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KASHI TAMIL SANGAMAM

As part of the third edition of the **Kashi Tamil Sangamam** (February 15-24), Banaras Hindu University hosted a series of academic events covering diverse areas such as agriculture, industry, MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises), and education, among others. The Kashi Tamil Sangamam is a vibrant celebration of the ancient cultural ties between Kashi and Tamil Nadu, showcasing the rich confluence of North and South Indian traditions. These academic events brought together experts, entrepreneurs, industry leaders, academicians, students, intellectuals, and local communities from both parts of the country. The aim was to foster mutual dialogue and collaboration, leveraging each other's expertise and strengths to drive progress and understanding. Various field specific delegations from Tamil Nadu also visited the BHU campus.

INTERACTION WITH DR. S. JAISHANKAR



External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, and 45 ambassadors from across the world, interacted with Tamil delegates during

an enlightening interaction on February 23. The session provided a unique opportunity to the global representatives to not only closely witness the confluence of two great cultures of Kashi and Kanchi but also deepen their understanding about India beyond the geography of New Delhi.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



During an academic session on women empowerment Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Sh. R. N. Ravi said

that the role of women is crucial in realizing the goals of country's development. He highlighted the significant contribution and participation of women, in driving transforming change not only in empowering communities but also facilitating national development.

EDUCATION



The academic session on education facilitated a rich exchange of ideas between members of the student and academic fraternity from Kashi and Tamil Nadu. The essence of the discussion was that artificial intelligence, alongside technology and other spheres of education will be instrumental in shaping the innovation and creativity of the future.

AGRICULTURE & HANDICRAFT



The delegation comprising farmers and artisans visited BHU agricultural farms and got insights into integrated farming practices, fisheries, poultry, and innovative cropping systems and income generation. At an academic session on agriculture and handicraft, experts shared comprehensive insights agricultural innovations as well as Kashi's rich art and craft traditions.

SPECIAL EXHIBITION BY BHU



Banaras Hindu University put up a **special exhibition at Namoo Ghat**, main venue of Kashi Tamil Sangamam 3.0,

to display its glorious legacy, scientific achievements, research and innovation as well as knowledge traditions. The Institute of Medical Sciences' Ayurvedic Pharmacy section set up displays of medicines, while the Dravyaguna Department exhibited the medicinal plants used in Ayurvedic Medicine formulations. The Kriya Sharir Department demonstrated the Prakriti and Nadi Pariksha explaining the diet according to the individual's

body constitution. The key attraction of the exhibit was the hydrogen stove and hydrogen-powered motorcycle, developed by the Department of Physics, Institute of Science. Institute of Agricultural Sciences presented its research innovations and BHU hybrid seeds which have helped the farmers by increasing their agricultural productivity. The Faculty of Dental Sciences presented dental care solutions. The exhibition also featured special paintings by the Faculty of Visual Arts, aligned with the theme of Kashi Tamil Sangamam 3.0, focusing on the sage Agastya. Other highlights of the exhibition were the ground-breaking DNA research by the Department of Zoology and interesting DNA comics created by the scientists and researchers of the Centre for Genetic Disorders.

PARTNERSHIP

MoU WITH TATA CONSUMER PRODUCTS



The Department of Dairy Science and Food Technology, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, has inked a Memorandum of Understanding with TATA Consumer Products, **to support research and innovation in food processing & sustainability**. As part of the MoU, fellowship will be provided to a researcher to foster cutting-edge interdisciplinary research in food technology and allied fields. The MoU was signed by Mr. Vikas Gupta, Global Head of R&D, TATA Consumer Products, and Prof. Arun Kumar Singh, Registrar, BHU.

UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

BHU ORGANIZES GIAN COURSE



The School of Biotechnology, Institute of Science, organized a one week **GIAN course on Structural Biology**

Techniques and its Role in Drug Discovery' from March 17 to 21. The course was conducted as part of the Ministry of Education initiative of GIAN. Prof Liang Tong, a renowned American biochemist, structural biologist, and the current chair of the Biological Sciences Department at Columbia University delivered the lectures during the program. GIAN is designed to tap the talent pool of scientists and entrepreneurs internationally to encourage their engagement with the institutes of higher education in India. It is aimed at augmenting the country's existing academic resources, accelerate the pace of quality reform, and elevate India's scientific and technological capacity to global excellence.

'SPANDAN' RETURNS



The Faculty of Performing Arts emerged as the overall winner of the **'Inter-Faculty Youth Cultural Festival Spandan**

2025', held from March 3 to 6. The faculty secured the top position based on its outstanding performance in various competitions. The Faculty of Visual Arts claimed the second spot, while Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya secured third place. Spandan 2025 featured a diverse array of events, including music, dance, painting, poetry, literature, and drama. Activities were held at 11 locations across the campus. Winners were announced in the 5 main categories which are music, dance, literature, drama, and Fine Arts. This vibrant celebration of talent, creativity, and camaraderie marked a triumphant return after a five-year hiatus, captivating the entire university community.

