

# Vice Chancellor - Annual Report

VII Annual Convocation (20<sup>th</sup> April 2023)

## Convocation Address

Hon'ble Chancellor, Sushant University, Shri J.S. Mishra ji, Trustees and esteemed members of the Governing Body, Board of Management and Academic Council, Distinguished Guests, Colleagues, Students, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me immense pleasure, and I deem it a proud privilege to welcome you all to the 7th Convocation of Sushant University, Gurugram. On behalf of the Chiranjiv Charitable Trust, Sushant University, and on my personal, I extend a warm welcome to all recipients of PhDs, medals, and degrees.

I, Dr. Rakesh Ranjan, Vice Chancellor of Sushant University, am pleased to present the Annual Report of our University for AY 2021-22.

I am thankful to the leadership team for their gracefulness in extending all possible support to develop the University as a truly multi-disciplinary Centre of Excellence in higher education. As an alumni and integral stakeholder, I would like to inform you that the top leadership management has changed, and a new professional management team has taken over since 2022.

Over the last 11 years, Sushant University has witnessed exceptional growth and expansion, both in infrastructure and the quality of education.

The legacy of the Chiranjiv Charitable Trust in higher education goes back to 1989, when the Sushant School of Art and Architecture was founded under the leadership of Padma Shri Dean Prof. M.M. Rana to address gaps in Indian architectural education. The School was conceived to combine traditional Indian aesthetics and urban planning with the needs of modern cityscapes. This year, we celebrate the birth centenary of Prof. M.M. Rana, and a special scholarship in Architecture education has been instituted in his name.

Sushant University was formally established in 2012 under the Haryana Private Universities Act to promote education in law, technology, management, planning, architecture and design, humanities, and social sciences. Today, the University comprises seven contemporary and applied schools offering undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs.

Our spacious campus in the heart of Gurugram accommodates finely designed buildings for diverse academic disciplines. With over 170 faculty members engaged in teaching,

research, consultancy, and outreach programs, the University has developed state-of-the-art infrastructure for academic, sports, and extra-curricular activities.

The University maintains a history of long-standing academic relationships with eminent personalities globally, inviting experts to deliver lectures for students' benefit.

### **STUDENT SUPPORT AND LEARNING INITIATIVES**

To facilitate higher learning, Sushant University provides:

- Credit-based continuous evaluation
- Balanced fieldwork, studio, and lab work
- Mandatory modules for soft skills and languages
- Collaborations with universities abroad
- Apart from above the University extends graciously scholarships and fee concession to the deserving and economically weaker students. A total of Rs 3,66,87,416/- was disbursed in the year 2022-23.

Our institution continues to grow with a strong focus on academic excellence, research, and global exposure. Our intellectual fraternity demonstrates excellence in teaching and research, evident through national and international publications, research papers, and patents. A variety of seminars, workshops, FDP, MDP, conferences, and extension lectures were organized this year.

Many of our students have brought pride to the University by securing positions in defense, civil services, private sector, and government organizations.

### **COVID MEASURES**

Due to the growing COVID cases and government advisories, we have limited the convocation headcount and spread the ceremony over three days. We regret any inconvenience caused, but these measures were unavoidable as many faculty, staff, students, and hostellers were in isolation.

I am pleased to announce that Alumni Meet and Sports Carnival for alumni will be held later this year once the COVID situation stabilizes.

### **CULTURAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

Sushant University has hosted several co-curricular and extra-curricular events, including:

- Gala Fresher's Party
- Diwali Mela
- Annual Sports Carnival supervised by ex-Ranji players
- Performance by famous rapper "King", which gained widespread appreciation

The sports facilities have been significantly upgraded, offering Tennis, Badminton, Football, and Box Cricket.

### INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE AND COLLABORATIONS

Our students and faculty actively participate in exchange programs and international excursions:

- Hosted 22 Thai students & professors
- Student visits to Thailand, Nepal, Singapore, KMUTT, France, and more
- Monthly interactions with serving foreign ambassadors

Key foreign collaborations include:

- Vatel International (France)
- Dhaka International University (Bangladesh)
- Arizona State University (USA)
- Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, North-South University (Bangladesh)
- International Council on Monuments & Sites (ICOMOS, France)
- International Finance Corporation (IFC, USA)
- Domus Academy (Milano, Italy)
- King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT, Thailand)

## RATINGS, RANKINGS & RECOGNITIONS

Sushant University has attained Overall Rating – GOLD by QS I-GAUGE, with the following category-wise ratings:

Core Criteria	Rating
Teaching and Learning	GOLD
Faculty Quality	GOLD
Employability	DIAMOND
Diversity and Accessibility	DIAMOND
Facilities	GOLD
Social Responsibility	GOLD
Governance and Structure	SILVER
Research	BRONZE
Academic Development	DIAMOND

## STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

### 1. School of Art & Architecture

- Celebration of Prof. M.M. Rana's birth centenary scholarship scheme for architecture education.
- Students have excelled in national and international competitions (specific achievements not listed in reports).

