



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION-UTKAL UNIVERSITY

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The Report of Activities of Alumni Association-Utkal University for the period from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022

Alumni Association-Utkal University conducted various activities during the period from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022 in pursuance of its objectives. However, the following activities figure prominently amongst them.

- 1. Observation of the World Water Day:** The AAUU celebrated the World water Day on 22nd March, 2021 jointly with UU by organising a seminar on valuing water where Dr. Pramod Kumar Panda, Principal Scientist Indian Institute of Water Management under Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Govt. of India delivered an excellent lecture on this extremely precious human life source. The students of the University, faculties and Alumni attended this seminar in great number and participated in its deliberations. Water Pledge was administered to all attendees for economic use of water, to take steps to contain the wastage of water and not to pollute the water.
- 2. Observation of the World Environmental Day:** Similarly AAUU in collaboration with Alumni connect, UU celebrated the world environment day on 5th June wherein Dr. Jayakrushna Panigrahi, Secretary Odisha Environmental Society and an eminent Environmentalist of the State addressed members in virtual mode. A large number of students, Faculties & Alumni participated in the deliberations.
- 3. Celebration of Bana Mohotsava:** A plantation programme was organised in the Ladies hostels of the University on July 6, 2021 to celebrate Ban Mahostav. Apart from the members of the Alumni Association, the faculty and staff were present. Students were generally absent due to COVID guidelines.
- 4. Celebration of Utkal Divas:** AAUU celebrated Utkal Divas (April 1, 2021) by Garlanding the Statues of eminent Persons in the Morning and organising an Webinar in the evening with acclaimed speakers like Dr. Satyanarayan Sahu and Dr. Pritish Acharya who addressed the members. Hon'ble VC, UU and Shri Bijay Patnaik, President AAUU also spoke on the occasion.

5. Meet The Alumni Programme: The much awaited “Meet the Alumni Programme was initiated on June 03, 2021 with our Alumnus Shri HR Khan, former Deputy Governor, RBI delivering the first talk sharing his life’s struggle and success with the students. It is worthwhile to mention here that “Meet the Alumni” programme is a programme where the students and faculty interact with distinguished alumni and listen to accounts of their struggles and successes in life. During the period from 03.06.2021 to 30.10.2021, six distinguished alumni namely Shri Haroon Rashid Khan, Prof Bhanu Jena, Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Prof Ajaya Mohanty, Dr. Sarat Acharya, Dr. Yashodhara Mishra, had shared their struggle and experiences among the students in course of webinar conducted for the purpose due to restrictions imposed for spread of Covid-19 pandemic.

However, due to relaxation of the Covid-19 restrictions, on improvement of the situation, the 7th and 8th Meet The Alumni Programme were conducted in physical mode wherein Dr Satyajit Mohanty & Padmasri Dr. Aruna Mohanty delivered talks on their life’s journey as a motivating inputs to the students. Besides, the 9th meet the Alumni Programme was held on 7th march 2021 wherein our Alumnus and an eminent orator and litterateur Dr.Jitendra Narayan Dash popularly known as Dash Benhur delivered an excellent talk on the theme “Odisha-in search of an Identity.

- 6.** A special “Meet the Alumni” programme, 10th in the lecture series was organised on January 30th 2022 on Mahatma’s Punyatithi. (Death Anniversary) Dr.Arun Kumar Sahoo, Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education, Govt. of Odisha gave an inspiring talk on “Life after Death, Gandhiji” In the morning of Jan 30, AAUU members undertook Malyarpan and cleaning of the Gandhi Sthal at UU.
- 7.** To facilitate students in their career guidance and placement path, the members of the association requested Mo Sahay group (Shri Bijay Sahu) to organise a thematic discussion on ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) that is an expertise being needed by most corporates in their attempt at being ESG compliant. The thematic meeting was organised on July 17th where two experts from IIT, MUMBAI Dr. Prashant Deshpande, Dr.Neeraj Hanumante spoke on the topic.
- 8.** A Counselling Session on “opportunities in Banking, Insurance, Financial services and security sector” was organised for the benefit of the students to equip them with proper knowledge in the matter of choosing right career options & prospects of the placement.
- 9.** Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, a distinguished alumnus of Utkal University, took over as Minister Education, Government of India. It may be noted that Shri Pradhan has donated his one year personal Salary to the Alumni association. Members of AAUU led by Hon’ble President met the Hon’ble Minister during his visit to the state, felicitated him and thanked him for his generous gesture.

