Editor’s Take …

Dear Readers,

Come 2015 and Galgotias fraternity has all the reasons to cheer! The highlight of this newsletter is the proud moment for the university, the DQ-ICT Award for Excellence in Academics & Placements conferred upon by Mr. N.R Narayan Murthy, Co-Founder Infosys. Well deserved for the endlessly toiling faculty and staff of the university. The award is a clear reflection of GU’s placement cell’s efforts that provided an optimum industry platform to the academic competence of the students here. Needless to say GU faculty constantly strives to put the students on the path of academic excellence.

It was a year of many firsts. Just to mention a few, new School of Education, Nirmaan: Galgotias Youth Parliament & Legal Aid Clinic. With the fresh batch of fresher’s welcomed at the varsity, the institution raged ahead on the road to success with innumerable conferences and seminar. Across schools the university witnessed distinguished speakers lecturing the students on subjects ranging from human rights to engineering. Television industry visits always leave a lasting impression on the young minds, this time it was the iconic Rajat Sharma of the ‘Aap ki Adalat’ fame who charmed the students.

To me, the most interesting event was Nirmaan—Galgotias Youth Parliament. A brainchild of CEO Dhruv Galgotia, the event clearly provides a platform to many who wish to take to politics. The event clearly reflects the commitment of the Galgotias Management towards nation building.

Happy Reading!

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Infosys Chief Narayan Murthy Awards GU

"We skill our students with a very high level of professional input from world’s best resources. We are confident they will emerge to occupy top positions in their respective domains."

- Suneel Galgotia, Chancellor, Galgotias University

An honour for the University for years to cherish. This year was marked by the DQ-ICT Award for Excellence in Academics & Placements conferred upon Galgotias University by Mr. N.R Narayan Murthy, Co-Founder Infosys on 24 November 2014. On behalf of the University the award was received by the Chancellor Mr. Suneel Galgotia and the CEO Mr. Dhruv Galgotia.

On the occasion, the Chancellor Mr. Suneel Galgotia said, "It is my belief that this honour recognizes our pursuit of world-class academic standards & pedagogies, foreign university partners, global-level faculty and complete integration with industry.” The award also honours Galgotias University’s role in knowledge creation through courses in emerging technologies in partnership with industry leaders like IBM and with leading universities of the world such as Purdue University, University of Maryland, Goethe University etc.

That Galgotias University creates world class skilled manpower for the technology industry finds reflection in the fact that over 85% of Galgotias’ CS students have been placed in Round-1 placements with over 120 top corporates at the recent campus interviews. Tech-giants Cognizant, Infosys, Wipro and Tech Mahindra recruited huge percentages of students, with many of them receiving multiple job offers. IBM partners CS programmes in the domains of Cloud Computing & Virtualization, Open Source Software & Open Standards, Business Analytics, Telecom Informatics & Mainframe Technology at Galgotias University. The global tech-major has set up labs and is deeply engaged in syllabus and pedagogy development as well as teaching processes.

Galgotias University ensures complete job-readiness by putting students through a rigorous industry-driven, 360 degree inputs programme, across the entire education span. This includes English and foreign language skills.
The new batch of fresher’s was given a warm welcome at the Galgotias University. All the schools got together to celebrate the new students in the month of October. School wise orientation events were held, with the Vice Chancellor Dr. BV Babu and the Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Renu Luthra sharing the vision of the university across campus. The freshers were introduced to their respective curriculum by their school deans and faculty members. Introductory session were held separately with the seniors & staff to help the students discern the functioning of their university. Elaborate Fresher’s parties were held where seniors made sure that the new students were thoroughly entertained. Fresher’s also participated with full enthusiasm showcasing their talents by performing stage shows in fashion, music and dance. The idea was to induct the fresherers comfortably into the Galgotia family with open arms. All school Deans and faculty members took great care that the juniors and seniors enjoyed every bit of cultural events held across campus.

A Season of Fresher’s Welcome
It was an year of many firsts. The University got its first Legal Aid Clinic, which was inaugurated by none other than the Supreme Court Judge, Justice Dipak Misra.

