

Banasthali International Student Cell (Brochure)

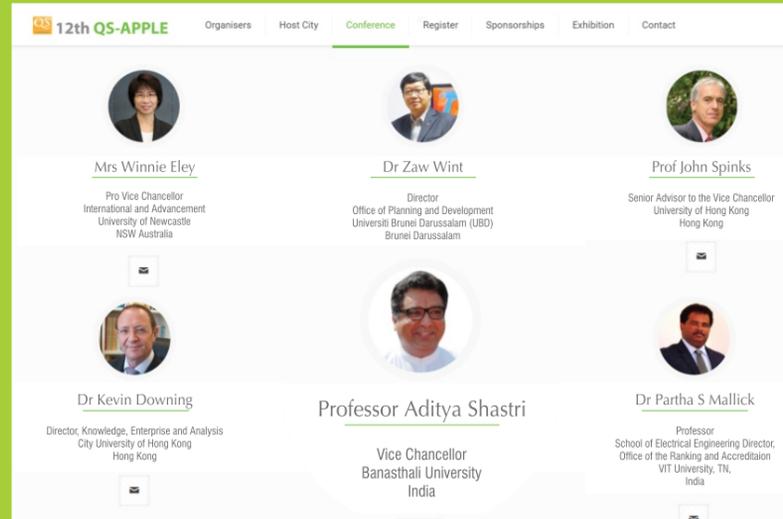


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Banasthali Vidyapith's Partnership @ International Forums

12th QS APPLE

 Hono'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Aditya Shastri, has been selected in the International Academic Advisory Committee (IAAC) of the 12th QS APPLE. The International Academic Advisory Committee consists of senior academics and administrators from Asia-Pacific universities who support the aims of QS APPLE. They commit time and efforts to help steer the QS-APPLE conference and thus meet the varying needs of the higher education systems in the different countries that they represent. Prof. Shastri attended the IAAC meeting held during September 9-10, 2016 in Malaysia.



Banasthali University participated actively in 28th annual European Association for International Education (EAIE) conference held during September 13-16, 2016 in Liverpool, UK. EAIE conference is organized each year to encourage networking and mobilizing resources for the internationalization of higher education. Prof. Aditya Shastri and Prof.



Ina Shastri from Banasthali University attended the said event. EAIE Conference witnesses the participation of 5200 delegates from over 80 countries. This year's EAIE conference was the biggest in terms of Exhibitors and networking sessions. The conference had representatives from countries including Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Egypt, France, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, South Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, The Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The ICEF Partnership Summit 2016

ICEF partnership Summit was held at Liverpool, UK on 13th September, 2016. Banasthali University was amongst the participating universities in the Summit. The event aimed at facilitating collaborative activities among universities across the world. Prof. Aditya Shastri had one-on-one interaction with representatives of renowned universities namely University of Helsinki, Finland; Nara

University, Japan; University of Bridgeport, USA; Tyumen State University, Russia; South Seattle College, USA etc. to name a few. As a follow up of ICEF Summit, talks are in progress with these Universities and many others to form partnership with them to mobilize student exchange and other collaborative activities.

Upcoming Events

QS in Conversation Seminar

QS and Banasthali University have joined hands to organize a special edition of the QS in Conversation Seminar Series on the theme 'Women's Higher Education for Leadership and Social Innovation' during February 13 - 15, 2017, at Jaipur, Rajasthan, India. Such an initiative would bring together an international assembly of academics and practitioners providing a unique platform to have a truly global discussion on the broader theme of women's higher education and their role in leadership and social innovation.



Women's Higher Education for Leadership and Social Innovation

13-15 February 2017 - Jaipur, India

Organiser



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The Department of Mathematics & Statistics, AIM & ACT, is organizing an international Conference on Computational Mathematics & Statistics (ICCMS 2017) during 24-26 January, 2017, co-organized by the University Putra Malaysia, Malaysia. The keynote speakers will include Dr Habshah Midi, UPM (Malaysia), Prof. Aditya Shastri, Banasthali Vidyapith (India), Prof. Ian Hugh Sloan, University of New South Wales (Australia), Prof. Joel H. Spencer, New York University (USA), Dr. D. Andrew S. Rees, University of Bath (UK).

