

**Internal Quality Assurance Cell Initiatives**  
**School of Liberal Studies, PDPU (2015-2016)**

- IQAC formed on – September 5, 2012
- Last report submitted on – September 2, 2015

It may be noted that to assure and enhance internal quality in teaching-learning, administration and research activities of the various schools, IQAC and IQEC have been constituted on 5th September 2012 at Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University.

Following is the executive summary of the initiatives undertaken by the School and the challenges faced:

**(a) Curriculum Development and the Course Basket –**

**1. Curriculum Review –**

- Various Boards of Studies meeting were held and after thoughtful deliberations, paper titles in courses of Environmental Studies were changed with added rigor.
  1. Board of studies meeting for Economics was held on June 08, 2016
  2. Board of studies meeting for Public Administration was held on March 11, 2016
  3. Board of studies meeting for Mass Communication was held on January 01, 2016
  4. Board of studies meeting for General Studies was held on January 21, 2016

**2. Curriculum Design –**

- As per the directives of Study in India Program committee, a new course on 'Global Citizenship' is prepared. The course would be offered as an Audit Course on CBCS to interested students of PDPU from August 2016. The course is approved by Chairman Academic Council.
- Following courses have been designed for Study in India Program –
  1. Indian Heritage and Modernity
  2. Working in a Cross Cultural Context considering People, Behaviour and Communication.
  3. Discovering India through Rural – Urban Perspectives
  4. Conflict Resolution: Gandhi's Non-violence Way
  5. India's World View
  6. Socio-Economic and Political Dynamics in India

### 7. Gender, Technology and Development in India

From the above pool of courses, course 1 and 4 would be offered to students of SLS first year as Audit Courses. This proposal is approved by the Chairman, Academic Council.

### 3. Laboratory Development –

1. Existing laboratory of Psychology strengthened with new purchases.
2. Exclusive laboratory for Media Studies proposed and the budget approval is granted.
3. New Musical Instruments purchased for the Performing Arts Room.

### (b) Faculty and Staff Recruitment –

Following recruitment is done:

1. Dr. Harmik Vaishnav – Assistant Professor in English
2. Dr. Nausheen Nizami – Assistant Professor in Economics
3. Ms. Hepzibah Mary – Lecturer on contract in English
4. Mr. Manoj Sahoo – Lecturer on contract in Economics

Advertisement for the post of a faculty in Commerce is given.

### (c) Collaborative Research Project –

Sl.No	Project Details	Faculty involved	Funding Agency	Funding Amount
1	“Women’s Economic Empowerment in Asia: Psychosocial and Anthropological factors”	Dr Ritu Sharma (Project Head), Dr Neeta Sinha, Ms. Neeta Khurana, Ms. Supriya Pal, Prof D. M. Pestonjee (Mentor for Review)	Edith Cowan University, Australia	\$6,360.00 (AUD)
2.	Sakhi Sahay Project	Dr. Ritu Sharma and Ms. Neeta Khurana	Gujarat Police	

### (d) Research Activities:

- SLS PDU started the first Print Journal of PDU – Liberal Studies, ISSN – 2455-9857
  - Two Theses of SLS Ph.D. Researchers submitted for examination.
1. Invited for Mental Health Plan for Gujarat –2016 Meet at Gujarat Institute of Mental Health Ahmedabad on March 19, 2016 to discuss action points for public and

private sector to work together for the development of mental health sector in Gujarat .