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Rajesh Kumar Singh, Deputy Librarian at the Sayaji Rao Gaekwad Central Library of Banaras Hindu University, has been honoured with the prestigious **"ILA-Gidwani-Deshpande Best Academic Librarian Award**

2024". This distinguished award was conferred upon him by the Indian Library Association (ILA) during the 70th Annual Conference held at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur, Karnataka, on March 20.

NEWS DIGEST

PROF. JAIN COMPLETES TENURE AS VC



Prof. Sudhir Kumar Jain **completed his tenure as Vice-Chancellor** on January 6. Members of the university community expressed their appreciation for his contributions in advancing the institution during a special event marking the conclusion of his three-year term. Prof. Jain assumed office on January 7, 2022, as the 28th Vice-Chancellor of the university. Throughout his tenure, Prof. Jain prioritized the holistic development of students, creating a more student-friendly environment, and fostering growth opportunities for faculty members. He also focused on enhancing facilities, infrastructure, and funding to support both student and faculty excellence. His efforts to streamline and improve the responsiveness, transparency, and simplicity of the complex administrative and financial systems were particularly commendable. Reflecting on his time at BHU, Prof. Jain expressed that it had been an honor to serve such a distinguished institution, adding that the experiences and lessons he gained during his tenure would remain with him throughout his life. Prof. Jain was presented with albums featuring the convocation ceremonies held during his tenure as a souvenir.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF BIRSA MUNDA

Department of History, Faculty of Social Sciences, in collaboration with Mahila Mahavidyalaya, organized a two-day national seminar titled **'From Ulgulan to Modern India: Celebrating the Spirit of Birsa Munda'** on March 28 & 29. The seminar brought together

distinguished scholars from across the country to explore the life and enduring legacy of the iconic tribal leader, Birsa Munda. The event addressed critical issues in tribal development and examined government policies aimed at the upliftment of tribal communities

NEW FACILITIES AT MCH WING



The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Obstetrics ICU, Mother and Child Health Wing of Sir Sunderlal Hospital has inaugurated several new facilities as part of its ongoing efforts to provide better healthcare to those in need. On March 11, the department installed a **Hemodialysis Machine**, a **Portable Ultrasound Machine**, and an **ECG Machine**. These state-of-the-art machines are intended to benefit patients, particularly pregnant women with

renal complications. In addition, a high-end Ultrasound Machine has also been commissioned in the department. With these new additions, immediate hemodialysis services can now be provided to critically ill pregnant and postpartum women, eliminating the need for time-consuming transfers to the nephrology department. The portable ultrasound and ECG machines enable prompt diagnosis and management, thereby significantly enhancing the quality of medical care for pregnant women.

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ALUMNI CONNECT



The Institute of Management Studies hosted its **National Alumni Meet 2025** on March 1, which brought together distinguished alumni, faculty members, and students to celebrate the enduring legacy of the institute. A key highlight of the event was the reunion and felicitation of the 2000 Silver Jubilee Batch and the 1976 Golden Jubilee Batch, who were honoured for their contributions to their respective fields. The alumni reminisced old memories and shared their success stories with the present students. Two of the Institute's current faculty members Prof Amit Gautam and Dr Ashutosh Mohan of batch 2000 were also felicitated who shared their journey from alma mater to teachers at the institute.

SPORTS @ BHU



The university organized **Inter-Faculty Beach Volleyball Competition** from March 24 to 26 in the amphitheatre ground. Faculty of Social Sciences emerged victories in all the three categories, i.e. women's, men's as well as mixed category. Faculty of Arts secured second spot in women's and mixed categories, while Faculty of Commerce were declared first runner up in the men's competition.



The Department of Library of Information Science, Faculty of Arts, organized its annual sporting event **LIBFest 2025** from March 26 to 29. Competitions in various sports like Men's Cricket, Women's Cricket, Volleyball, Badminton, Tug of War, and Chess among others were organized during the event.



The Faculty of Arts won the **Inter-Faculty Cricket Tournament** played from January 16 to 22. Faculty of Commerce secured the 1st runner up spot while Institute of Science were second runner up.

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CELEBRATIONS & OBSERVANCES

BHU FOUNDATION DAY



The university celebrated its Foundation Day with great enthusiasm and fervor on the auspicious occasion of **Vasant Panchami**. The celebrations commenced with offering puja at the university's foundation place, led by Rector and Officiating Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjay Kumar, along with members of the BHU fraternity. This was followed by a grand celebratory procession featuring students from various Institutes, Faculties, and Mahila Mahavidyalaya (MMV), who presented diverse tableaux depicting the illustrious journey, growth, and rich heritage of Banaras Hindu University.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



The BHU fraternity celebrated the **76th Republic Day** with unparalleled enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. Rector and Officiating Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sanjay Kumar, unfurled the national flag at the amphitheatre ground and took the salute of the parade presented by NCC cadets. In his address, he urged members of the university community to draw inspiration from the sacrifices of national heroes and to contribute sincerely towards the progress of the institution.

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