Experiencing home away from home : - Sandal

I was rewarded for my patience and qualified to be an Erasmus Scholar at Hochschule Bremen



University of Applied Sciences. I could see the difference in education system in both countries and can feel the aura of westernization. The programme of adoption of German family was a huge turnover for me, wherein we used to exchange our culture. They used to invite us for different events like visit to museums, Bremerhaven, carnival, and many more. We had a great celebration on Christmas Eve. Due to this warm welcome and surroundings I was successful in having a home away from home with two of my squads and some friends from different ethnicity. I visited four capitals like Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava and Amsterdam and German cities like Goslar, Hamburg, Bremerhaven, Düsseldorf, Oldenburg, among others. Our weekly visit to Gurudwara and Diwali function made us connected to our home land. I have made friends from different regions and assured me for visiting India as they love India and Indians.

In the class discussions, it was great studying, discussing and presenting with different students belonging to different regions. The paper, 'Human Rights and Diversity' has changed my mind set about disabled people with whom I never felt empathized earlier. Our very own professor was an activist, a social worker in human rights department and ardent follower of Mahatma Gandhi.

I feel fortunate enough to develop my personality due to this programme which also shaped my scattered area of interest on a global platform. This has given me the idea of pursuing civil services examination and do really productive work for my country, to achieve name and success for Banasthali, and my own self. Thank you for all the support, Banasthali, my parents and friends!



Exploring Global Platforms -Komal Agarwal

There are moments in your life when, you are spell bound, the only thing you do is Thank God and your loved ones. The situation where you know your hard work has been well paid off. I still imagine the day when I got the news that I was selected for the IBIES Scholarship programme, and laugh hard on my blunt responses to all the Congratulations texts. I not only consider myself fortunate enough to be selected for the exchange programme but, also to be part of Banasthali Vidyapith. Banasthali is not a cup of tea which, everyone enjoys. At the same time only a few get the opportunity to experience it. It not only claims the fivefold development, but also provides the platform for the same. It gave me an opportunity to explore and experience the other parts of Globe. I was fortunate enough to have Prof. Hamsavahini as a mentor who not only introduced the pros and cons but acknowledged us all with the lifestyle and surroundings. Mrs. Corrine Gorbhani, the coordinator of India Study Centre at Hochschule Bremen University had no less contribution. The first meeting with her was more of like a friend rather than any authorised person. With the few familiar faces and names I was trying hard to adapt the weather, culture, people, almost everything day by day.

During my initial days in Bremen, Hochschule Bremen not only improved my professional skills but also gave me a family away from home by conducting some of the welcome sessions for the interaction with the other international students and a local German family. By the means of Hochschule Bremen, I got a golden chance to enhance my cross cultural communication and know the people not only from different ethnicity but gave me some of the lifelong friends of my ethnicity as well specially Kanya and Sandal. There is a kind of environment created at the university by its members that grabs everyone's attention and make them fall in love with the different cultures, people and the surroundings.

I really had no idea what it feels to be a guide to another foreign student until I got to meet my flatmate Philip, an exchange student from Australia. Woo! Just a couple of weeks ago, I arrived to that unknown country and suddenly I was introducing the surroundings to a new person which eventually filled me with positive energy and motivated me to finally move ahead with another step of leading a life all

alone. This experience not only boosted me up but made me responsible enough by teaching me some of the most crucial and significant lessons of life.

It was like being on a roller coaster throughout the year as the moment I could try to get used to of a kind of environment, it used to flip and show the other side of being an exchange student. Enjoying their different festivals and making them aware about some of the Indian festivals gives the feeling of the excitement as kid would feel when he gets a new toy to play. Also, walking in a saree in foreign land makes you no less than a Bollywood actress for everyone around you. And, I got a lucky chance to experience the same.

I, as an Erasmus student not only gained the theoretical knowledge but also got a chance to experience some of the practical knowledge in the form of an Internship at a UK based start up-Crystalusion which deals in technology.

Due to some of the uncommon standards I could not accept their proposal. But their consideration of selecting me as a Trainee-Business Development filled me with enthusiasm to work more hard to accomplish my life goals.

As it is said that determination never goes in vain, my goal of exploring my areas of interest on a global platform was achieved and has increased my self-esteem and knowledge.

Today, I can stand up in a community and present myself in a more confident and defined manner. Life gives you a tough choice, taking a decision with patience and proper analysis could help you in touching the sky. Leaving most of the things behind just to enter a new world was really worthy of doing.

