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BHU APPOINTS OMBUDSPERSON FOR STUDENT GRIEVANCES

Placing the interest and welfare of students among its top priorities, Banaras Hindu University has taken a new initiative in the form of the appointment of an **Ombudsman** for effective redressal of student grievances. Those students who have explored all the available platforms for their grievances will be able to approach the Ombudsman to seek a remedy, who will make all efforts to resolve grievances within 30 days of receiving it. **Prof. A. K. Srivastava**, former Dean of the Faculty of Science, has been appointed the ombudsman. This move is in line with the



Government of India guidelines to ensure that student concerns and grievances are effectively addressed and disposed of.

NEW INITIATIVES

Raja Jwala Prasad Post-Doctoral Fellowship



The university has launched **'Raja Jwala Prasad Post-Doctoral Fellowship'** under IoE-BHU. The fellowship aims to **engage young**

researchers as postdoctoral fellows to work with faculty members on already secured externally funded projects. As per eligibility, the scheme offers a consolidated monthly salary of Rs. 60,000/-, HRA of Rs. 10,000/-, and contingency spending of Rs. 50,000 per annum. **Named after former Pro Vice-Chancellor** Raja Jwala Prasad, it is a befitting tribute to his contribution to BHU. Hailing from Bijnor district of Uttar Pradesh, Raja Jwala Prasad was the Chief Engineer of the state and had the distinction to **design the layout of the university**.

Sayaji Rao Gaekwad Fellowship

Under this scheme, eligible research scholars who are yet to submit Ph.D. thesis but having completed the fellowship tenure and not receiving fellowship from any other source, will receive a **monthly financial assistance of Rs. 8,000**, for one year or until the submission of their Ph.D., whichever is earlier. The scheme also carries a contingency fund of Rs. 10,000. The scheme is a tribute to **Maharaja Sayaji Rao Gaekwad of Baroda**, who made generous donation to establish the present Central Library of the University, named after him.

Strengthening Faculties & Departments

Aimed at **strengthening faculties and departments** for superior teaching, learning, and research ecosystems, infrastructure development is being accorded the highest priority by the university. Under the initiative, funding shall be offered to faculties and departments that exhibit a strong commitment to their performance. **Additional support shall be provided to the tune of Rs. 20 crore** to the faculties, and funding up to Rs. 10 crore in the case of big departments with more than 25 teachers.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

The varsity has entered into an understanding with the US-based **"Foundation for Advancement of Arts and Sciences from India (ARSI)"** to promote teaching and research in mathematical sciences. As part of the MoU, signed by Registrar Prof. Arun Kumar Singh and Prof. Ravi. S. Kulkarni, President, ARSI, on July 8, 2023, BHU will receive an **endowment of Rs. 50 lakh** to support study and research in mathematics, particularly with the participation of external scholars.



UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

BHU Is 'Gati Achiever'

The university has received praise for the **successful implementation of the GATI program** and its notable efforts towards gender equality. Conceptualized by the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, the program aims to accelerate the participation of women in science, technology, engineering, medicine and mathematics. The varsity has been acknowledged as '**GATI Achiever**' for its commendable progress.

Govt. Notifies Moong Variety Developed by BHU

The Variety Sub-committee on Crop Standards, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare, Government of India, has notified the new **high-protein mungbean variety, Malaviya Jankranti (HUM 27)**, developed by the Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Institute of Agricultural Sciences. The variety has been developed by a team of scientists led by Dr. Mahendra Narain Singh and comprising Dr. Ramesh Chand, Dr. Prem Shankar Singh, and Mr. Dinesh Kumar.

New Directors Appointed to IMS & IAgS



The Institute of Medical Sciences has got its **27th Director as Prof. S. N. Sankhwar**. A renowned urologist, Prof. Sankhwar has served as Head of the Department of Urology as well as the Chief Medical Superintendent of Kings George Medical

University, Lucknow, before joining BHU. He assumed charge as the Director of IMS on September 27, 2023.



Prof. S. V. S. Raju, Department of Entomology and Agricultural Zoology, has been appointed as **Director of the Institute of Agricultural Sciences since September 1, 2023**. Prof. Raju has been working with BHU since 1991. He is also the Chief Administrative Warden of the International Hostel

Complex and Vice President of the University Sports Board, and also coordinates the admissions of international students.

