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Editor's Note

True education opens the mind to the wonders of the universe. It is only by exploring various opportunities and options to grow that each individual can truly flourish. The newsletter 'Presidency Times' is a chronicle of the events and activities at the university.

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Founder's Day



Founder's Day was celebrated with solemnity in the university on Saturday, 2nd February 2019 to celebrate the birthday of the Hon'ble Chancellor, Sri Nissar Ahmed. A simple function was held in the auditorium on the afternoon to convey best wishes to the Hon'ble Chancellor, which was attended by all teaching and non-teaching staff of the university besides the Hon'ble Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and all key officials. Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble Chancellor recalled the challenges he had to face including land acquisition, government clearances, building construction, faculty recruitment, and others. Besides thanking the BoG Members, the Chancellor thanked the founding team members, including Prof. Ayyappa, Ms. Nandini, Ms. Princy, Ms. Geetha and Prof. Soman Nambiar who worked on land acquisition and government approvals. He also thanked the initial team of key officials, led by Prof. M. Ramachandran, Prof. Nagendra Parashar, Prof. Calvin King, and Prof. Sanjay Pohekar, for setting up the initial academic systems in place. Hon'ble Chancellor thanked all the faculty and staff for the efforts they are taking in order to deliver quality education in the university. Founder's Day also saw the introduction of Mr. Salman Ahmed, the new Vice President, Presidency University who took charge recently.

In the beginning, the Vice Chancellor welcomed the audience and felicitated the Hon'ble Chancellor besides introducing Mr. Salman Ahmed. Prof. Chancellor, Prof. Vijayan Immanuel who too felicitated the Hon'ble Chancellor, followed her. Teaching and non-teaching staff presented a memento to the Chancellor on the occasion. The program ended with vote of thanks by Dr. M. Ishwara Bhat, Pro Vice-Chancellor.

2nd International Conference on Digital Entrepreneurship



School of Management, Presidency University, organized the 2nd International Conference on Digital Entrepreneurship on 8-9 February 2019. Speaking on the occasion of the inauguration, Chief Guest, Mr. K. B. Nagaraju, Director, and Chief Customer Experience Officer, BigBasket, said that how we use customer experience is a key factor in the growth of digital entrepreneurship. "Internet has provided a new tool to try new ideas. Stars are well aligned for entrepreneurship today. While the customer expectations are higher today, how we use customer experience is the key to the growth of digital entrepreneurship and business. Huge focus on addressing customer expectations is the need of the hour. Even ordinary people with good technology application ideas can deliver delightful customer experience", said Mr. Nagaraju. Going further, Mr. Nagaraju said that two values, which are most important in digital entrepreneurship, are Customer Focus and Speed of Action. As the company grows, the scale is very important. Competition judging and the building are important. "You need to have internal auditing processes. Connect between the managers and the lower line is very important. We need to find out the needs of employees and understand the needs and aspirations of the employees. Lots of experimentation is required. You need to have the guts. And every failure is a learning point", added Mr. Nagaraju.

In the beginning, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Radha Padmanabhan welcomed the gathering.

Giving the curtain raiser, the Conference Chairman, Prof. Swapan Majumdar said that the conference intends to supplement the research and practice prospects on issues related to Platform, Process, People, and Technology related to a digital entrepreneur across the world. The conference proposes to bring leading entrepreneurship

thinkers, researchers, and practitioners across the world for two days of presentations and dialogue. Prof. Petr Jirsak, Faculty of Business Administration, University of Economics, Prague, Czech Republic gave the opening remarks. Prof. Amiya Bhaumik, Lincoln University College, Malaysia. Giving the keynote address, Mr. Ganesh Krishnan, Chairman, followed it and Founder, Portea Medical, said that the internet is a great leveler and it has given a great opportunity. He said he would like to see each one among the student participants becoming extremely successful digital entrepreneurs in the next 5 years. Mr. Ganesh Natarajan called upon the students to solve the six basic needs of the country, namely, Roti, Kapda, Makaan, Education, Healthcare, and Entertainments, using the digital entrepreneurship.