– Ritu Sharma

2. Case Study titled “Women’s Cell facilitates Gender Inclusivity: A Case Study from Education Sector” was published in Volume II of "Perspectiva: A Case Research Journal"(Authored by Dr. Tanushri Banerjee and Co-authored by Dr. Ritu Sharma) – Ritu Sharma
3. Spoke on “The Challenge of Nuclear Terrorism: India’s Approach” in a National Seminar on ‘Nuclear Power’ organized by Centre for Air Power Studies (CAPS), New Delhi on 02 March 2016. – Sitakanta Mishra
4. Spoke in a panel discussion on “Youth Participation in Governance in India” organized by Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar on 18 March 2016 – Sitakanta Mishra
5. Participated in a luncheon discussion on “Nuclear Security in the Digital Age” at the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi organized by Brookings India on March 21, 2016 – Sitakanta Mishra
6. Presented a paper titled ‘Assessment Centre for Screening and Development of skills: A critical analysis’ in International Conference on Applied Psychology, 3-4th March 2016. Conference Theme: Power, Perception and Personality: Protagonists of change. The conference was held at G.D.Goenka University, New Delhi – Neeta Sinha
7. Research paper titled “Factors Influencing Stock Prices –Evidence from India” by Dr. Ashvin Dave, has been published in “International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research” Vol. IV, Issue9 (1), (ISSN–2277 –9302). – Ashvin Dave
8. Presented a research paper at “International Research Conference on Contemporary Issues in Business, Commerce, Management and Social Sciences”, Paris. – Supriya Pal
9. As a part of the Pilot study of IC-IMPACTS (Indo-Canada Centre for Innovative Multidisciplinary Partnerships to Accelerate Community Transformation and Sustainability), SLS Faculty member Dr. D. Sriram from Public Administration Department accompanied Mr. Michael Serpe from the department of Chemistry, Alberta University, Canada. – Sriram D
10. Presented a paper on "Enhancement of Training Effectiveness: A Case Study" at Edge Farm - CII WR HR Case Study Writing Competition on 26th February, 2016. The case study, prepared on the real situation faced by the power sector of Gujarat focuses on the importance of the training methodology and its related effectiveness in the

performance of the organization. The main focus sample was towards the employees who are above 50 years. The case was selected in the top five cases in the primary category of the competition. – Supriya Pal

11. Published an article titled “Exploring the Female Spaces in the Confines of the male Tradition” in Research Scholar: An International Refereed e-Journal of Literary Explorations, Vol. 4 Issue I February 2016, ISSN 2320 – 6101
12. Co-authored article “Dragon in Space” in Geopolitics (New Delhi) magazine of Vol. Vi, issue IX, February 2016. Co-Convener of Nuclear security workshop jointly organised by PDPU, Texas AnM and PNS (US) in PDPU during February 10-12, 2016. Delivered a lecture on “Nuclear Security: Legal Aspects” at the “Nuclear Security” workshop jointly organized by PDPU, Texas AnM and PNS (US) on 10 Feb 2016. – Sitakanta Mishra
13. Presented a paper on “The Islamic State (IS) and Oil Market: A Reference to Syria and Iraq” in an International Conference on Energy and Infrastructure Management (ICEIM-2016) held at SPM, PDPU on February 18-19, 2016. Also, the paper has been published in the Conference Proceedings.
14. Invited as speakers/ panelists at National Seminar on “UN @ 70: Urgent Need for Reforms to Retain Vitality and Relevance in the Ever-changing World, February, 2016; Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar. While Prof Mishra moderated the session, Prof Mallik chaired a paper presentation session. – Sitakanta Mishra and Pradeep Mallik
15. A Research Paper by Ms. Urmi Satyan titled “M G Vassanji’s The Book of Secrets: A Study of Engendered Culture of Colonized East Africa” was published in The Criterion: An International Journal in English. ISSN 0976-8165 Vol. 7, Issue. I (February 2016). – Urmi Satyan
16. Participated in the Republic Day Parade 2016- Lt. Khushali Purohit.
17. Published a paper ‘Online and Offline Marketing Strategies by Indian Colleges and Universities : A Comparative Analysis of Students’ Perception’, Jindal Journal of Business Research (SAGE) Volume 2, Issue 2 – Chaitanya Vyas and Ritu Sharma
18. Invited as a session expert on ‘Effective Decision Making’ at MLW Department, Gujarat University, (January 2016) – Neeta Sinha
19. Published a paper ‘ISIS and Oil’, Geo Politics, VI, (VIII), January 2016 – Sanjay Pradhan
20. Invited to talk on ‘Sensitivity Training’ at Institute of Management, Nirma University, February 2016. – Ritu Sharma