Legal Aid Clinic has been set up at the University campus in collaboration with the UP State Legal Service Authority in order to give effect to the policy and directions of the National Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and the National Legal Services Authority (Legal Aid Clinics) Scheme, 2010. The District Legal Service Authority Gautam Budh Nagar has also accorded permission to make use of the clinic for the needy & weaker sections of the society.

The occasion was also marked by an Annual Public Lecture delivered by Justice Misra himself. He spoke on the topic ‘Human Rights in Constitutional Context’. He charmed the students by talking candidly about jurisprudence developed by the Supreme Court in enforcing Human Rights within the Constitutional Frame work.

Chancellor Mr. Suneel Galgotia & CEO Mr. Dhruv Galgotia expressed their gratitude towards the distinguished speaker and appreciated the ease and warmth with which the honourable judge connected with the university students and faculty members.
Sentencing Policy in Death Penalty Cases: Recent Judicial Trends - Winters began with a national seminar organized by the School of Law. Eminent lawyers, judges and academicians participated in the event. Mr. Siddharth Luthra, former ASG & Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India raised some of the contentious issues regarding the sentencing policy. Another distinguished speaker Mr. Vikramjeet Banerjee, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court brought us back to the relation of dharma and danda from ancient period till today. Mr. Manish Singhvi, former AAG Rajasthan and Advocate, Supreme Court, Justice R. Basant (retd.) Judge High Court of Kerala and Senior Advocate Supreme Court also gave enlightening lectures on theories of state, crime, punishment and death penalty. VC Dr BV Babu and CEO Mr. Dhruv Galgotia welcomed the esteemed panel on the occasion.

Food Security and World Trade Organisation: Global and Indian Context - National Seminar on Understanding the relevance of the Food Security in the presence of different International Organisations like WTO. Held on 16th October, the session was chaired by Prof. S. R. Hashim, former Member Planning Commission former Chairman, UPSC. Organized by the Dept of Economics, SHSS, the opening session became interesting with the exchange of ideas between the panel & Pro-VC Dr. Renu Luthra alongwith Dr. Shalini Sharma, Dean, SHSS. The panel included Prof. Ramesh Chand (Deputy Director General Indian Council of Agricultural Research) and Dr. Abhijit Das (Head & Professor, Centre For WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade). Expert Comments were given by Prof. Milindo Chakrabarti (School of Business Studies, Sharda University) and Prof. Prem S. Vashishtha (SHSS, GU).

Trends in Telecommunication - seminar by BSNL for SECE Students was held on 21st November on campus.

Embedded Systems - seminar by DUCAT for SECE students. VC Dr. BV Babu, Pro-VC Dr. Renu Luthra & the Dean Academics addressed the students on the occasions.

Educational Inequalities in India: Beyond Reservations:
Department of Social Work and Sociology organized a lecture of Prof. Sonal De Desai on March 5, 2014. Dr. Desai is a Professor of Sociology at the University Of Maryland, USA. She talked about regional variations and social inequality in India. Dr. Desai also suggested towards need of more effective
Workshop on TV Anchoring - Associate Editor, CNN-IBN TV News channel, Ms Arunima conducted a two day long television anchoring workshop for the School of Media & Communications Studies. Arunima is an MSc Human Rights, London School of Economics and Political Sciences and was awarded the British Chevening scholarship - 2008 for post graduate studies in UK. She specializes in anchoring and reporting on National and International human rights issues. At CNN-IBN she has been covering Supreme Court, High Court and Lower courts of Delhi, Union Home Ministry, Intelligence Bureau and related agencies, Central Bureau of Investigations. It was a great learning experience for the SMCS students to take practical lessons on the nuances of live TV news anchoring with Ms. Arunima.

