



Editor-in-Charge's Note

Dear friends, warm good morning to all of you. The team of Sikkim University Chronicle reaches out to you, once again, with yet another issue. This April issue captures the joy of receiving and imparting knowledge, the spirit of sharing and interacting, and the warm enthusiasm of blending learning skills and techniques, with the underlying purpose behind it all. Education, is not an end in itself, but a means, to explore and reach out to the world outside, in as many innovative ways as possible, while remaining in constant close touch with one's innermost self. This issue of Sikkim University Chronicle, has tried to portray, some of those colourful shades of university life, which have made us stop and re-think education, in its emerging role. We sincerely hope that this unique spirit of innovative learning, will continue for long, to inspire many a young individual and pave the path for a better and brighter future ahead, for all citizens of this country and the world.

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The First Representative Committee of Sikkim University Students' Association (SUSA)

Sikkim University has recently approved the founding of a nine-member representative committee for Sikkim University Students' Association. This is for the first time, that students of Sikkim University, have constituted a representative committee, in order to identify and resolve issues, which largely concern students and their interests. Ever since the founding of Sikkim University, several attempts were made by students to organize a united forum for students. It has finally materialised after a long and arduous process, to draw up all the necessary formalities, in order to put the students' forum into its present shape. Earlier, during the months of August and September in 2015, a signature campaign was carried out amongst the students of Sikkim University by MS18 (Mission Success 18), a group comprising 18 students, who wanted to put forth certain demands of students before the authorities. The said petition, signed by an overwhelming majority of students, was then submitted to the concerned authorities of Sikkim University on 31 August 2015. In response, the students were duly advised to draft a constitution for their representative body. A 15-member drafting committee was then formed by the students of Sikkim University under the chairmanship of Mr. Tikendra Kumar Chhetry on 28 September 2015 and a Constitution with 18 articles was framed for the democratic functioning of the students' representative body. The drafting committee convened a public screening of the Constitution on 12 October 2015 and through rigorous debate and discussion, all students present for the public screening, unanimously passed the same. The Constitution having been duly passed by the students' forum of Sikkim University was then submitted to the University authorities on 14 October 2015. Having received due approval from the concerned authorities of Sikkim University, the representative committee led by Mr. Tikendra Chhetry was asked to submit names of representatives for various posts in SUSA. A notice was later circulated to all existing departments in Sikkim University, requesting for students'



Representative committee of SUSA with Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. T. B. Subba

representatives to be nominated from each of the departments.

On 12 February 2016, a GBM (General Body Meeting) of students was convened for the formation of SUSA. On the very same day, a four-member committee was formed in accordance with the unanimous decision taken by all students for the smooth monitoring of the event related to the formation of the first representative body of SUSA. The first executive committee for SUSA was thus formed and names of representative members against their respective posts were submitted to Sikkim University authorities. SUSA representative body currently has the following members:

President: Neeraj Adhikari
Vice-President: R.K. Sanayaima Meetei
Gen. Secretary: Amar Tony Minj
Joint Secretary: Suman Ghimiray
Treasurer: Latit Pokhrel Sharma
Secretary for Academic affairs:

Mingma Thundu Sherpa
Secretary for Games and Sporting Affairs: Mrigankadeep Bharadwaj
Secretary for Social Service Affairs: Sushmita Chhetri
Secretary for Cultural Affairs: Yogesh Sharma

Having received the kind approval of the concerned authorities on 8 March 2016, the students' community in Sikkim University has crossed the first milestone in founding the first ever students' representative body called SUSA.

Mr. Neeraj Adhikari, the president of the executive body has extended his heartiest congratulations to all the students of Sikkim University. On behalf of SUSA, he has further assured that this executive committee, will leave no stone unturned, in order to carry out the constitutional duties with utmost dedication for the well-being of the students' community in Sikkim University.



Common Brown Caterpillar, mostly found in North-East India and South Asian Countries. Photography: **Karma R. Bhutia**, Deptt. of Mass Communication, SU.

Publication

Dr. Prabin Karkee, Assistant Librarian, Sikkim University has the following publication to his credit.

Karkee, Prabin & Sinha, Sudha. (2015), "Soft Skills: Enabling library professional to live sustainably", in Parikshit Mondal and Susmita Chakraborty, (Eds.), LIS Career at the crossroads: Challenges and opportunities, Kolkata, University of Calcutta: Department of Library and Information Science; p. 439-445, ISBN: 978-81-925313-8-0

Dr. Sudarsan Tamang, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Sikkim University has published the following.