21. Invited to give a radio talk on 'Hopes and Expectations from 2016' aired by All India Radio, January 2016. – Neeta Khurana
22. Published an article – 'The Dangers of Rehabilitating Nuclear Pakistan' in Geo Politics, New Delhi, January 2016 – Sitakanta Mishra
23. Invited to deliver a session on 'Changing Trends in Journalism' at Indian Oil Corporation's workshop, January 2016 – Pradeep Mallik
24. Presented a paper title – Urban Good Governance: an Analysis of India's Urban Governance - 'A Case Study of Smart Cities' at GOOD GOVERNANCE: GLOBAL ISSUES, LOCAL CONTEXT, 2015 LIEN CONFERENCE 20 – 21 November 2015, Singapore.- Anurag Srivastava
25. Presented a paper titled- Indian Diasporic Dilemma and Good governance: A Case Study Based on The In – Between World of Vikram Lall at GOOD GOVERNANCE: GLOBAL ISSUES, LOCAL CON-TEXT, 2015 LIEN CONFERENCE 20 – 21 November 2015, Singapore. – Urmi Satyan
26. Presented a paper titled 'Evaluation of Right to Education (RTE) in the light of Millennium Development Goals (MDG): a psycho-social study,' at University of London UK, organized by International Conference for Academic Disciplines, 3-6 November 2015. – Neeta Sinha
27. Completed Five day Inter-national Workshop on Brain Fingerprinting technology organized by Institute of R&D of Raksha Shakti University , Ahmedabad, Gujarat (First Police Science/ Internal Security University of India) in collaboration with Brainwave Science LLC, Massachusetts, USA International training organized by along with Brainwave science. – Ritu Sharma
28. Invited to be a resource person at National Institute of Design at its two-day conference on October 9 and 10 at Ahmedabad. The title of the conference was Design Dialogues: Re interpreting Design. – Pradeep Mallik
29. Invited to be part of a news and current affairs programme on the popular TV programme "New Conference" on ABP News on September 20. – Pradeep Mallik
30. Invited to present research findings on 'Decent work: Measurement and Status in India' at International Labour Office-India Headquarters, New Delhi on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 as part of Brown-bag presentation series- Nausheen Nizami

31. Invited to present research findings on 'Decent work: Measurement and Status in India' at Gujarat Institute for Development Research on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016 as part of their Discussion Series- Nausheen Nizami
32. Completed and submitted an ICSSR sponsored Research Project Report on 'Assessment of Human Wellbeing: A case study of Delhi' in March 2016. Assisted the Main Investigator Prof. Narayan Prasad in the research study as Honorary Fellow- Nausheen Nizami
33. New Demands of Democracy: Sustainability of Political Science and public Administration in India: Paper presented and published at 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian conference on the Arts, Humanities and Sustainability at Fukuoka, Japan on Nov 1-3- 2015. ISSN: 2188-6830 (Solo).
34. Strengthening Public Institutions for Good Governance: An Analysis of Digital India Programme: Paper published in conference proceedings of 2015 International conference of Public Administration held at Indonesia, November 2015. ISBN- 978-7-5647-2307-1 .(Co-Author)
35. Invited as a Guest Faculty for conducting four sessions on "**Leadership Skills for 21st Century**" for PGDM Programme by Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University between June 14 to 23, 2016.
36. "Public Service Delivery: Third Party Governance as Alternative Approach". 2015 International Conference of Public Administration scheduled for December, 9-11, Bandung, Indonesia. ISBN 978-7-5647-2307-1. Pg No 483-487.- Dr.D Sriram
37. Alternative Service Delivery in Indian Health Sector: Neglected Areas in PPP Projects, 'Journal of Governance and Public Policy' July- December 2015, ISSN: 2231-0924.- Dr.D.Sriram

#### **(e) Symposiums and workshops conducted by the School-**

1. October 26<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>- Workshop on Psychological Testing by Ms. Sharon Writer
2. October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015- Workshop at MICA on 'Media, Profit and Policy in a Global Context
3. January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015- Workshop on Industry- Institution Collaboration
4. January 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>- Nature Study Programme at Banaskantha
5. February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016- Exhibition Workshop and visit of Mr. Vikram Singh Mehta
6. February, 2016- Economics & Public Policy Workshop by Centre for Civil Society
7. February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016- Film & Psycho-Analysis Workshop
8. February, 2016- Workshop on Teacher Foundation by Ms. Maya Menon
9. February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016- Workshop on Nuclear Security
10. February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016- Workshop on Translation

11. October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016- Seminar on Brain Fingerprinting Technology + Current Challenges in National Security & Law enforcement