Core committee of ICDE2 2019

During the Presidential address, Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Vijayan Immanuel said that the holding this International Conference is an investment the university has made so that the students can benefit from it. "In April 2018, we held the first conference. Seeing the response, we decided to have the second conference, which is held today. This is not just an event; it is a continuum in the learning process. We would start a Center of Excellence in Digital Entrepreneurship", said Prof. Immanuel. Recognizing the key role that digital technologies can play in improving the business landscape across the world, the United Nations set up the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development in 2010 in order to promote internet access, in particular, broadband networks, which would help to achieve the UN Development Goals, such as Millennium Development Goals, added Prof. Immanuel.

Entrepreneurship calls for skills. Let us use this conference for triggering skill development in digital entrepreneurship. It would be great to see some digital entrepreneurs emerging from this university, added Prof. Immanuel.



Panel discussion during ICDE2 2019

At the end of the inaugural session, Prof. Krishna Kumar, Head of the Department, School of Management, proposed the vote of thanks.

EQUI2P 2019

15th February 2019



EQUI2P Participants

EQUI2P 2019 (Engineering a Quest for Uplifting the Innovation and Intellectual Processes) has been conducted in School of Engineering on 15th February 2019 in Presidency University Campus, Bengaluru. The Technical Events conducted: 08, Institutes participated: 07, number of participants registered: 915.

Legal Aid And Legal Awareness Day

Presidency University, School of Law, organized a Legal Aid and Legal Awareness Programme at the Government Padavi Purva College, Yelahanka on the 18th February 2019 to spread awareness regarding free legal aid provided by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) and settlement of cases in Lok Adalat in a speedy and cost-effective manner. Materials and literature given by the DLSA were distributed to the students of the College. The literature had a brief write up on the right to free legal aid, Women Counselling Centres and Child Care Centres.



Prize distribution on Legal aid day

Students of II semester performed a skit on the topic, "Eve teasing and How the law deals with it, Prevalence of Human Trafficking and Violence against women". Dean, School of Law Prof. Sapna addressed on the topic, "Right to free Legal Aid". This was followed by Essay writing and sketching competitions on "What are your fundamental duties as a good citizen of this country?. And Gender Equality for Development of the Nation respectively.

MERAKI 2019



Actor **Prakash Raj**, **Salman Ahmad**, Vice President & **Syed Ansari** during Meraki 2019

The air in the campus of Presidency University had the fragrance of joy and fun on Saturday 23rd February 2019 as the students held the Meraki 2019 Inter College Cultural Festival. From stage events like Dance, Fashion Show, Dance Face Off, Music Competition, to Basketball, Football, Tug of War, Treasure Hunt, Sketching, Photography, Advertisement contest, Pot Pourri it had everything.

Multi-lingual acting fame, Prakash Raj was the Chief Guest for the inauguration and film artiste, Mr. Syed Ansari on the occasion, joined him. Besides, there were film promotion and audio release of the Kannada film, Kamarottu Checkpost where Director, Sanath along with actors and

producer were present. Also, there was a promotional session of Kannada film, Jerk by the producer, Mahantesh Madakari along with the heroines, Nitya Raj, and Asha and the hero, Sachin. The Director and actress of the film, Vrithra – Gautam, and Niyashree judged the group dance and persona events along with Bollywood Director, Dr. Nitesh Raj.

Themed fashion show saw participants from different colleges walking the ramp with poise and confidence.

The highlight of the day was a live performance by DJ and Bollywood artiste, Chetas which had a record crowd of 10000 students.

This year's Meraki had a sponsorship of :

- Educaro – Sponsors for the Quiz – vouchers of Rs 5000 and rs 10000 for a total of Rs 250000
- Sprint Point – Print requirements worth Rs 90000
- O'cean Beverages – 2800 bottles of energy drink.

