

Vice Chancellor - Annual Report

VIII Annual Convocation (28th February 2024)

Convocation Address

I am delighted to welcome our Hon'ble Chancellor Shri J S Mishra ji, Trustees, esteemed members of the Governing Body, Board of Management, Academic Council, distinguished guests, colleagues, students, and friends to the 8th Convocation of the Sushant University, Gurugram.

On behalf of Chiranjiv Charitable Trust & Sushant University and personally, extend warm congratulations to all recipients of Ph.D. degrees, medals, and other academic honours. Your achievements reflect dedication, hard work, and a commitment to excellence.

I, Dr Rakesh Ranjan, pleased to present the annual report of Sushant University, highlighting its growth, achievements, and contributions to higher education. With the support of our leadership team, Sushant University has emerged as a multidisciplinary centre of excellence, achieving significant progress under the new management. Over the past two years, the student body has grown from 2,100 to nearly 3,000, demonstrating our expanding reach and reputation.

Sushant University's journey over the past 12 years has been marked by growth, innovation, and academic excellence. The Chiranjiv Charitable Trust, sponsoring body of University has a long-standing commitment to higher education, dating back to 1989, when the Sushant School of Art and Architecture was founded by our visionary Dean, Padma Shri Prof. M. M. Rana, to bridge gaps in architectural education in India. The School blends traditional Indian aesthetics with modern urban planning, preparing students for the evolving demands of contemporary cities.

Established in 2012 under the Haryana Private Universities Act, the University aims to provide high-quality education in law, technology, management, planning, architecture and design, humanities, and social sciences. Today, the University comprises seven schools, offering undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across diverse disciplines. The curriculum emphasizes research, consultancy, practical applications, and industry relevance, ensuring our graduates are well-prepared for professional and societal challenges.

Our spacious campus features thoughtfully designed academic buildings and state-of-the-art infrastructure for teaching, research, sports, and co-curricular activities. The University is home to over 180 faculty members engaged in research, publications, patents, and international collaborations. Eminent experts regularly contribute to the academic enrichment of our students.

To support student growth, Sushant University provides scholarships, fee concessions, credit-based continuous evaluation, fieldwork, and studio-lab integration. Students also benefit from soft skills and language modules and collaborations with international universities. Our intellectual community's achievements are evident in research publications, patents, workshops, seminars, and online courses designed to meet the changing demands of higher education.

Our students and alumni have brought pride to the University by excelling in defence, civil services, government organizations, and leading private-sector roles. Alumni engagement remains a priority, and the University is planning dedicated events in the upcoming academic calendar.

The University also promotes a vibrant co-curricular and sports culture. The campus now features improved facilities for tennis, badminton, football, and box-cricket, supervised by professional coaches. Our students have also seen success in

entrepreneurial ventures, with a campus-based sports start-up securing funding in ‘Shark Tank’ Season 3. Cultural events, such as the Freshers’ Party, Diwali Mela, Annual Sports Carnival, and performances by artists like Jassi Gill and King, provide students with memorable experiences beyond academics.

We take pride in our ratings, rankings, and recognitions, which reflect our commitment to providing quality education, innovation, and holistic development.

School of Art and Architecture

1. 1st Rank in the Northern Region in GHRDC
2. 1st Rank in North India in Private Institutes by Outlook
3. 1st Rank in Northern India by India Today
4. Gold winner - Art competition in FOAID

Students Recognitions: Today is the greatest achievement of your life when you all receive degree. Amongst those who are present today there are many graduates who have earned accolades beyond academics.