This beautiful and unexpected journey of 10 months would have not been possible without the heartiest wishes of three most honourable people of my ground-Banasthali Vidyapith, Prof. Aditya Shastri, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Prof. Harsh Purohit, Dean, WISDOM and Dr. Hamsavahini Singh, IBIES Programme Coordinator who not only stood by their students all the way but protected them from every misfortune. I feel immense pleasure to be a part of their teachings and will try my level best to make them proud one day. (BBA (2013-16)



Facilitating International Research, DBT TWAS way @Dept. of Bioscience & Biotech

Over the last few years Banasthali Vidyapith is steadily emerging as an international academic destination. Be it the enhanced number of MoUs for international collaborations, student exchange programmes or as a hub for research activities, it has scored high on all aspects. The Department of Bioscience & Biotechnology is currently facilitating an international scholar under the **TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training** Programme, an international venture between the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India and the World Academy of Sciences, Italy. Arrival of TWAS scholar to our campus is another instance of accolades the research in sciences has achieved.

The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) is a global science academy based in Trieste, Italy, working to advance science and engineering for sustainable prosperity in the developing world. It offers 470 PhD fellowships with 14 partners in eight countries, and over 150 postdoctoral fellowships with 16 partners in nine countries. TWAS offers fellowships to young scientists in developing countries to enable them to spend three to twelve months at a research institution in a developing country other than their own. The purpose of these fellowships is to enhance the research capacity of promising scientists, especially those at the beginning of their research career, helping them to foster links for further collaboration.

Excerpts of an interview with Mr. Emmanuel Iwaula, the TWAS scholar, from Nigeria by Newsletter reporters follows:

Q. Tell us something about yourself.

A. I am Emmanuel Iwaula, from Nigeria, a country in the western part of Africa. I am a Ph. D. student and I'm associated with the fellowship

program, 'The World Academy of Science' in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India. I came from the University of Lagos in Nigeria to Banasthali on July 19, 2016 and my fellowship is of a year. So I'm here for this entire academic session.

Q. What is your research all about?

A. I'm working on the molecular characterization of genes responsible for droughts in maize and millets.

Q. Who has been supervising you?

A. My supervisor is Dr. Afroz Alam, Associate Professor, Department of Bioscience & Biotechnology.

Q. How did you get to know about Banasthali University?

A. Through the internet and the DBT, Govt while locating options of renowned specialized laboratories to conduct my research under the TWAS fellowships for Research and Advanced Training program, I came to know about Prof. Vinay Sharma's lab.

Q. Why Banasthali?

A. For the fellowship I had applied to few institutions including the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) which is in collaboration with Africa. Meanwhile I got positive response from Prof. Vinay Sharma whose laboratory is quite renowned in the research circles. Now I feel lucky that I came to Banasthali and I believe 75% of my objectives will be met here.

Q. How did you find Banasthali? How has your stay so far been?

A. It's alright, I guess. Dr. Vinay Sharma is very helpful and supportive. For research purposes, it's fine. It's just that I'm yet to adapt to the climate.



Q. The weather can be rather unpredictable.

A. Yes, yes. I'm still trying to adjust. It rains and then it can get very scorching, like it is today.

Q. Well, we hope you enjoy the rest of your stay here. Thanks for your time.

A. Thank you.

Banasthalites Abroad

Taking our globalizing initiatives one step further, several students were selected to study for a semester under Banasthali's student exchange programme and moved to our partner universities abroad. Ms. Namrata Kundu, M. Sc AMBT III Sem has been selected for University of Malaya, Malaysia while Ms. Kanika Khandelawal (BBA V Sem), Ms. Kritika Agarwal (BBA III Sem), Ms. Ashima Dixit (BBA III Sem) are studying at the University of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