Workshop on Cartooning - A two day workshop on cartooning was conducted in the school of media and communication Studies. The two day workshop began on 9th October 2014. Mr. Anil Naqhasi, who comes with more than two decades of experience in cartooning for print and electronic media conducted it. Two days of workshop exposed the students to

Workshop on Teaching Aids - One day workshop on Teaching Aids organized for B.Ed. students on 20th November, 2014 by the School of Education. Students learned about the process of making different types of teaching aids. In the morning session, Ms. Navita delivered a lecture on teaching aids, their principles and classifications. In the afternoon session, students were given the task of making aids on their own under the guidance of faculty members.
Marching Ahead: Workshops at GU

Tally ERP 9.0 Workshop -
School of Finance & Commerce, organized a three days' workshop from 25th to 27th June to help students build profiles & to increase their industry compatible. Tally ERP 9.0 is a popular choice across the industry sectors and has become synonymous with accounting. It is extensively used in payroll management, inventory management, accounts management, credit management, and for maintaining ledgers and reporting. Dr. Hemchand Jain, Associate Professor, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, DU delivered the specially designed content to a mix of B. Com. (Hons) students.

Legal Aid Society-Legal Awareness Workshop by Law Students–
The Centre for Clinical Legal Initiatives organized a legal awareness camp at Mihir Bhaj Kanya Vidyalya, Dadri, Gautam Budh Nagar on November 21, 2014. The theme of the program was women and child rights, the students from the law school performed skits and delivered legal awareness speeches on issues of right to education, child marriage, child labour, female feticide and offence against women.

Structural Equation Modeling Workshop -
Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) was conducted by Prof Akash Agarwal from School of Finance & Commerce starting 8th of July. This 4 day long workshop was organized by the Delhi School of Professional Studies & Research (DSPSR), Rohini, Delhi. The participants in the workshop included thirty five researchers and academicians from different parts of the country. It helped them to develop a basic understanding of the use & application of structural equation modelling using SPSS and AMOS softwares.

Writing Competition
Galgotias Commerce Society in association with the School of Finance and Commerce organized a ‘Provoking Thought Writing Competition’ on 15th September 2014 in the university campus. Entrants in the competition were asked to focus on the theme of Accepting a Rape/ Acid Attack victim as a Life Partner or Euthanasia. It was an inter college competition with nearly 45 participants. Archit from the School of Computing Sciences and Engineering stood first while Rajeev Verma from the School of Electrical, Electronics and Communication Engineering, secured the second position.
Microteaching: Prof. L.C. Singh, former Professor NCERT delivered the expert lecture on ‘Microteaching’ on 5th November. In his lecture Dr. Singh pointed out the advantages in conducting microteaching before going for the practice teaching in the schools. He also underlined how it reduces the complexity of teaching & develops teaching skills in the teacher trainee. The session was organized by the School of Education at GU under the guidance of Dr. Satyendra Gupta, Dean, DoE. The Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Renu Luthra during her welcome speech stated that a teacher is the greatest artist, as his/her canvas is the human heart and mind. The school also organized practice sessions for the teacher’s trainees on the occasion.

Media and Identity -
The School of Media and Communication & Studies organized this special lecture on campus. The speaker, Mr. Naveen Misra is a European Union Fellow and an international expert in new age media studies. Students had a valuable exchange of ideas with Mr. Misra.

Emerging issues in the Indian Financial System
The Galgotias Commerce Society in association with the School of Finance and Commerce organized a scholarly invited talk on the 13th of October at the university. The convener Prof Akash Agarwal introduced the speaker Dr. V.K Mehta (IES-Retd.) as Program Head. The lecture gave the faculty and students an overview of the Indian Financial System, its evolution along with the present & future scenario. The participants got the opportunity to closely interact with him & share his experiences as member of the Planning Commission of India. Prof (Dr.) Y.P Singh concluded the event & Prof. Silky Jain extended a vote of thanks to everyone involved in making the event a success.