Besides the hosts, students from 70 colleges, in and around Bengaluru took part in the event

Vice President of the University, Mr. Salman Ahmed took keen interest and provided every possible support in organizing this Meraki. Asst. Dean, Students Welfare, Dr. Anupama Sanjeev who was supported by Ms. Chandrika Hegde coordinated the whole program. Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Vijayan Immanuel, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Radha Padmanabhan, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Ishwara Bhat, all Deans, and faculty members were present throughout giving guidance and checking things.

Organizing Committee comprised the following students : Ms Sumana (2015CSE138), Bijoy (2015MEE 015), Alekhya (2016CSE079), Chetan (2017CIV0167), Kishan (2015CSE066), Deepak (2016CVE073), Brian (20181CSE0116), Aashika (20171CSE0003), Aditya Lakshmanan (2016ECE055), Vaibhav (2016MEE011), Suvarna (2016ECE054), Sunaina (20171CSE0688), Praneesha (20171BBL0024), Ananya (2016CSE103), Vamsi (20171MEC0083), Simran (2016CSE101), Shreya (2016ECE040), Nuwika (20171CSE0470), JIbin (2016ECE025) , Waez (2016CSE114) and Manjunath (2016PEE021).

Two-Days' Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Applied Econometrics for Business and Finance"

22nd & 23rd February 2019



Faculty participated in FDP Programme

The School of Management (SOM) Presidency University, Bengaluru, conducted a Two-Days' Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Applied Econometrics for Business and Finance" on February 22-23, 2019. The primary objective of this FDP was to provide orientation in essential Econometrics relevant for research in business and finance. Forty-two participants registered for the FDP from 25 various educational institutions across the country and the participants comprised of both faculty members and research scholars.

The FDP began with the inaugural ceremony on 22nd February 2019. Prof. Radha Padmanabhan, Vice Chancellor, Presidency University, Dr. Ishwara Bhat, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Mrinmoy Biswas, Registrar, Dr. Krishna Kumar HOD of SOM, Dr. Swapna S., Dean School of Law and Dr. C. Prabhakar Reddy, Dean of School of Engineering were present in the inaugural session. Prof. Radha Padmanabhan, Vice-Chancellor, in her inaugural speech, emphasized the importance of Econometrics tool in research studies and enrichment of knowledge. Dr. Krishna Kumar HOD of SoM delivered the Welcome Address on behalf of School of Management.

Felicitation to Sports Award Winners of 2018-19

On 1st March 2019, Vice Chancellor Prof. Radha Padmanabhan felicitated 21 sportspersons of the university who secured awards in various National Inter-collegiate championships during the year 2018-19. Prof. Radha Padmanabhan felicitating Mr. Mohammed Fazil, who secured the Muscle Mania India 2018 award recently.

International Women's Day

8th March 2019



Smt. Meera Saksena inaugurating International Women's Day

International Women's Day was celebrated in the University on Friday 8th March 2019. A flash mob by NSS volunteers, an informative talk by the Chief Guest Smt. Meera Saksena, ex Chairperson, Karnataka, State Human Rights Commission, skit performances by students and faculty and a ramp walk by the staff members of the university marked the event. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Radha Padmanabhan, Prof. Krishna Kumar, Deans, faculty, and students of the university participated in the event.



The program began with NSS volunteers displaying a flash mob on women empowerment in the canopy, and a power-packed performance of Shakti dance by students in the auditorium. Dean, School of Law, Dr. Sapna introduced and welcomed the Chief Guest Smt Meera Saksena.

Skit performance on women empowerment by the students of the School of Law kept the audience wondering that the girl child is being discouraged even today. Speaking on the occasion, Smt Meera Saksena shared her experience about the challenges that a woman faces from and before her birth, and how she can stand out if she makes her mind up to achieving something. Though Bangalore is being called the silicon city and has

progressed in many ways, there still are few villages in Karnataka where women are ill-treated and are burnt for dowry. Female feticide, malnourishment of both the mother and child, were heart-wrenching, added Ms. Saxena.