My experience with Erasmus Mundus

- Soumya Shrivastava

Life is like a mountain that is hard to climb, but once you get to the top the view is beautiful. It is the same as my story of life where the journey was although long and hard but in the end I received the fruit of my hard work. Banasthali Vidyapith provided me with a platform to achieve great things in my life. I did my bachelor's degree in BBA from Banasthali Vidyapith FMS Wisdom and achieved the highest marks during my tenure. For the result I would like to thank our Dean of FMS Wisdom Dr. Harsh Purohit who has always motivated us to achieve great heights. At the same time I pursued a three years course in German Language under my Professor Dr. Hamsavahini Singh who motivated me to apply for my dream program 'Erasmus Mundus' and finally I received a scholarship of 10,000 Euros from the European Commission. I went to Germany and achieved highest grade in my Master Program MBA-International Management at Reutlingen University during the winter semester. It was an amazing experience with the Erasmus Mundus program as I got a chance to experience a very different culture with the International students. At the same time I received a gold medal and a scholarship of Rs.10,000 from Banasthali University where my parents received it on my behalf and it became a proud moment for them. I learned a lot from my experience of how to take responsibilities in life and how to tackle the difficult times in life. However what matters is the 'karma' and 'patience' in our lives. Everyone gets an opportunity in life at the right time. All what is needed is the patience and blessings of our 'gurus', parents and the strong relationships which we build in lives. Also the need is to keep our culture and our customs intact even when we live in a purely international culture to achieve heights and success. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dynamic Vice Chancellor, Prof Aditya Shastri for encouraging and motivating us to take part in such Exchange programs.

Golden Opportunity to Study Abroad on Erasmus Scholarship

- Kamy

I started my journey on 12.09.15 and ended on 28.07.16 and this short period has given me experiences for whole life. When I entered in Bremen then I thought, it would really be difficult to understand all the rules but after few days I felt like I am living here from ages. Being an international student at Hochschule Bremen, Germany apart from my subjects/courses I have learnt a lot about Cultural diversity and how to manage it, time management, punctuality, public speaking, independency etc. All the Coordinators at Hochschule Bremen helped me in various ways. Events organized by the host university were pretty good, socialized and focused on all the international students from different countries. This opportunity has opened so many paths/opportunities for my career in business because professors at Hochschule Bremen focus on both theoretical and practical approach. When it comes to living in Bremen then I must say Bremen is too good to live, nice weather, helpful and good people too. The best achievement during whole Erasmus period was being selected as a coordinator of Human Resources Management and Organization for managing a culturally diverse team. I suggest everyone should try to be best for such great opportunities at least once in her life and follow these opportunities till the time she grab them. I want to thank Banasthali University and to Hochschule Bremen for giving me this golden opportunity.

Expanding Horizons

As Banasthali University is strengthening its academic tie-ups globally, the University has signed MoUs with two leading International Universities namely, Budapest Metropolitan University, Hungary and Sookmyung Women's University Seoul, South Korea in July 2016.

Launch of OM-RISE : Promotion of International Research and Development

The MoU for launching OM-RISE (an acronym for Organizational Management, Research, Innovation and Sustainable Entrepreneurship) at Banasthali Vidyapith was signed by Mr. Jos de Blok, Founder and CEO of Stichting Buurtzorg Netherlands, Mr. Wim Keizer, Director Praan Group Netherlands and Prof. Harsh Purohit, Dean, FMS-WISDOM, Banasthali Vidyapith. Speaking at the occasion, Mr. Blok appreciated the women's education of Banasthali Vidyapith and assured all the possible support in the exciting time to come. The MoU would facilitate advanced research in entrepreneurship, financial literacy, Bhartiya Prabandhan, skill development, nursing, etc.



Dr Hamsavahini Singh, Associate Professor in German, presented a paper entitled 'Women and Social changes: The New Configuration of Kinship and Family in Indian Soap Opera', in the workshop on 'Visualizing Kin: Representing Kinship and Family in Contemporary Asia' at the Department of Global Studies, Aarhus University on 20th May, 2016.

Prof. Preeti Sharma, Head, Department of History & Indian Culture, availed the Erasmus Mundus IBIES Fellowship for her project entitled 'The Mahabalipuram Relief: Visualising Brahmanical Influence', at the Leiden Institute for South Asian Studies (LIAS), Leiden University, The Netherlands during May 1- June 30, 2016. During her stay she made presentations, interacted with faculty members, postgraduate students and doctoral scholars, on various aspects of South Asian and South East Asian art studies.

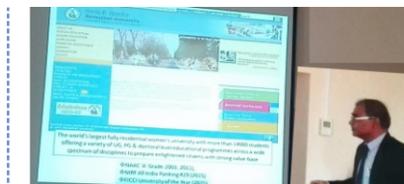
Prof. Sharma also contributed to the multi-disciplinary conference on 'Amulets and Talismans in the Muslim World', organized by Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society (LUCIS), on May 19-20, 2016. She also participated in the Leiden

Dr. Yashumati Ratan, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy, attended the 17th Tetrahedron Symposium entitled 'Challenges in Biological, Bioorganic, Organic & Medicinal Chemistry' and presented her



research work in this symposium. The title of her research work was 'Synthesis and anti-inflammatory evaluation of coumarin Mannich bases'. This symposium was held during 28 June, 2016 to 1 July, 2016 at Sitges (near Barcelona), Spain.