### 2. Vatel Hospitality and Tourism Business School

- Awarded "Rising Star" Award 2022.
- GHRDC ranking: 2nd in Haryana, 6th in Northern Region for excellence.
- QS World Ranking: 11th worldwide in Hospitality Management.
- BHM 20-24 3rd year students secured 2nd position in Inter-Hospitality College Chef Competition by Vedatya Institute.
- Alumni working in renowned international hotels in France & Montenegro.

### 3. School of Law

- Ranked in Top 20 Law Colleges (North Zone) BW Legal World 2022.

- Awards: "Top Outstanding Schools of Excellence" and "Top Law Schools of Haryana 2022" by GHRDC.
- Student Achievements:
  - Bhumika Dandona, Biswadeep Dutta, Simrat Sohi, Dakshita Sharma Katare, Sonia Balhara, Prashant Yadav, Pritpal Singh Chahal – Research papers published in national and international journals.
  - Lavi Thakran – Award for fighting against corruption by Haryana Police.
  - Ansh Mishra & Chandraprava – Best Delegate Award at G-20 MUN, GD Goenka University.
  - Sonia Balhara – Nominated President of NGO "Samaj Kalyan Jan Jagrukta Foundation".

#### 4. School of Health Sciences

- Bhavya Marwaha (Optometry) – Top 10 Blogger, Vision Science Academy Blog Competition 2023.
- Heena Khan (Optometry) – Best Photography, Student Category, OCICON'23, Ahmedabad.
- B.Sc. CVT students Akshita Pradip Iyer & Pratima Pandey – Published a book.
- Simran Kaur, Siddharth Yadav (B.Sc. MRIT) & Anam, Samya Marwah, Aakash Kumar (B.Sc. Psychology) – Published research papers in various journals.

#### 5. School of Engineering & Technology

- Pankaj Singh Shah & Aditya Mili nd Mate – Co-published patent: *Sensor Based Low-Cost Air Purifier with Air Quality Indicator*.
- Siddharth Balyan, BTech 4th year – Selected for fully funded internship at IMDEA Research Institute, Madrid, Spain.

#### 6. School of Business

- Sahil Yadav, BBA Batch 2020 – All India Inter University Grappling Championship.
- Kshitiz Sharma, MBA (Aviation) Batch 2020 – First Asian to perform Surya Namaskar at Highest Altitude (5,950m & 5,929m).

#### 7. School of Design

- Meet Ahluwalia & Prof. Taral Shah – Co-published patent: *A Robust Design to optimize space in Metro coaches during overcrowding using passive Infrared Sensors*.

## RESEARCH ECOSYSTEM

Our research ecosystem is reflected in 47 research papers, 10 patents granted, and 85 book chapters authored by our faculty. We have a vibrant PhD program and I am proud to share that 10 PhDs have been awarded, & The University has one Professor Emeritus member on board.

In terms of student success, we achieved 76.15% placements, while 10% students have pursued higher studies at reputed institutions. The University has initiated three entrepreneurial ventures. Our outreach programs have successfully reached beneficiaries, generating significant social impact.

The university has initiated infrastructure advancements and new facility developments to enhance the academic and research environment. We have also secured twenty-five (25) funded projects, demonstrating our research credibility.

Academic collaboration is strengthened through five (5) national and international conclaves and conferences, and eight (8) one-week Faculty Development Programs conducted for continuous faculty upskilling.

With these achievements, our institution remains committed to excellence, innovation, and nation building.

By the end of 2023, the University is projected to have:

- 750 research papers
- 2,000 chapters
- 100 books
- Over a dozen patents
- Multiple ongoing consultancy projects

The Indian Council of Social Science & Research has recently sanctioned research funds to our faculty. State-of-the-art laboratories have been approved in Metaverse, AR/VR, and Communication domains.

The NAAC accreditation process is underway and is expected to be completed next year.

Today, at the 7th Convocation, 647 students will be conferred degrees:

- Ph.D.: 10
- Postgraduate Degrees: 173
- Undergraduate Degrees: 464
- Total: 647

## **GOLD & SILVER MEDALS**

I am happy to announce that the University is conferring 14 Gold Medals and 11 Silver Medals upon undergraduate students, along with 09 Gold Medals and 06 Silver Medals to postgraduate students. Collectively, 40 medals are being secured at the school level. At the University level, we take immense pride in having two Gold and two Silver Medalists in both the Bachelor's and Master's programs.

We are delighted to announce the Overall University Toppers:

### **At the Graduation level:**

- Anjali Singh - SET (B.Tech CSE); - Gold Medal
- Deepanshi Vij - SET (B.Tech CSE); - Silver Medal

### **At the Post-Graduation level:**

- Charul Chauhan (Master of Business Administration)- Gold Medal
- Sheetal Gupta (Master of Laws)- Silver Medal

These outstanding accomplishments stand as a testament to the dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence of our students, as well as the unwavering commitment and guidance of our faculty members.

I congratulate all successful students and wish them great success in their future endeavors.

Despite challenges, with the cooperation of faculty, students, staff, and parents, Sushant University continues to make significant strides toward becoming a center of excellence in higher education.

I once again extend my warm welcome and sincere thanks to all our guests for sparing their valuable time and gracing this occasion.

Thank you and God Bless all



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