

#### NEWSLETTER \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Industrial Visit 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Students of the Department of Management, Indus International University, made an informative industrial visit to Shri Bectors Foods Speciality Ltd., Tahliwal. The visit was led by Dr. A.H. Khan, Dean of the Department of Management, Mrs. Niharika Agnihotri, Dr. Kamlesh Devi, Gurpal Singh Finance Officer and Mr. Raj Kumar who provided the students with invaluable insights into the operations of a leading Indian food processing company. The initiative was aimed at enhancing the educational experience for the students of the University. Providing students with an opportunity to interact with industry professionals and witness real business practices firsthand proved how important industry interaction with education is. Such industrial visits play a vital role in the academic life of students, helping them gain a deeper understanding of their studies, as well as experience practical challenges and solutions. The visit to Shri Bectors Foods provides students with an opportunity to understand the role of innovation in food processing, supply chain management, quality control and product development. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl emphasised the importance of such interactions and said, "These visits provide students with a unique opportunity to connect the concepts learnt in the classroom to real business practices. It is important that we provide them with a platform to experience the practical side of their education." Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana said, "At Indus International University, we foster a dynamic learning environment where students not only acquire academic knowledge but also the skills and attitudes that are essential for their professional development." With such a visionary initiative, Indus International University sets the stage for a generation of students who are equipped not just with knowledge but also with experience and practical understanding and are prepared to achieve success in the rapidly evolving business landscape.



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#### Chef Competition 5th December

An Inter-Departmental Chef Competition was successfully organized at Indus International University where students showcased their culinary talents. The event was coordinated by Mr. Yash Jariwal, Head of the Department of Hotel Management and Mr. Sachin Pathania. The competition provides an excellent platform for students to showcase their skills and creativity. The honorable judges of the competition included Dr. A.H. Khan, Dean of the Department of Management, who evaluated the participants on various parameters such as



presentation, taste and creativity. The competition featured delicious dishes such as Gajar Ka Halwa (Gajarela), Cheese Balls, Shahi Paneer, Laccha Paratha, and Custard. The competition was held at the University's state-of-the-art Hotel Management Lab, reflecting the institution's commitment to imparting practical education. The results of the competition highlighted the unique talent across various departments. The team of Vishakha, Diksha and Anmol from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering bagged the first position. Rahul, Rajni and Anasuya from the Department of Mathematics secured the second position while the team of Palak, Jyoti and Radhima from the Department of Hotel Management secured the third position. Their innovative dishes and team work earned those accolades and awards. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl, Vice Chancellor, Indus International University emphasized the importance of such extra-curricular activities along with education. He motivated the students to actively participate in these events so that they can develop their talents and achieve success at the national and international level. Similarly, Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana, Registrar, distributed prizes to the winners and gave his blessings to all the participants. The well-developed Hotel Management Lab of the University served as an ideal venue for the event, enabling the students to gain practical experience and strengthen their knowledge. Such activities play a vital role in bridging the gap between theoretical learning and real-world application. It not only boosts confidence but also motivates students to excel in their chosen fields. Activities such as the Inter-Departmental Chef Competition underline Indus International University's commitment to combining academic rigor with opportunities for creative expression and professional development.





## Team Project Competition 7th December

Indus International University recently organized an exciting Team Project Competition in which students from various departments showcased their creativity and technical skills. The event was graced by Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl, Vice Chancellor, and Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana, Registrar, who made the event a great platform for inter-departmental collaboration and learning. Teams representing the departments of Computer Science and Engineering, Hotel Management, Management, Mechanical Engineering, Civil



Engineering, and Pharmacy participated in the competition. Each team, consisting of three members, presented projects related to their respective fields. These projects focused on modern and impactful topics in education. These included topics such as enhancing personalized learning experience by using Artificial Intelligence in education, sustainable practices to promote eco-friendly initiatives in the hotel industry, use of smart city and Internet of Things technologies to improve urban living, and affordable pharmaceutical solutions for better

healthcare access. These projects were presented to an enthusiastic audience of students and faculty, leading to lively discussions and exchange of knowledge. After rigorous evaluation, Rahul, Rajni, Anirudh, and Vishal from the Departments of Mathematics and Pharmacy bagged the first place. Their collaborative project impressed the judges with its innovative approach. Second place was bagged by Vishal Kumar, Harsh Jassal, Ranjali Rana, Jaspreet Kaur, and Aryan from the Department of Management, whose project demonstrated a deep understanding of industry challenges. Third place was bagged by Muskan, Ganesh, Vansh, Anshita, and Kunal from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, who presented a cutting-edge solution demonstrating technical expertise. Dr. Bahl and Dr. Rana appreciated the efforts of the students and called such events essential for promoting creativity and teamwork. They motivated the students to push their limits and use their skills for the benefit of society. The team project competition at Indus International University highlighted the university's commitment to nurturing talent and promoting interdisciplinary learning. With projects addressing global issues, the event was a testament to the students' ability to lead and innovate in their respective fields.