138 Promoted as Senior Professors

The university has approved the long-awaited promotions of **138** faculty members as **senior professors** under the CAS 2018. A total of 38 professors have been promoted as senior professors in the Faculty of Science, while 37 professors in the Faculty of Agriculture have been promoted. 23 faculty members in the Faculty of Arts, 16 in the Faculty of Modern Medicine, 8 in the Faculty of Ayurveda, 7 in the Faculty of Social Sciences, 3 each in the Faculty of SVDV and Mahila Mahavidyalya, 2 in the Faculty of Dental Sciences, and 1 in the Faculty of Environment and Sustainable Development have been given promotion to the level of senior professors.

SUPPORT & GIFTS

Mr. Madan Mohan Kayastha (B.Sc. 1949, M.Tech. (Industrial Chemistry) 1951) and his wife, Mrs. Santosh Kayastha, have instituted four annual scholarships of Rs. 25,000 each to be awarded on merit cum means basis. The Sita Ram and Ajudhia Devi Scholarships, instituted in the memory of the parents of Sh. Madan Mohan Kayastha, will be presented to a **female student of B.Sc. (Hons.) Chemistry 1st year** and a **1st year student of M.Sc. (Chemistry)** at the Institute of Science.

Similarly, the Bhagwati and Mulk Raj Mahajan Scholarships are tributes to the parents of Mrs. Santosh Kayastha and will be presented to a **female student of BA. (LLB) Hons 1st year** and a **second year student of the LLM** program.

Sh. Prakash Pandey and **Sh. Arun Pandey** have instituted two annual scholarships of Rs. 25,000 each in the memory of their parents, Sh. Ganga Ratan Pandey (B.A. 1941, M.A. (Hindi) 1942) and Smt. Jagrani Pandey. The scholarships will be awarded to a **male** and a **female student of M.A. (Hindi)** on merit-cum-means basis.

Smt. Vasundhara Bhatt has instituted two annual scholarships of Rs. 25,000 each for the **first-year students of MPA (Vocal Music)** and

M.Sc. (Chemistry). The merit-cum-means basis scholarships have been established in the memory of her husband, Pt. Balwant Rai Bhatt, and her uncle, Dr. S. S. Joshi.

Capt. Vinayak Singh, son of Dr. Nityanand Singh (M.Sc. 1974, Ph.D. 1994), has instituted an annual scholarship of Rs. 25,000 for the students of the **M.Sc. (Geophysics, Meteorology) 2nd year**, in the memory of his father. The scholarship will be offered on merit-cum-means basis.

Col. (Dr.) Rajesh Bahal has established an annual scholarship of Rs. 25,000 as a tribute to his father, late Prof. Sushil Kumar Verma, who served Banaras Hindu University as a faculty member as well as the Dean of the Law School. The merit-cum-means basis scholarship is meant for the students of **LLM (Taxation)**.

Ms. Shraddha Nene has instituted the Pt. Gopal Shastri Nene Scholarship of Rs. 25,000 per annum for a student of **M.A. (Final) - Darshan** in the Department of Sanskrit. Mrs. Nene's husband Late Dr. Somnath Nene (Ph.D. 1979) had served the university as a faculty member from 2007 to 2019. The merit-cum-means scholarship is a tribute to his father.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sudhir Kumar Jain and Minister for Arts and Heritage and Department of Culture, Media, and Sports, United Kingdom, Lord Parkinson, discussed ways to enhance bilateral **cooperation between BHU and British educational institutions**. The minister was leading a delegation during his visit to BHU on August 25, 2023. The two sides held detailed exchange of ideas on possible areas of cooperation, including theatre, arts and design, music and dance, health care, & leadership programs.



AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Prof. T. P. Chaturvedi, Faculty of Dental Sciences, has been elected as a fellow of the **National Academy of Medical Sciences**.

Prof. Maya Shankar Singh, Department of Chemistry, has been awarded the **Chemical Research Society of India Silver Medal** for the year 2024.

Dr. Vidhi Nagar, Department of Dance, has been awarded the Rai Kubernath Award by the **Madhya Pradesh Sahitya Akademi** for her book “**Sangeet, Nritya, Kathak**.”

Dr. Satya Prakash Pal, Department of Hindi, has been awarded the **Akhil Bharatiya Ramchandra Shukla Alochana Award** by the **Madhya Pradesh Sahitya Akademi**.

Dr. Santosh Kumar Singh, Senior Scientist, and **Dr. Rajiv Kumar**, Assistant Professor, Centre for Experimental Medicine and Surgery, have been selected as members of the **National Academy of Sciences - India**, Prayagraj.

Dr. Sayandeep Banerjee, Department of Geology, has been selected as an associate of the **Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore**.

Prof. Anil Kumar Tripathi, Director, Institute of Science, has been awarded the **Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar 2023-24**.