Sudarsan Tamang, Christophe Lincheneau, Yannick Hermans, Sohee Jeong, and Peter Reiss. (2016), Chemistry of InP nanocrystal syntheses, Chem. Mater., 28, 2491-2506 [Impact Factor:8.354]

Dr. Bisu Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Sikkim University has the following publication to his credit.

Dependra Chamlagai, **Bisu Singh** (2016). Study of in vitro anti-inflammatory activity of ethnomedicinal plants of sikkim *Viscum articulatum* and *Acorus calamus*" Asian J Pharm Clin Res, Vol 9, Issue 3, 119-122.

Outstanding Achievement of our student

Mr. Maanvender Singh, a PhD scholar at the Department of History in Sikkim University has been selected as one of the four Public Policy Scholars at the Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy, Chennai. The fellowship will be for a period of four months. It involves a grant of Rs. 50,000, provision for residence during the period and a travel grant in addition. Mr. Singh will be working on the experience of caste based reservation in government jobs with special reference to the OBCs and the imperatives.

Baithak:

The Second Monthly Musical Performance Session

The second session of Baithak, was all scheduled to be organized by the Department of Music on the last Thursday of the month of March. But the news of the sudden demise of one of our dearest colleagues, Dr. Sameera Maiti, Dean, School of Human Sciences and Professor at the Department of Anthropology, led to the postponement of the concert. The programme was re-scheduled in memory



of Professor Maiti on 28 April, 2016, at 3 p.m. at the Department of Music. The musical performance session was graced by the presence of distinguished guests, including faculty members Dr. Kotra Rama Mohan, Associate Professor and Head of the

Department of Anthropology and Dr. Charisma Lepcha, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology. Professor Maiti was remembered by everyone present on the occasion. Faculty members and students paid their tribute to Madam Professor by offering khada on her portrait, followed by observing silence for two minutes. The musical performance for the evening was dedicated to Professor Maiti. All members present for the evening concert conveyed their heartfelt condolence to the departed soul and prayed for its eternal peace.

The opening session was inaugurated through the musical notes of a Bhajan in Raag Desh, performed by Mr. Jayanta Kr. Barman, Assistant Professor, Department of Music on Vocals, accompanied on Tabla by the Head of the Department, Dr Krishnendu Dutta and Mr. Partha Sil, student of



Vth Semester on flute. The next performance which followed, was one by a IVth semester student, Mr. Subham Peter Gazmer. He performed Raag Khamaj on Sitar, accompanied by his batch mate, Mr. Binod Darjee on Tabla. The performance was unique in the sense that this was for the first time in the history of Sikkim University, that a student had performed a sitar recital.

The third performance breathed in a different essence into the programme altogether. Three Bengali poems were recited by Dr Niladri Bagh, Associate Professor at the Department of Horticulture, accompanied by Mr. Partha Sil, with intervals of flute playing. The final performance for the evening was a Sai Bhajan and a Ganesh Bhajan by Mr. Aditya Pradhan, a IVth Semester student of the



Department of Music, accompanied by Mr. Binod Darjee on Tabla. The musical session was drawn to a close with the concluding remarks by Mr. Santosh Kumar. A casual discussion over a round of warm cup of tea made a perfect evening, worth remembering.