The Revival of Growth and the Role of Union Budget 2014-15 – This special lecture was organized by the School of Business at the university on the 12th of August. Prof. B.B. Bhattacharya, Ex Vice-chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi addressed the issue to the MBA students. The students & faculty members engaged in a fruitful question answer session after the lecture.
Remembering Gandhi, Patel & Azad

Galgotias University got together this year to remember very fondly its national leaders in a special way. The varsity joined in to support the PM’s launch of the Swachh Bharat Campaign in their own way. Under the guidance of the Vice Chancellor BV Babu, university’s faculty and students picked up brooms & dustbins on 2nd of October, in their effort to clean the campus and take a pledge for future to support the campaign. Dean of Social Sciences Dr. Shalini Sharma spearheaded the cleanliness drive across campus. Mahatma Gandhi’s Birth Anniversary was celebrated with a pledge of creating a clean environment.

Prior to this also on the 11th of November, the university celebrated the 125th birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. The day was marked by essay writing competitions all over the campus by various schools.

Come 31st October and the campus was all set to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The day began with the VC Dr. Babu and ProVC Dr. Luthra inaugurating the National Unity Run. The deans, faculty, staff & students all took on their sports shoes making the run a big success. School of Medical Sciences and School of Humanities organized a Poster & Slogan Making Competition to mark the National Unity Day. While the School of Media & Communications Studies organized a Pictorial exhibition on the life history of Patel. Media School also screened a documentary film on the life of Patel. The whole campus came together running, drawing, painting and raising slogans—taking a pledge thereon to work in the interest of the nation.
Nirmaan: Galgotias Youth Parliament

One more step in the direction of creating future global leaders by GU. It is called Nirmaan, Galgotias Youth Parliament, founded by the CEO Mr. Dhruv Galgotia himself in the year 2012. This year the CEO gave the responsibility of running this unique youth platform to Mr. Abhishek Agarwal & Ms. Kriti Doneria under the dynamic guidance and leadership of Ms. Vinnie Khanna Mathur, Dean, Student Affairs. A two day event saw hundreds of delegates from across different states in the country. Nirmaan provides a platform for the young boys and girls to debate and exchange issues and challenges related to political and social issues.

The idea is to help the youth develop leadership and oratory skills along with a proper perspective regarding socio-political changes in the country and the world. Young delegates enthusiastically participated in this mock parliament exploring their strengths & weaknesses, also openly expressing their views on several issues. In the process, this Galgotias initiative is a unique step to motivate youth in the country to play an active role in politics and take it as a full time profession, if they so desire.

Mr. Syed Shameem Anwar, Dy. General Manager, IRPPL graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, motivating youth to show active participation in Indian politics. The esteemed presence of Prof. B V Babu, Vice Chancellor, Galgotias University and Mr. R Sundaresan, Director, GCET encouraged the delegates even more.

Nirmaan, has also been acknowledged and appreciated by the Indian government. Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Culture, Tourism and MoS for Ministry of Civil Aviation (India) said "Such academic simulation will surely provide a platform to the younger generation for brainstorming and developing creative ideas for resolution of contemporary challenges being faced by our society and will instill a sense of social responsibility."

Nirmaan has a long way to go and with every passing year the university is determined to take it to new heights.
An Evening with India TV’s Rajat Sharma

For years many have watched the mock court proceedings of top film stars, politicians and activists on Television only under one brand name. It is anybody’s guess - ‘Aap ki Adalat’, the signature show of Rajat Sharma, Editor-in-chief of India TV.

Galgotians also had the occasion of participating in the most popular TV news show and closely interacting with its host. Students from the School of Media & Communications Studies along with the students of School of Business enjoyed the mock court proceedings on Yasin Malik, separatist leader, Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front.

On the sets of Aap ki Adalat, students got an live opportunity to ask tough questions to the separatist leader. The participation helped the students understand the relevance of incisive cross questioning as Rajat Sharma continuously probed the guest or the mock accused with his witty questions.

Following the show, TV news star Rajat Sharma interacted warmly with the students and the latter in turn got the taste of his style and demeanour as an anchor. The witnessing of the massive television set of Aap ki Adalat and the production process of the show was an eyeopener for the Galgotians.
Student & Faculty Accolades

Faculty in Spotlight

Dr. Bimal Kumar Sarkar, Professor of Physics
School of Basic & Applied Sciences

Galgotias University takes prides in having excellent academic contributions by its faculty members. Prof. Sarkar made several contributions internationally.