#### **(f) Students' Research**

1. Shashank Sreedharan (SLS '12) presented Paper titled "Energy Geopolitics of the Caspian Sea at the 9th International Conference on Economics and Social Sciences organised by the International Foundation for Research and Development (IFRD) in Istanbul, Turkey, in October 2015.
2. Shashank Sreedharan (SLS '12) presented paper titled 'Will GREXIT Fix It: The Greek Debt Crisis and its Ramifications' at the 9th International Conference on Economics and Social Sciences organised by the International Foundation for Research and Development (IFRD) in Istanbul, Turkey, in October 2015.
3. Shashank Sreedharan (SLS '12) won the 'Best Paper' award for his paper titled 'The Dynamics of International Political Economy: A Realist Perspective' at the 9th International Conference on Economics and Social Sciences organised by the International Foundation for Research and Development (IFRD) in Istanbul, Turkey, in October 2015.
4. Shashank Sreedharan (SLS '12) presented paper titled 'The Nigerian Energy Dynamic in the 21st Century at International Conference' at SPM, PDPU February 2016.
5. Anmol Jain SLS 13' presented a paper titled India-Vietnam: Trade and Energy Cooperation at the 9th International Conference on Economics and Social Sciences organised by the International Foundation for Research and Development (IFRD) in Istanbul, Turkey, in October 2015.
6. Anmol Jain SLS13' Research Paper titled 'City Diplomacy: A new outlook in India Turkey Relations' selected for presentation at 9th Conference on Economics and Social Sciences in Istanbul, organised by International Federation of Research and Development (IFRD) on 17-18 October 2015.
7. Jenish Trivedi SLS 13' presented a paper titled ' Indian Ocean: Geopolitics, Piracy and Security at Turkey at 9th Conference on Economics and Social Sciences in Istanbul, organised by International Federation of Research and Development (IFRD) on 17-18 October 2015.
8. Dhruv Khadepaun SLS 13' presented a paper titled "The South China Sea: An Economist View" at Turkey 9th Conference on Economics and Social Sciences in Istanbul, organised by International Federation of Research and Development (IFRD) on 17-18 October 2015.

9. Anupriya Singh SLS 13' presented a paper titled "The Geopolitics of Shale Gas' at Turkey 9th Conference on Economics and Social Sciences in Istanbul, organized by International Federation of Research and Development (IFRD) on 17-18 October 2015.
10. Namrata Bhadania SLS 12 presented a paper titled 'Effects of negative framing on verbal comprehension: An experimental approach" at International Conference on education and psychology (ICEP) 2016 at Taipei, Taiwan 2016
11. Namrata Bhadania SLS 12 presented a paper titled Understanding child psyche in understanding affirmative and negative sentences at 3rd National seminar on Interdisciplinary approaches to knowledge on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015 at PDPU
12. Hemal Thakkar SLS13' presented a paper titled 'The Evolving Dynamics of Environmental Policy in Kenya' at International Conference on Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences at International Conference in Paris in November 2015.
13. Hemal Thakkar SLS13' presented a paper titled 'Global Climate Change and Agriculture: An Ecological Perspective' at -International Conference on 'Education as a driver for Sustainable Development Goals' - Centre for Environment Education (CEE)
14. Hemal Thakkar SLS13' presented a paper titled - 'Agriculture: A Viable Panacea to Climate Change' at Harvard Medical School. Conference Title- Fourth 21st Century Academic Forum Conference on 20-22nd March 2016
15. Yogendra Vishnoi SLS 12' presented a paper titled 'Environmental beautification and rehabilitation: A study of Sabarmati Riverfront' In international conference on poverty and sustainable development at Colombo.
16. Saksham Singh SLS 12' and Vaishnavi Venugopalan SLS 13' 'Gendering Sustainable Development India's Experiments with Green Technologies presented a paper in Multidisciplinary Research Conference 2016, Colombo, Sri Lanka
17. Saksham Singh SLS 12' and Yash Patel SLS 12' presented a paper titled A Comparative Analysis of Smart City Model Around the World and Lessons for implementation in India in ICEIM 2016,at PDPU, Gujarat
18. Snehi Bhavsar and Ruchi Arora of SLS'12 presented a paper on "A Comparative Study Of Quality Of Life Among Working Women And Housewives" in a A Seminar in the Social Sciences, Mumbai organized by Monk Prayogshala on 29th November, 2015.
19. Tushna Kapadia of SLS 12 presented a paper titled "Inferences And Challenges Of Labour Laws: An Overview Of The Statutory Compliances And Legislations Of India " at International Conference on Business, Economic and Social Sciences held at Dubai on 29th and 30th of December , 2015.



