governance, Jayoti Vidyapeeth Women’s University, Jaipur. Our team won the Best Memorial award along with a cash prize of Rs. 5000.

Outreach Activities of Professor Prem Vrat, Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Eminence, ITM University, Gurgaon

Prof. Prem Vrat, attended the 12th Foundation Day & Eminent Engineer Award Function, organized by Engineering Council of India on 4 April 2014 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

As an Independent Director on the Board of Air India, Prof. Prem Vrat attended the 59th Board Meeting of Air India Limited on 16 April, 2014 at Airlines House, Gurudwara Rakabgunj, New Delhi.

Prof. Prem Vrat was invited to be advisor UPSC for Personality Test (PT) Board for Civil Services (Main) Examinations, 2013, held at UPSC from 21 to 25 April 2014.