Indian Philosophy Symposium (LIPS) 2016 on 'Problems in Indian Philosophy, hosted by the Society of Friends of the Kern Institute (VVIK) in cooperation with the Leiden University Institute for Philosophy and the LIAS, on May 20, 2016. Dr. Sharma also participated in the European Summer School in Cultural Studies (ESSCS) on Legibility, organized by Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis (ASCA) and NICA in collaboration with Leiden University Centre for the Arts in Society (LUCAS) and OSL, from June 20-24, 2016. The ESSCS network comprises the University of Amsterdam, Leiden University, the University of Copenhagen, the University of Giessen, Goldsmiths (University of London), the Université de Paris VIII, the Lisbon Consortium and the University of Trondheim.



Prof. Vinay Sharma, Head, Department of Bioscience and Biotechnology visited Hungary during May 2nd-29th, 2016, within the auspices of the Joint International Collaboration Programme of Indian National Science Academy and Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He worked in the lab of renowned scientist Prof. Imre Vaas, Director, Plant Biology Institute, Biological Research Center (Centre of Excellence of European Union), Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He also delivered an Institute level invited lecture on 'Understanding Plant Stress Biology: Natural, Wet Lab and In Silico Approaches'.



Dr Rakesh Yadav, faculty, Department of Pharmacy was selected for the Young Investigator Award (YIA) including a commemorative plaque and a monetary honorarium of US\$ 300, by the Asian Pacific Society for Neurochemistry (APSN) at the 14th meeting and conference of APSN held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 26-30th August, 2016. The award comes as a recognition of the efforts of the research group in the synthesis of some novel pyrimidines based compounds for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. The candidature of Dr Yadav was selected among 400 YIA aspirants which is a rare accomplishment for Indian pharma scientists. APSN held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 26-30th August, 2016. The award comes as a recognition of the efforts of the research group in the synthesis of some novel pyrimidines based compounds for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. The candidature of Dr Yadav was selected among 400 YIA aspirants which is a rare accomplishment for Indian pharma scientists. APSN promotes research in neurochemistry in particular by dissemination of information, by arrangement of meetings and in other ways to encourage contact between its members. It provides a dynamic international forum for the exchange of knowledge among scientists to enhance their contributions to public health, and awards the commendable work in the team domain across the globe.

Our Alumni

Banasthali's pride alumna Dr. Preeti Panwar Solanki, 'Mrs. India United Nation' has become winner of jury's special award and crown 'Personality United Nations 2016' during the event "United Nation Pageants World Finals-2016" held at Kingston, Jamaica. It is the most respected crown for the person who has most positive outlook towards people, social cause and life. Dr. Preeti did her MBA (Batch 1998) from Banasthali Vidyapith.



Ms. Geeta Balwada, MSc (Home Science) 1989 batch was honored with 'National Awards to Meritorious Teachers' by the President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee on the occasion of Teachers' Day at Vigyan Bhavan on September 05, 2016.

Our alumna, Ms. Akansha Singh, BBA 2011 Batch was honoured by Bihar Industry Association (BIA) and Department of Industries, Government of Bihar. She was adjudged winner for her innovative project at Bihar Startup Conclave 2016, where she was awarded a sum of Rs 1,00,000, a certificate and 100 % incubation support from BIA. Ms. Akansha is a social entrepreneur and the founder of Swayambhu Innovative Solution Pvt Ltd.



Students' Achievements



Ms. Rasana Yadav, student of B. Pharm. (Final Year), Department of Pharmacy, has been awarded the Summer Research Program

Fellowship 2016 of IASc-INSA-NASI. Under this patronage fellowship she has got an opportunity to work at Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata (SINP) under the supervision of Dr. Debashis Mukhopadhyay for two months along with a fellowship of Rs 8000 per month.