20. Dhvani Panchal of SLS 12 presented a paper titled "Culture Delinates Stress – A Comparative Analysis Between Education And Banking Sector" at the International Conference on Business, Economic and Social Sciences held at Dubai on 29th and 30th of December , 2015.
21. Sanaya Patel of SLS 12 presented a paper titled "The Impact of Social Networking and Online Perceived Social Support on the Psychological Wellbeing of Youth" at the International Conference on Business, Economic and Social Sciences held at Dubai on 29th and 30th of December , 2015.
22. Heer Nanavati of SLS 12 presented a paper titled "Ganga Rejuvenation Mission - Success or Failure" at the 2nd annual conference on poverty and sustainable development in Sri Lanka. 15-16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
23. Zuben Tirmizi of SLS 12 presented a paper titled "India's Role In Restor-Ing Peace And Security In South Asia " at the 2nd annual conference on poverty and sustainable development in Sri Lanka. 15-16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
24. Jay Rawal of SLS 12 presented a paper titled "Untouchability And Poverty: A Mea-Ger Opportunity for Upliftment" at the 2nd annual conference on poverty and sus-tainable development in Sri Lanka. 15-16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
25. Devang Patel of SLS 12 presented a paper titled "Fresh Water Conservation For Smart Cites: A Study of Hussain Sagar Lake" at the 2nd annual conference on poverty and sustainable development in Sri Lanka. 15-16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
26. Pavani Shah of SLS 12 presented a paper titled "Public Private Partnership: Project Heat Action Plan by Ahmadabad Municipal Corporation, GUJARAT" at the 2nd annual conference on poverty and sustainable development in Sri Lanka. 15-16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
27. Shivani Singh of SLS 12 presented a paper titled "Environment Sustainability: Role of PPP In Mahan Forest" at the 2nd annual conference on poverty and sustainable development in Sri Lanka. 15-16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
28. Nishit Rangwala of SLS 12 presented a paper titled "India-Iran: The Dynamics of Energy Security and the Regional Great Game" at the 2nd annual conference on poverty and sustainable development in Sri Lanka. 15-16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
29. Yogendra Vishnoi of SLS 12 presented a paper titled "Environmental Beautification and Rehabilitation: A Study Of Sabarmati Riverfront" at the 2nd annual conference on poverty and sustainable development in Sri Lanka. 15-16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
30. Pallavi Bhalla of SLS 12 presented a paper titled "Indian Forest: Economic Development at the Cost of Environmental Degradation" at the 2nd annual conference on poverty and sustainable development in Sri Lanka. 15-16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

31. Darshak Shah of SLS 12 presented a paper titled "Role of Corporate Social Responsibility Towards Poverty" at the 2nd annual conference on poverty and sustainable development in Sri Lanka. 15-16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
32. Ms. Jasmine J. Pereira , SLS Batch 2012 presented a paper titled " A Comparative Study of Stress and Anxiety as Antecedents of Depression " in the 2016 Taiwan International Conference on Education and Psychology (ICEP 2016) , Taipei , Taiwan, January 13-15 , 2016
33. Mr. Hemal Thakker, a student of SLS Batch 13, presented a paper titled 'Global Climate Change and Agriculture: An Ecological Perspective' in an International Conference on 'Education as a driver for Sustainable Development Goals' held at Centre for Environment Education (CEE) on January 11-13, 2016
34. Hemal Thakker SLS 13C Presented the paper 'The Evolving Dynamics of Environmental Policy in Kenya' which won the Best Paper Award (26<sup>th</sup> November 2015) Conference Name - International Conference on Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS-2015)
35. Yash Patel and Saksham Singh SLS12' presented a paper on, " comparative analysis of smart city project around the world" in the interdisciplinary approaches to knowledge seminar hosted by SLS in 2016.
36. Ms. Vatika Rathi and Ms. Vaishnavi Venugopalan of SLS Batch 13 presented a paper titled "Comparing Cost, Convenience, and Customer Satisfaction of Preferred Railway Ticket Booking Websites in India: An Empirical Study" at the Global Conference on Business Management and Social Sciences (GCBMS-2016) January 28- 29, 2016, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)
37. Ms. Simoni Dalal, and Ms. Juhi Shah of SLS Batch 14, presented a paper titled- 'Trend Analysis and Issues in Humanitarian Intervention: UN Perspective' at at the conference UN@70: Urgent need to reform held at Gujarat National Law University on February 19, 2016.
38. Mr. Vedant Sharma, a student of SLS Batch 13 and Ms. Shivani Shah of SLS Batch 15, presented a paper titled Hayavadana: A woman's deft freedom or a suffocating plight? in an International Multidisciplinary Conference-2016 ( Hosted by Unique Conferences Canada and International Centre for Research and Development) at Colombo, Srilanka on February 2-3, 2016
39. Ms. Shivani Raj, and Ms. Pankti Desai of SLS Batch 14, presented a paper titled- Evaluatuion of cost and benefits of having India as a P6' at the conference UN@70: Urgent need to reform held at Gujarat National Law University on February 19, 2016.