Invited talk at the “International Conference Thermophysics “2014 in Podkylava, Slovakia.

At a round table for scientific collaboration with Prof. Joseph Peterka, Director, Faculty of Materials Sciences, STU, Europe in October 2014 at Trnava.


Students in Spotlight

AVALANCHE, an idea pooling event, was organized at the university. The event promoting unique ideas was an initiative of Avadesh Sisodia and IEEE club. It saw participation from over 20 colleges & offered lots of prizes in cash & kind.

RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial Moot Court Competition 2014—The prestigious 6th RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial Moot Court Competition 2014 was organized by Rizvi Law College, Mumbai from 27-28 September; 2014. GU team comprising of Naasha Anklesaria, Dhruv Seth and Rahul VS Pal (in the picture above) secured the first runners up trophy. A total of 24 teams participated in the event from all over India. Within the School of Education many emerged as winners in the Mehndi & Handicraft Competition.
Galgotias placements hit a high of 85% placements for its students during the placement season for the class of 2014-15. The highlight of the placement season was that 1305 offers were given to the students in first week of placement and 85% of Computer Science students were placed. The major selections are, Cognizant (583 students), Infosys (338 students) followed by Wipro Technologies (228 students) and Tech Mahindra (77 students).

We congratulate all students and wish them a wonderful career ahead! In the current year 2015, more than 110 companies like Infosys, Wipro Technologies, Cognizant, Tech Mahindra, Cummins India, IBM India, Navyug Infosolutions, Newgen Software Ltd., NIIT Technologies, Intelligrape, Aon Hewitt, Coca-Cola, Broadcom, Rudra Buidwell, Hettich and many more have visited the campus.

GU has closed its final placement process for the graduating batch of 2015 students for all its schools successfully. The recruiters have placed continued trust in the brand Galgotias as a preferred destination for talent sourcing. The placement period has been a hectic flurry of organized action. About 300 companies visited the campus for the placement process.

The students were placed across Consulting, BFSI, IB, FMCG, Pharmaceutical, Retail, E-Commerce, Manufacturing, Conglomerates, telecom, IT, Media, Hospitality companies. The banks and financial institutions who recruited the students included ICICI Securities, IndusInd Bank, Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, American Express, Janlakshmi Financial, Indiabulls, India Infoline, IDBI Federal, Bajaj Capital, Bajaj Allianz, Aegon Religare etc. from real estate sector like Supertech, PropTiger, Airwil Group, Harit Dhaara Projects, Property Consulting Group, Investors Clinic, Wave Infratech etc, from retail like Vishal Mega Mart, Puma, DA Milano etc, from hospitality and tourism sector like Country Club, Laurent and Benon, Trident Hotels, Royal Orchid, Radisson Blu etc, from education & training sector like Jaro Education, Rachna Sagar, Meritnation, AIS Learning, IACT, Edumentor etc. from e-commerce sector like Zomato, Zovi, mydala, snapdeal, amazon, maternity, policy bazaar, easy policy, goibibo etc., from telecom sector Airtel, Matrix Cellular etc., from media sector Bennett Coleman & Co., Ample Events, Prop Tiger, Oyo Rooms, Franchise India, Adsizzler Group etc., other leading manufacturing and conglomerates who recruited the students were Asian Paints, Ultratech Cements, Reliance ADA, Cease Fire Industries, WNS Global, Copal Amba, LegalMD, Interglobe Technologies, iYogi, NIIT Ltd. E&Y, FujiFilm to name a few.
Faculty Publications

♦ Advancement in Shampoo (A Dermal Care Product): Preparation Methods, Patents and Commercial Utility Recent Patents on Inflammation & Allergy Drug Discovery , (Bentham Science) , 8:1-11, Deeksha, Rishabha Malviya, P.K. Sharma 2014 .