Vice-Chancellor Dr. Radha Padmanabhan in her address said that given equal opportunity women are no less in any genre and can excel in any department. Musical skit performance by Mr. Aurobindo and Prof Sanjay Kumar got roars of laughter and applause for their comic timing. A Carnatic classical by Prof Krishna Kumar kept the audience spellbound. In the end, a ramp walk by the entire faculty and staff in ethnic wears brought huge fun and joy to the event.

Present on the occasion were Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Ishwara Bhat, Dean of School of Law, Prof. Sapna, Dean Academics Prof. P S Venkataramu, Dean of Research and Innovation Prof. Ramesh, other Deans of the University, faculty members and students. Mr. Harsha Eswaraiiah and Ms. Manni Garg compered the event.

Petroleum Engineering Students Win Prizes in Paper Presentation Competition



Students at JIGYASA 2019

In the Department of Petroleum Engineering, recent achievements of students. Total 5 students from 3rd year took part in JIGYASA 2019 – The Annual Colloquium of UPES FIPI Student Chapter organized UPES FIPI Student Chapter of UPES, Dehradun on 5th and 6th April 2019 in UPES Dehradun Campus.

Mr. Mohammed Touheed VI, Mr. Shaik Abdul Mugni, and Mr. Mohammed Ghouse got the 1st prize in the Paper Presentation competition. The title of the paper presented was "Understanding the mechanism of improving IFT using alcohol mixtures: Implication in Enhanced Oil Recovery"

and the paperwork was guided by Mr. Balaga Dileep Kumar.

Mr. Mohammed Touheed VI, Mr. Matheen Pasha Z, and Mr. Aman Mehdi Tahqiq Husain got the 2nd prize in the Poster Presentation competition. The title of the paper presented was "Investigation of Aloe-vera gel as Drill-in fluid" and the paperwork was guided by Dr. Deepjyoti Mech.

Final Year Petroleum Engineering Student Wins 1st Prize in International Conference



Mr. Numair Abdul Gaffar Shiekh receiving certificate

In the Department of Petroleum Engineering, the recent achievements of our students. The final year students, Mr. Numair Abdul Gaffar Shiekh (who is carrying out his University Project - II in Dibrugarh University, Assam) took part in the International Seminar cum Workshop on Oil and Gas organized jointly by Dibrugarh University, The University of Edinburgh (UK) and University of Louisiana (USA) on 7th and 8th April, 2019 in Dibrugarh University Campus.

Mr. Numair got the 1st prize in the Poster Presentation competition. The title of the paper presented was "Synthesis of a Rice husk based non-damaging Drilling Fluid for Wellbore stability" and the paperwork was guided by Dr. Deepjyoti Mech.

3rd National Moot Court Competition on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code

In one of the most anticipated events of the year, the '3rd National Moot Court Competition on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law', held on 11th, 12th and 13th of April, 2019, 22 teams, pan-India, stood in the Presidency University Courtroom before an illustrious panel of 30 distinguished judges to demonstrate their skills in oral argument.

11th - 13th April 2019

Participation at third National Moot Court

As it has been since 2016, the Competition drew huge crowds as the teams argued before the judges. Two Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Karnataka, Sri Justice P. S. Dinesh Kumar and Shri Justice Sunil Dutt Yadav and Additional Advocate General, Karnataka, Shri A. S. Ponnanna constituted the three-judge panel for the Finals round. Besides, the Competition had the following senior advocates of the High Court who participated as judges in the Semi-finals: Shri Krishna Moorthy D., Shri Vikram Huligol, Shri A. G. Mahendra, Shri Vijay Kumar Patil, and Shri E. S. Indiresh.



Participant from M S Ramaiah University receiving certificate

Team of Ramaiah University, Bengaluru bagged the first prize and School of Excellence won the runner up trophy.