40. Mr. Shashank Sreedharan a student of SLS Batch 12 and Mr. Hemal Thakker, a student of SLS Batch 13, presented a paper titled 'The Nigerian Energy Dynamic in the 21st Century' in an International Conference on Energy and Infrastructure Management (ICEIM-2016) held at School of Petroleum Management (SPM), PDU on February 18-19, 2016
41. Yash Patel and Saksham Singh presented a paper titled A Comparative Analysis of Smart City Models Around the World and Inferences To Identify Parameters for Successful Implementation of Smart City Projects in Indian Context in an International Conference on Energy & Infrastructure Management (ICEIM-2016) held at School of Petroleum Management (SPM), PDU on February 18-19, 2016
42. Simran Bhatia (Batch 2014) and Maria Amravatiwala (Batch 2013) presented a paper titled 'Russia-India Cooperation in the Oil and Gas Sector-A Geopolitical and Economic Perspective' in an International Conference on Energy & Infrastructure Management (ICEIM-2016) held at School of Petroleum Management (SPM), PDU on February 18-19, 2016
43. Snehi Bhasvar SLS '12 presented a paper titled A Comparative Study of Quality of Life among Working Women and Housewives at Monk Prayogshala, Mumbai on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
44. Rupangi S. SLS '12 presented a paper titled 'An exploratory study on Attitude of young adults towards Gender Equality in Ahmedabad, India' at Monk Prayogshala, Mumbai on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015
45. Meenal Kaushik SLS '14 presented a paper titled 'Mining and Climate Change' Theme of the conference- Effect of Climate Change in various fields such as environment, hydrological cycle, ecosystem, agriculture and health. On 23rd December 2015 at PDU, Gandhinagar.
46. Disha Joshi, SLS'11 presented a paper on India's Evolution: Cultural Sustainability or Sustainable Culture: Paper presented and published at 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian conference on the Arts, Humanities and Sustainability at Fukuoka, Japan on Nov 1-3- 2015. ISSN: 2188-6830  
Disha Joshi
47. Urmi Ramchandani, SLS'11 presented a paper on Capitalizing on Urbanization for a Better Transformation of South Asia: Paper presented and published at 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian conference on the Arts, Humanities and Sustainability at Fukuoka, Japan on Nov 1-3- 2015. ISSN: 2188-6830- Urmi Ramchandani.

#### **(g) Expert Lectures**

1. September 16, 2015, Mr. Robert J. Gould, Vice President for enrollment at Washington & Jefferson College, US on 'Opportunities at W&J'.