Workshop on Techniques for Mathematical Optimization



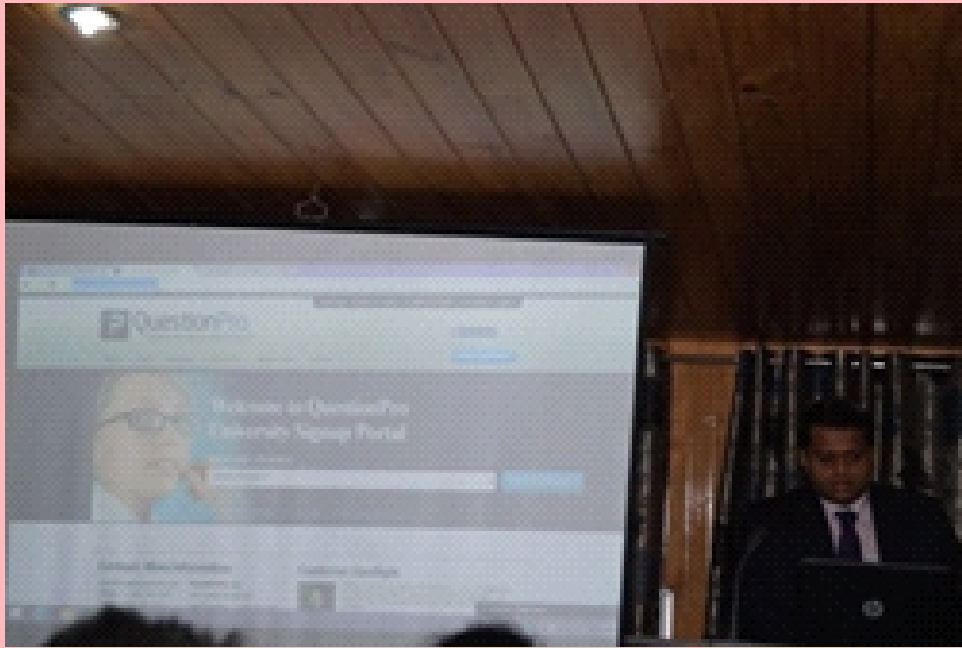
The Department of Mathematics, Sikkim University, in collaboration with the Statistical Quality Control & Operation Research Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, organized a two-day workshop on "Techniques for Mathematical Optimization" on 29-30 March, 2016. It was the first such programme organized by the Department of Mathematics, since its existence. The programme was graced by the presence of Professor Dr. T.B. Subba, Vice-Chancellor, Sikkim University, Professor P.K. Sharma, Guest Professor from the Department of Mathematics, and three other resource persons from ISI, namely, Professor Prasun Das, Dr. Nandini Das and Dr. Abhijit Gupta. Twenty seven participants from across various institutions and various disciplines attended the workshop. The objective of the workshop was to provide an exposure to young researchers and students on the basic concepts of optimization theory and practice, in both classical and non-classical methods, to introduce the use of suitable techniques and their advantages in solving practical and theoretical problems, to focus upon scope of research areas and the like. Eight technical sessions were held and lectures delivered on LPP, Inventory Control, Multi-Objective Programming, Transportation & Assignment Problems and Queuing Theory. On the last day of the workshop, participants shared their valuable feedback with the organizers of the event. Everyone expressed their satisfaction over the outcome of the workshop. The Department of Mathematics hopes to organize many more of such events in the future. The workshop was concluded with a Valedictory Session, followed by the distribution of certificates to all participants. On the whole, this workshop turned out to be very successful. The Department of Mathematics is thankful to ISI, Kolkata and Sikkim University for all the support and kind cooperation.



Training Session on Questionpro Software

Mr. Harshad Deshpande, Director, QuestionPro survey Software Company conducted a training session, regarding the usage and application of the said software, for the students and faculty members of the Department of Management, Sikkim University, on April 8, 2016. QuestionPro is an online survey software company which has provided free academic license of the software to Sikkim University,

respondents to collect feedback for research. The researcher is also physically able to collate feedback by the QuestionPro Application which can be downloaded for free. With this application, it is also possible to carry out field research, even without access to the internet. With Online Software, various types of analyses, such as Trend Analysis, Turf Analysis, Conjoint Analysis, and such others can be performed. The results can also be