## **University Examinations** 16<sup>th</sup> December

"Exam season at Indus International University is upon us, bringing with it both challenges and opportunities for students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills." University exams serve a crucial purpose in the academic world. Their primary function

is to evaluate how well students have absorbed and understood course material. Examinations offer a structured way for professors to assess a student's knowledge, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities. In many ways, exams also serve as a rite of passage, determining whether students can successfully progress to the next stage of their academic journey, whether it's moving on to advanced coursework or graduating. For many students, exams are seen as the ultimate challenge, an important milestone that determines their academic success and shapes their future opportunities. However, the role of exams in higher education is evolving, with both benefits and drawbacks. University exams are more than just a measure of a student's knowledge. They are designed to evaluate how well students understand course material, their ability to apply this knowledge, and their critical thinking skills. The structured, high-pressure nature of exams mirrors the challenges students will face in their careers, helping them develop valuable skills like time management, focus, and stress management. Exams provide clear and quantifiable results, allowing both students and educators to gauge progress and identify areas for improvement. The pressure to perform well on exams can cause considerable stress, which may affect a student's performance and overall well-being. Many students find the all-or-nothing nature of exams

overwhelming. To reduce the weight of final exams, Indus International University introduced continuous assessment methods, such as project submissions, quizzes, and presentations, which encourage ongoing learning and improvement. "Wishing the students all the best as they take on your exams—may their hard work and dedication lead to success!"

#### **Keynote Lecture on Education** 31<sup>st</sup> **December**

International Curriculum Indus International University organized an insightful guest lecture by two distinguished education experts, Dr. D. Parthasarathi, Professor of Liberal Arts at IIT Mumbai, and Dr. Swarnalata, a Post-Doctorate in History and a founding member of the Dhirubhai Ambani International School. The lecture focused on the latest trends in education, the growing challenge of climate



change, and the importance of the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum. The session was attended by Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana, Registrar, and all faculty and staff members of the university. This lecture served as a vital opportunity for the university's teachers to understand modern perspectives on education and offer students effective ways to learn. Dr. D. Parthasarathi engaged in a thoughtful discussion on the evolving nature of education. He emphasized that today's students need not only subject-specific knowledge but also a comprehensive approach to understand and address the global issues surrounding them. He stressed the need for interdisciplinary learning, where students integrate their understanding across different subjects and solve complex problems. "In today's world, it is not just academic excellence that matters, but also the mindset required to address global issues such as climate change and sustainability," Dr. Parthasarathi stated. Dr. Swarnalata presented climate change not merely as a scientific or political issue but as a central educational subject. She explained the necessity of incorporating an understanding of climate change into the curriculum, enabling students to better grasp its historical causes, current impacts, and future consequences. "The main purpose of education is not only to impart knowledge but to enable students to solve the problems that are connected to their environment," she emphasized. Following the lecture, both experts highlighted the importance of the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum, which focuses on global citizenship, intercultural understanding, and connecting students with real-world challenges. They noted that the IB curriculum aims to equip students with the ability to balance a global perspective with local action, essential for addressing issues like climate change and social responsibility. "Institutions like Indus International University can enrich their educational experience by adopting and adapting the best aspects of the IB curriculum," Dr. Parthasarathi said. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl, Vice Chancellor, thanked the distinguished speakers and explained that the lecture would help align the university's teaching approach with global education standards. "The ideas shared by Dr. Parthasarathi and Dr. Swarnalata were truly inspiring," Dr. Bahl remarked. "At Indus, we continually strive to update our educational practices, and this lecture is a significant step in that direction. The future of education lies in focusing on a global perspective, interdisciplinary learning, and critical issues like climate change." Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana, Registrar, also highlighted the importance of the lecture, stating that it is a valuable contribution to Indus International University's educational mission, preparing students to face the challenges of the future. This lecture at Indus International University presented new and thought-provoking perspectives in the field of education, which will help guide the direction for both teachers and students in the future. With these insights, the university is poised to further enhance its educational programs and take additional steps toward developing students into global, sustainable, and responsible citizens.