National Conference on Cognitive Computing 2019

26th & 27th April 2019

Inauguration of NCCC '19

"In the past, data was moving towards processing and now the time has changed, that is, the processing is moving towards massive data or data

warehousing. There has been a paradigm shift from Artificial Intelligence to machine learning, and now from machine learning to deep learning which evolves from the period 1950's to 2010". This was stated by Dr. Bindu Madhava, Senior Director, Center for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Bengaluru. He was speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion of the inauguration of National Conference on Cognitive Computing 2019 held at Presidency University, Bengaluru, on Friday, 26th April 2019.

Continuing his speech, Dr. Bindu Madhava said, Cognitive computing simulates human thoughts and is going to be the future of Computing though the concept started long back when people thought about Artificial Intelligence. This concept is going to be one among the top ten technologies to dominate the world in next few decades. In the past, we thought of how to increase the speed of the computers but now we are trying to tame the machine to think like a human being". Dr. Bindu Madhava advised the research community to create new algorithms for machine learning. The evolution of communication system from 4G to 5G is going to support in larger scale in the near future, he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Vijayan Immanuel paid glowing tributes to C-DAC which has been conducting research in the cutting edge of technology and is credited with producing the first supercomputer, Param in India.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Radha Padmanabhan, said that as a technology, Cognitive Computing is very exciting. However, we should use it as a support to human intelligence and it cannot replace human intelligence. Dr. K. G. Mohan, Professor, and Head of the Department of Computer Science said that 75 papers from 23 institutions from different parts of the country have been received for presentation at the conference out of which 48 papers were selected for presentation.

In the beginning, Prof. Prabhakar Reddy, Dean, School of Engineering, welcomed the gathering.

The main speaker on the 2nd day of the Conference was Dr. G. K. Patra, Senior Principal Scientist, and Associate Dean, CSIR Fourth Paradigm Institute, Bengaluru. With several examples, Dr. Patra made an exhaustive presentation on how cognitive computing can be used to control traffic lights so that the traffic can be managed in an efficient manner. Dr. Patra used Reinforced Learning technology for this purpose, which is based on a machine learning paradigm.



Guests participated in NCCC '19

Two days conference saw presentations from computer scientists from 22 institutions from different parts of India. Present on the valedictory function were: Dr. G.K. Patra, Dr. Ishwara Bhat, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Prabhakara Reddy, Dean, School of Engineering, Dr. Kalaiarasan, Associate Dean, School of Engineering, Dr. K. G. Mohan, Head of the Department of Computer Science, Presidency University. Best paper awards were given for papers in two categories: Faculty and Students. In his presidential address, Dean Prof. Reddy called for more researches in this area, which might lead to an international conference in the future to be hosted by the university. In the end, Prof. K. G. Mohan, Professor, and Head of the Department proposed the vote of thanks.

Guest lecture on Role of United Nation and its organ by Mr. Abhishek Bharti for School of Law students.

27th April 2019



Guest lecture at School of Law

Students from the school of law had a guest lecture given by Mr. Abhishek Bharti, Senior Counsel, Government Relations and Legal Affairs on 27th April 2019. The lecture highlighted the role of the United Nation its organs and focused on the Veto power exercised by permanent members. The session proved to be very informative and interactive for law students.

Student's Participation



19th & 20th April 2019

Arpita Sahu receiving certificate

Two teams, one consisting of Arpita Sahu and Sanidhy and another one of Karsh Sheroff and Chinmayee participated in 1st National Client Counseling Competition organized by United World School of Law, Karnavati University, Gandhinagar 19th-20th April 2019 where a team of Arpita Sahu and Sanidhy has bagged first prize.

26th & 28th April 2019



Winners of Moot Court Competition at Pondicherry

Students of School of Law won Moot Court Competition organized by Government Law College, Pondicherry from 26th - 28th April 2019. They were also awarded the best Memorial award. The team consists of Praneesha, Sahana, and Anuroopa of II year. Moot Court Association congratulates them for making us all proud.

MERAKI 2019



MERAKI Prize Winners