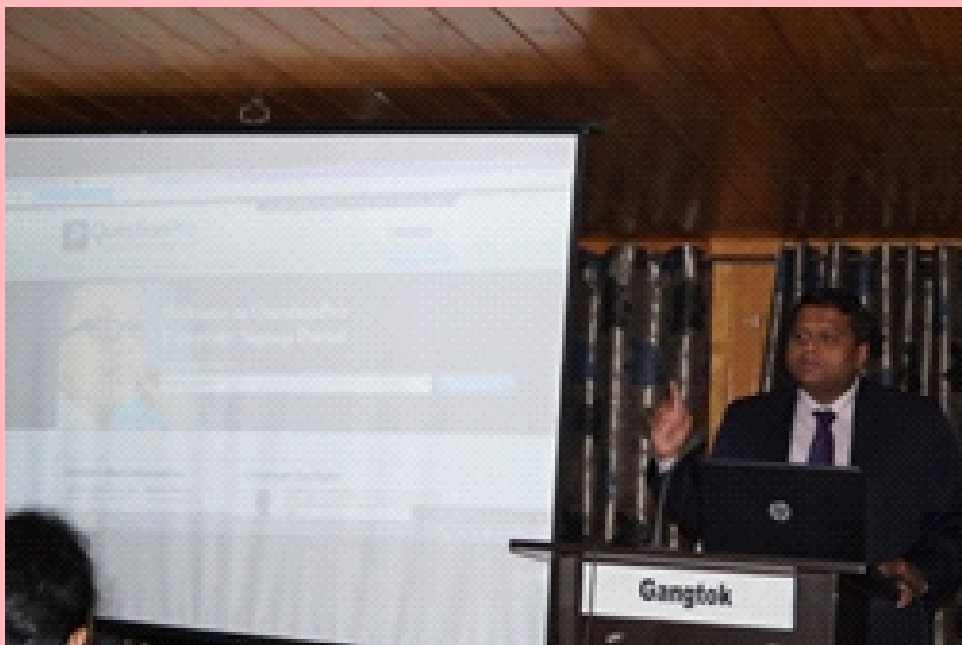


Mr. Harshad Deshpande conducting training session

for the use of students and faculty members, in order to facilitate surveys and analysis. It provides a platform where various types of surveys such as Customer Feedback Surveys, Human Resource Surveys, Academic Surveys, New Product Concept Analysis Surveys, Brand Equity Surveys, Sales Lead Generation, and the like can be conducted and primary data analysis can subsequently be performed.

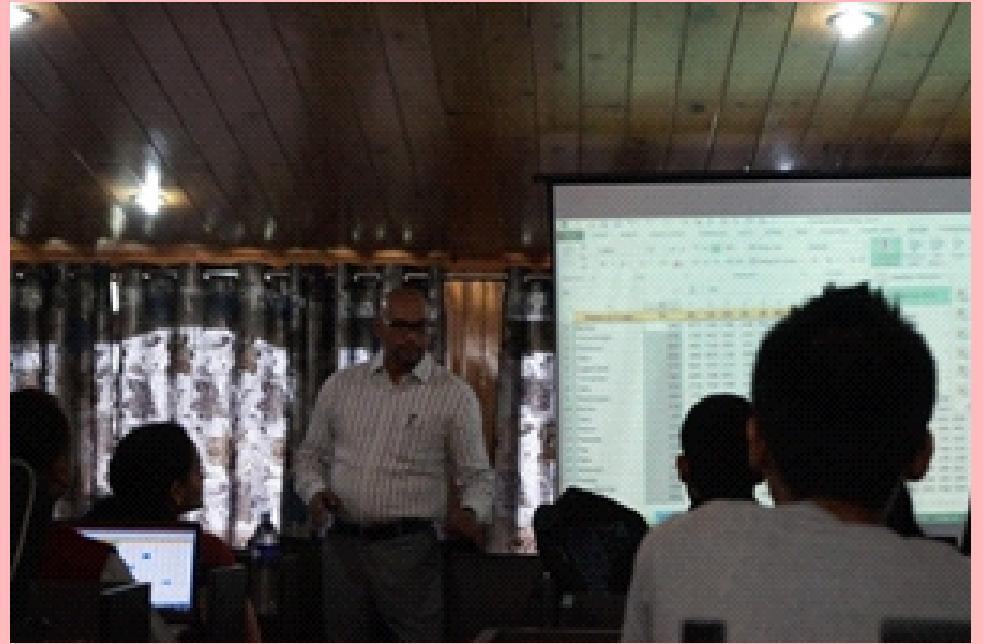
Individual accounts for students and faculty members have already been created for the Online Software. With the help of this software, it is possible to design a questionnaire and send it to

integrated into Excel, Word, PowerPoint and SPSS format. For faculty members, this software would prove to be convenient to be used to create an internal evaluation system on the software, wherein a student's login id, password, etc. could be set up and the concerned tests conducted. The results of the tests can then be downloaded into RAW format in excel, SPSS, PowerPoint etc. The trainer demonstrated various features of the software. The software seemed to be quite useful for students, research scholars and faculty members. Students have responded positively and have found this software to be useful for their research projects.



Mr. Harshad Deshpande conducting training session

Microsoft Excel Advanced Workshop



Mr. K. Ravi Kumar conducting training session on Excel

Microsoft Excel Advanced Workshop was organized for the students and research scholars of the Department of Management, Sikkim University, from 21 April until 23 April, 2016. Mr. K. Ravi Kumar, Microsoft Certified Professional and Microsoft Office Specialist – Excel Expert conducted the training workshop and the focus was on data analysis using Microsoft Excel-2010/2013 (Advanced level). The entire workshop session was run on the basis of a problem-solution approach. A business scenario was taken, creating a challenge in terms of data analysis and solved using Excel's functionality. The following were the chief outcomes of the workshop are - Using Excel's features in a productive way, building powerful formulas, making better charts, dashboards using visualization features and learning various intricacies of Microsoft Excel environment.



Students at the practice session on Microsoft Excel

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