- 10.** The Annual day of AAUU was celebrated on August 27, 2021 in a humble manner with all applicable COVID-19 restrictions. Morning program included garlanding and offering flowers at the statues of Goddess Saraswati, and other eminent personalities. It was followed by a plantation program in Ladies hostel 5. In the evening, a programme was organised in virtual mode with inspiring talks by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India, Dr. Arun Kumar Sahu, Hon'ble Minister Higher Education, Agriculture, Irrigation and Animal Husbandry, Govt of Odisha. Prof. Sabita Acharya, VC, UU also spoke on the occasion. The "Utkalayana," E-magazine of UAAA was inaugurated and the first issue was released by Hon'ble minister Dr Arun Sahoo. Shri Mtityunjay Sarangi, IAS, one of our alumnus is its Chief editor.
- 11.** As a result of our continued discussions with Alumni Connect, few of our members took part in mentoring the new students in various Departments. In fact, a group of political science students are being regularly mentored by Hon. President of our association. During the induction programme of newly admitted 1st year P.G Students at various departments, a number of our Alumni joined the departments on invitation in inspiring such students. The mentoring program has been undertaken which includes facilitating spoken English and personality development. This is a program we plan to expand to all departments.
- 12.** Hon. President Shri BK Patnaik and members of AAUU led a group of students and few faculty to visit the micro composting centre and material Recovery facility at the waste processing plant of BMC on Feb 20th, 2022. The Dy Commissioner BMC, Shri Subhendu Sahoo coordinated the demonstration. This wealth from waste was a great experiential learning program for the students. We are thankful to BMC for this.
- 13.** Foundation Day of the University was observed on 27/11/2021. Sri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister, Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest. Prior to the Foundation day, AAUU had organised an Essay competition among the students of Utkal University. About 57 students participated. The essays were examined and evaluated by eminent professors and AAUU instituted the first and second prize (Trophy) for the students. The Hon'ble Minister gave away the prizes on the foundation day in the presence of AAUU members.
- 14.** On the 30th January, 2022, the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Alumni Association paid floral tribute to the father of nation.

Alumni Association-Utkal University is working despite its financial limitations to the best of its capacity. We are sure to make a difference to raise our university to its desired Apex level in course of time.



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Alumni Association-Utkal University conducted following notable activities during the period from 01.04.2022 to 30.06.2022 in pursuance of its objectives

1. Observation of Utkal Divas: Utkal Divas was celebrated at Vani vihar Campus on 01.04.2022 by Alumni Association jointly with Alumni Connect. At 8.00 O' clock in the morning, the Office bearers & EC Members assembled at the main entrance of the University & garlanded the idol of Goddess Saraswati & paid floral tributes to Kabi Samrat Upendra Bhanja, Byasakabi Fakirmohan Senapati & thereafter to Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das, Utkalmani Gopabandhu Dash & other worthies of Odisha. The floral tribute was also offered to Mahatma Gandhi.

To commemorate the occasion, a meeting was organised at Ahimsa Sthal at Vanivihar Campus in which Sri B.K Patnaik, former Chief Secretary & President of the Association, Prof. D.S Patnaik, Chaiman P.G Council, Prof. K.B Panda, coordinator, Alumni Connect, Prof. Asok Kumar Das, former Vice Chancellor of the University & General Secretary of the Association spoke about the signifiacnce of the Day & called upon the students to be proud of their cultural, linguistic & historical legacy. The speakers also impressed upon the students to imbibe the ideals of worthies of Odisha like Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das, Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Dash, Byasakabi Fakir mohan Senapati, Karmabir Gourasankar Ray, royals like Sriram Chandra Bhanja & other worthies whose struggles & contributions under the auspices of Utkal Sammilani was instrumental in making Odisha a separate state in 1936.

This was followed by cleaning of Ahimsa Sthal & adjacent areas by students, faculties & Alumni as a tribute to our motherland.

The entire programme was organized & coordinated by Sri Raghunath Prusty, Joint Secretary of the Association.

2. 11th Meet the Alumni Programme: 11th Lecture under "Meet the Alumni Programme" was held on 21.05.2022 at the P.G Council Hall Utkal University, Vani Vihar,

Bhubaneswar where Sri Prashanta Nanda, Veteran Actor, Director, Music Director of Odia film industry and M.P Rajya Sabha shared his struggles, experiences and success in life with students of the University. In course of his address, he impressed upon the students to set their clear goals in life and pursue the same with single minded devotion irrespective of the circumstances to achieve the same. Prof. Sabita Acharya, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kunja Bihari Panda, Coordinator Alumni Connect, Sri B.K Patnaik , President of the Alumni Association also addressed the students.

3. 12th Meet the Alumni Programme : The 12th lecture under "Meet the Alumni Lecture Series was held on 27.06.2022 at the P.G Council Hall of the University at Vani Vihar under the presidentship of Prof. K.B Panda, the Coordinator, Alumni Connect. Sri Bijay Kumar Patnaik, president of the Alumni Association & the former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Odisha & an outstanding alumnus of the University delivered the lecture on " IAS & beyond - lessons from my life" to the packed students audience.

Sri Patnaik while sharing his experience of preparation for IAS, gave some valuable tips to the students who were nurturing the desire to sit for the Indian Civil Services Examination. Time management, Communication Skill, Understanding the fundamentals of the subject, updation of knowledge on continued basis coupled with hard labour, self confidence & patience are some of the traits which will enable the students to be successful in Civil Services, Sri Patnaik emphasized. He also gave some examples of difficult situations during his Civil Servant Career & how he could handle those applying his sheer common sense, administrative ability & of course some amount of good luck. While giving example of some failure in his professional life, he stated that his inner discipline to digest failure has helped him to overcome adversity.

Prof. Durgasankar Pattanayak, P.G Council Chairman graced the occasion as a guest of honour. In his brief address, Prof. Pattanayak, motivated the students to pursue their study sincerely & passionately work for realising their goals.

Prof. K.B Panda, the Coordinator, Alumni Connect, in his presidential address while summing up, interalia, appealed the students to follow the tips given by Sri Patnaik, a successful Civil Servant to be successful not only in Civil Service Exam but also in other professional career.

At the outset, Sri Raghunath Prusty, Joint Secretary of the Alumni Association introduced the guests & gave welcome address.