Seven students – Prachita Arora, Renu Chauhan, Neha Verma, Monika Bansal, Ayushi Bhatnagar, Satvika Jaiswal and Ashna Tandon from M. Sc Geology 1st year were selected for a 4 day training entitled 'Training in the field of Earth-ecosystem processes using VEDAS and other related datasets' in Ahmadabad SAC (ISRO) held on 30th August, 2016 to 2nd September 2016, organized at Space Applications Centre (SAC), Ahmadabad by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).

Academic Aura



Dr. Chandra Kant Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Bioscience and Biotechnology, was invited to deliver a lecture on "Nanotechnology" in the third International Conference on "Nanotechnology for better living", at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar, J&K, during May 25-29, 2016.

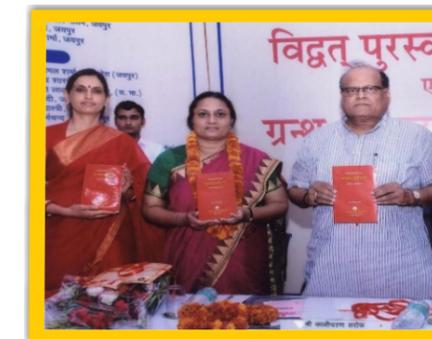
Organized by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur and National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar, with participants from Canada, Ireland, Switzerland, Spain, USA, UK, Germany, Japan, South Korea, etc., the conference had plenary and concurrent sessions, case discussions and free communications etc. Dr. Sharma also chaired a session on 'Cognitive science and medical image processing' in International Conference on Communication and Computing Systems (ICCCS-2016) organized by Dronacharya College of Engineering, Gurgaon, Haryana on 10th of Sept. 2016.

Dr. Vinay Sharma, Professor & Head, Department of Bioscience and Biotechnology has been selected as a Fellow of National Academy of Sciences, India (FNASc). The honour is conferred through a rigorous process of academic scrutiny based on the individual's landmark and novel research credentials, which have led to a distinct advancement in Science and which have become well recognized, accepted and established through distinguished peer review and perusal by Renowned Scientists and Academicians.

Dr Manu Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy has been awarded with 'Research Excellence' award by Indo American conference held on 15 Sept. 2016 organized by The Indus Foundation, Jaipur.



Faculty in the Department of English & MEL, Dr. Papiya Lahiri's recently published book "Sharon Pollock the Playwright: The Personal and the Political Ordeal". New Delhi: Creative Publications, 2016, was released by the Hon'ble CM, Shri Virbhadra Singh; Governor, Shri Acharya Dewrat, Vice Chancellor, Shri Acharya ADN Vajpayee, DS Prof. Girija Sharma, Pro VC and the Registrar at the 47th Foundation Day of HPU in Shimla on 22 July 2016. The book is being used and studied as a major secondary source on Canadian Drama, particularly the plays of Sharon Pollock in many Canadian Centres of Indian universities. Some plays of Pollock are being taught at M.A. (English) level. The book also has an interview with the Playwright, taken in Calgary, Canada.



डॉ. अंजना शर्मा, एसोशिएट प्रोफेसर, संस्कृत दर्शन एवं वैदिक अध्ययन विभाग द्वारा सम्पादित ग्रंथ 'सर्वसादिनी' का लोकार्पण राजस्थान संस्कृत अकादमी द्वारा आयोजित विद्वत् पुरस्कार-सम्मान एवं ग्रंथ लोकार्पण समारोह के अन्तर्गत विशिष्ट अतिथि श्री कालीचरण सराफ, माननीय मंत्री, उच्च तकनीकी

एवं संस्कृत शिक्षा, राजस्थान सरकार, अध्यक्ष श्रीमती रोली सिंह, माननीय सचिव कला, साहित्य पुरातत्त्व एवं पर्यटन विभाग, राजस्थान सरकार, डॉ. रेणुका राठौड़, निदेशक राजस्थान संस्कृत अकादमी की उपस्थिति में दिनांक 24 मई, 2016 को सभागार, अकादमी संकुल, झालाना इंगरी, जयपुर में किया गया।

Dr Neelam Chaturvedi, Associate Professor, Food Science and Nutrition, presented a research review paper entitled "Role of

nutraceuticals on mental illness with diabetes mellitus" and also got Shri Ganga Singh Chauhan Health Psychologist Award on 25th September 2016 by Indian Psychometric and Educational Research Association in the 8th International Conference held at Harprasad Institute of Behavioral Studies, Agra.