2. September 28, 2015, Mr. Balraj Malik, Mr. Jagat Shah and Dr. Surendra Pathak on 'Conflict management'.
3. October 15, 2015, Mr. Sichen Jiang, Admissions Officer at School of Professional Studies, New York University (NYU) on 'Post-degree opportunities at NYU'.
4. October 16, 2015, Kristen Kagestu, co founder of 'Saathi', Incubent venture of MIT Boston on 'Social enterprise and women'
5. October 16, 2015, Mr. Amit Verma, VP-Marketing, Narayan Krupa Infra on 'Impact of e-commerce and social media marketing on Indian FMCG markets'.
6. October 27, 2015, Prof. S.D.Muni on 'India's neighbourhood policy'.
7. January 4-16, 2016, Dr. Andrew Miller, Sacred Heart University, US on 'Mass Communication – Film Studies'.
8. January 4-16, Dr. Rupendra Palliwal, Vice President: Strategic Planning at Sacred Heart University, US on 'Financial Management'.
9. January 9-16, Dr. Dana Shiller, Chair, Dept. of English at Washington & Jefferson College, US on 'World War –I Literature'.
10. January 18, 2016, Ms. Sonja Knuston from Memorial University New Found Land Canada on 'Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships'.
11. Mr. Faisal Baig, Director, India office of University of British Columbia (UBC) Canada on 'Study Opportunities at UBC'.
12. January 21, 2016, Dr. Thomas Brod, University of California, LA, on 'Intensive Short Term Dynamic Psychotherapy'
13. February 20, 2016, Prof. Nalinikant Jha, Dean, Pondichery Central University on 'Cultural and Historical Roots of Indian Foreign Policy'.
14. February 2016, Mr. Hemang Desai, HR Professional and success coach on 'International human resource experience: four phases of recruitment cycle'.
15. March 05, 2016, Panel Discussion on 'UN@70', Prof. Chaitanyamoy Ganguly, Prof. William Nunes, Dr. Beryl Anand and Dr. Sitkanta Mishra on the panel.
16. March 06, 2016, Panel Discussion on 'Budget-2016', Dr. K. Adabar, Mrs. Samanth, Dr. Nausheen Nizami and Mr. Manoj Sahoo on the panel.
17. March 16, 2016, Mr. Venkatesh Iyer and Mr. Nadim Jafri on 'Advertising and marketing'.

### **(i) Library Resources**

Since the submission of IQEC report last time, SLS has purchased 639 more books for its library. Reading facility has been enhanced and the computers with internet connectivity have been put up

in the library. Also for the first time as an advanced preparation, Braille material is also available for select sources for visually impaired students if any. SLS has also purchased 6 E Book Reader Kindles and they are available for students in the library.

Months	Total Books
Sep – 2014	35
Oct– 2014	64
Nov– 2014	66
Dec– 2014	64
Jan– 2015	60
Feb– 2015	159
Mar– 2015	119
Apr – 2015	06
May– 2015	66
Jun– 2015	
Jul– 2015	
Aug– 2015	
Total	Up to June 639

#### **(j) Internationalization –**

- To acquaint students and faculty with the best practices in education abroad, cohort of SLS students and faculty visited Washington & Jefferson College, US in
- School of Liberal Studies hosted Australian students for Study in India Program.
- School of Liberal Studies hosted Bhutanese students for Exposure to Sports in India.

#### **International Mobility of Students –**

- Shashank Shreedharan – admission at Brown University for (15000 USD Scholarship) and Brandeis International School, US for M.A. in International Economics and Finance. (35000 USD Scholarship)
- Karan Pala – admission at Memorial University, Canada with Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Fellowship worth 50000 CAD.

- Heer Nanavati - admission at Memorial University, Canada with Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Fellowship worth 50000 CAD.
- Palak Mendiratta – admission at New York University, US.
- Shreyas Shyamsunder – admission at Suny Buffalo University, US in MS in Economics.
- Shrey Jani – admission at Australian National University.
- Neha Gurudatt – admission at Queensland University of Technology, Australia.
- Aayushi Bagga – admission for a semester abroad at Edith Cowan University, Australia
- Disha Kantharia – admission for a semester abroad at Edith Cowan University, Australia.
- Vidhi Parikh – Humber College, Canada

#### **(k) University Arms –**

SLS has formed an organogram for faculty contribution to the university's corporate life. Currently Dr. Neeta Sinha is the Chief Hostel warden of the university. Ms. Khushali Purohit is efficiently handling the NCC Girls Wing of the university and the team of Ms. Neeta Khurana and Ms. Khushali Purohit are facilitating for the Rural Internship Program for engineering students of the university. Dr. Sanjay Pradhan is the faculty advisor for PDPU Quiz Club. Dr. D.Sriram is mentoring Society of Public Policy Club of PDPU. Dr. Reddy is the head of the Socio-Cultural Club of PDPU.

#### **Challenges Ahead –**

- Identification of challenges is within the domain of quality enhancement, as such identification leads to redefining quality parameters and related goals.
- SLS has introduced B.Sc. program for the batch commencing from July 2016. The challenges would be to innovate with the delivery of the program.
- Strengthen the post graduate department and M.A. Program. A plan is proposed to introduce M.A. in Economics, Psychology and Mass Communication from the year 2017.