The award offers an opportunity to become familiar with various facets of U.S. higher education through visits to various institutes and meetings with stakeholders.

Dr. Shabana Bano, Department of Psychology, has been awarded the 2023-24 **Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship**. She will be affiliated with Wittenberg University in Springfield, United States.

Dr. Garima Jain, Scientist, Centre for Genetic Disorders, has won the **TIE Women Global Pitch Competition** for her innovative project on early diagnosis of cancer.

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NEWS DIGEST

Faculty Interactions

The university is endeavouring to foster a **culture of dialogue and discussion**. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sudhir Kumar Jain has been interacting with members of various faculties in the process. During the interaction program at the **Faculty of Arts**, the Vice-Chancellor exhorted teachers to work as a team to address challenges that hamper the routine functioning of the institution. Underscoring the importance of constant dialogue with students, the Vice-Chancellor advocated greater student participation in developmental activities. Interacting with members of the Faculty of Commerce, Prof. Jain called for strengthening the curriculum in a way that it is useful and beneficial to students as per their professional and career-related needs. Sharing his views with the faculty members of the Institute of Medical Sciences, the Vice-Chancellor said that the institute has the potential to bring about exemplary social transformation.



Ayushman Bharat Scheme. He said that all efforts must be made to ensure there are no glitches in the implementation of the scheme and that no eligible beneficiaries are left out of its coverage. He was chairing a high-level meeting at the university's Laxman Das Guest House on August 27, 2023. The Minister was given a presentation on the existing & upcoming health infra at the university. He said that the health ministry and education ministry will work jointly to address various issues pertaining to funding and governance so as to ensure best delivery of services to the people.



G20 University Connect

In the wake of India assuming the G20 presidency and hosting the high-level summit, Banaras Hindu University hosted a series of activities as part of **University Connect**. The initiative aimed at connecting youth and students from 75 universities across India. Ambassador Preeti Saran, Former Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, delivered a special lecture on **'Engaging Young Minds'** on July 15, 2023.



Youth 20 Summit

BHU students got involved in a series of activities organized in Varanasi as part of the G20 summit. The **Youth 20 Summit** in the city saw the participation of youth delegates from all the member countries of the G20 grouping.



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STUDENT CENTRIC INITIATIVES

Launched with an objective to help and guide students in their pursuit of overall development, the **Student Well Being, Leadership and Life Skills Development Initiatives** have been greatly successful in enhancing student engagement. Activities like self-defence workshops, mentorship sessions and recreational events have not only resulted in active participation of students in various facets of the university but are also helping them in acquiring desired skills to excel in life and career. Besides, measures are also taken under these initiatives to cater to the needs of students.



Self Defence Workshop at Institute of Science



Session on Global Employability at Management



Chess workshop at Mahila Mahavidyalaya



Sanitary Pad vending machine at Institute of Science



SPORTS @ BHU

The university hosted the **Madan Mohan Malaviya Hockey Tournament** from 08.07.2023 to 13.07.2023. BHU bagged the women's title while NE Railway clinched the men's trophy. Vivek Singh Hockey Academy emerged victorious in the U-14 men's title clash.

DAV College won the **Inter-Faculty Table Tennis (Men's) Competition** (29-30 September) beating the Institute of Science. The Faculty of Arts was the second runner up.

The University Sports Board organized sports week on the occasion of **National Sports Day** from 25.08.2023 to 29.08.2023. A number of sporting activities including swimming, badminton, wrestling and hockey competition, were organized during the event.

The Faculty of Commerce won the **Inter-Faculty Volleyball Tournament** by defeating the Faculty of Arts in the title clash. Institute of Science was the second runner up as it beat the Institute of Agricultural Sciences. The tournament was played from 22 to 25 September 2023.

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CELEBRATIONS & OBSERVANCES



Independence Day celebration



Janmashtami Festivities (06.09.2023)

On the occasion of **Teachers' Day** on September 5, the superannuated teachers were felicitated, as the University fraternity expressed its gratitude and respect to them for serving the institution and their contribution in shaping the lives of students. Chief Guest Prof. Panjab Singh, former VC, Banaras Hindu University, underlined the distinctiveness the varsity holds in terms of teacher-pupil bonds. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sudhir Kumar Jain chaired the main celebration at the Udupa Auditorium.



Two day National Seminar & Alumni Meet organized by the Department Linguistics, Faculty of Arts (30.09.2023 & 01.10.2023)



Department of History, Faculty of Social Sciences, organized a National Seminar cum Alumni Meet on July 14-15, 2023.

ALUMNI CONNECT

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