- Beginning with Aadya Garg, she came first in Thesis and received the MM Rana Thesis Award 2023 for the same. With her academic work she won the World Architecture Student Award maintaining 1st and 3rd position amongst top 100 positions worldwide and later winning World Championship Silver Medal amongst top 3 worldwide. For WADE Asia Awards she was shortlisted amongst Top 8 from all over India. Her Thesis work earned Honourable Mention amongst top 30 worldwide Mango Architecture Thesis Award 2024. She is currently running her Design Studio.
- Bhavika Kashyup on the other hand got her thesis shortlisted for the prestigious Council of Architecture Thesis Awards, her dissertation work and thesis work was invited by Seeding Change, which is a pilot project with unique programs like lot based labs, Hydroponic and aquaponic farms, farm to table restaurants, green roofs, farmers' markets, learning centers proposed in partnership with Indian Agricultural Research Institute, cultivating zones, etc. Bringing in green jobs (Rozgar Yojana 2022-23 for Delhi Government), eco-tourism, flourishing local business to enhance the

educational, mental- physical and socio-economic benefits based on the site's potential.

- Gurmehr has recently cleared the GRIHA Associate Professional Exam and she is now a Green Building Analyst at such a young age. Her thesis was recently sent out to IIA Northern Chapter Publication. She had also participated in the housing competition organised by Volume Zero and she was shortlisted in the top 50 worldwide.
- Saanchi Rajpoot, Anya Ghosh and Shivam Takulia were shortlisted in the Inspireli Award Competition where their project described a wide range of solutions for the waterfront site which harness innovative, ecologically sustainable materials and respond to the local climate and context of the site.
- Shivam and Anya's Thesis works were shortlisted in the TASA Thesis Competition organised by RVS Padmavathy College of Architecture, Chennai.
- Manandeep and Shivam are entrepreneurs, jointly runs a furniture showroom by the name EBB & FLO.
- Mradul Gupta, was shortlisted by ISRO for 2 months internship and guidance in Thesis, a great achievement for SSAA. His work was well appreciated by the scientists of ISRO and are in process of discussing to implement some of his ideas.
- Shubham Singh has earned wonderful grades across 5-years and most recently he wrote a book with one of the senior professors on Self-healing Concrete as a remedial measure for maintenance of Building.
- From Masters Urban Design - Debjyoti Saha won the 3rd prize for Thesis Competition on "Re-imagining Urban Rivers" organised by National Institute of Urban Affairs.
- Aanchal Singhal from Masters Urban Design was shortlisted for Council of Architecture Thesis Awards.
- From DoPD- Naman Golcha was shortlisted for ITPI Best Thesis Awards.

School of Business, School of Engineering & Technology & School of Law:

School level Awards & Rankings (National/International)

1. During India's G20 Presidency, at a G20 Anti-Corruption Inter-Collegiate debate among fifteen Colleges organised on 23rd February 2023, the Sushant University team representing Indonesia won the first prize. SU teams also represented Australia and Oman in the competition.
2. Sushant University and University of Essex, UK signed, on 16th November 2023, a Progression Agreement for a '2+1' framework covering select undergraduate BBA and B.Com programmes of Sushant University for study and acquiring degree at Essex. This constitutes a landmark for Sushant University, being the very first '2+1' programme with a foreign University.

Students Achievements/ Award (National/International)

1. Nitish Khanna, student of BBA Sem VI was selected as Captain of "Gurgaon Under 23 Team" in the league organized by Haryana Cricket Association affiliated by BCCI. The team won two matches under his captainship.
2. Mokshika Tuteja, student of BBA Sem VI secured First Position in the Dance Competition (District Level) organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Gurugram, Haryana.
3. Sabhya Sharma, student of BBA Sem VI secured Second Position in the Inter-University Summer Internship Presentation Competition "UDAYA" organize by School of Business, Sushant University
4. Oorja Ganga Singh, a student of B.Tech CSE got selected in Product company Z scaler at a package of 28 LPA

GHRDC Survey, 2023 in School of Law & School of Engineering & Technology:

- School of Engineering and Technology notched the First position in 2023 national level ranking GHRDC in top engineering colleges in excellence category.
- GHRDC - SOL achieved 1st Rank in the State of Haryana - 2023
- GHRDC – SOL achieved 2nd Rank in the Northern Region - 2023
- GHRDC - achieved 4th Rank in the category of Eminent Law School
- School of Law Achieved an award for Certificate of Excellence for being one of the premium legal education institutes of India and for shaping the legal minds of the future by BW Law School Ranking, 2022
- 2nd position in the Top Outstanding Law School of Excellence, 2022 and 2nd position in the State of Haryana by CSR-GHRDC Law Schools Survey, 2022

School of Design

- B.Des and M.Des students worked on the project with Navjyoti India Foundation on Rain Water Harvesting, and the project has been awarded as Best NGO on Rain Water Harvesting by UNESCO.
- Riya Soni (Communication Design – 3rd year) published a book, - 'The Brighter Side'.

Vatel Hotel & Tourism Business School

- Vatel has been Ranked No 1 (By Subject) Globally by the Prestigious QS World Ranking.
- Vatel Students have won Accolades, Appreciation & Recognitions from many National & International Hospitality chains for their Exemplary Performance during their Industry Exposure across the globe.
- They managed Customer Relationship Management, Marketing & Operations for some big F & B chains during the prestigious Ahaar Event. one of the biggest annual event in the Food & Beverage Industry so far.

School of Health Science:

Name	Achievement	Event / Publication
Rupal Pandey & Richa Dwivedi	Published Paper	Ikigai and Psychological Capital: A Relationship Study among Doctors in Delhi NCR, Indian Journal of Positive Psychology
Anshika Grover & Sana Ahmad	3rd Prize	National Conference on Innovations & Startups in Pharmaceutical Sector, Poster: The Need for Incorporating Entrepreneurship Education
Tanisha Gupta	1st Runner-Up	Poster: The Promise of Nanotechnology in Cancer Prevention, Detection, and Treatment, HSFEAS 2023
Tanisha Gupta	Published Review	Interactions between Protein Molecules and Their Importance in Drug Discovery
Kanika Bhardwaj	Published Book Chapter	An Introduction to ECG: Heartbeats in a Graph
Kanika Bhardwaj	Published Paper	Comparison of Extracellular vs Intracellular Cardioplegia in Paediatric Patients, The Journal of IJECT
Akshita Iyer (CVT)	Published Book Chapter	An Introduction to ECG: Heartbeats in a Graph
Pratima Pandey (CVT)	Published Book Chapter	An Introduction to ECG: Heartbeats in a Graph
Simran Kaur (BMRIT)	Published Paper	Dose-response study in thyroid cancer caused by radiation
Vikash	Sports	2nd in 200m race & Kabaddi, Blaze
Seema Bharti	Cultural & Academic	2nd in Rangoli (Diwali fest); Paper in SCOPUS/UGC CARE (Group 1, ISBN)

FOREIGN COLLABORATIONS: Sushant University is known for Internationalization of Education and collaborated with:

- Arizona State University (ASU) USA
- Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, North –South University, Dhaka Bangladesh
- International Council on Monuments & Sites (ICOMOS) France
- International Finance Corporation (IFC), USA
- Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI_ARC), USA

VARIOUS INITIATIVES:

Sushant University has made steady progress across academics, research, and global engagement.

We have supported our students with scholarships totaling Rs. 3,66,87,416/- empowering them to achieve their academic goals. The University successfully delivered consultancy projects worth ₹1.53 crore, reflecting strong industry engagement and research impact and achieved placement of 327 students, while 74+ students opted for higher studies. Our faculty contributed significantly to research, publishing and presenting 65 research papers, securing 3 patents, authoring 90 book chapters, and undertaking 12 government-funded projects. The University has supported faculty for their research endeavor and awarded with Research Incentive of Rs. 6,21,400/- The University awarded 10 PhDs, and benefits from the guidance of 2 Professor Emeritus members. In addition, conducted 6 national and international conferences, organized 10 Faculty Development Programs, and carried out several impactful outreach initiatives.

Preparation for NAAC accreditation process is likely to complete and I assure by next year your Alma mater will be accredited.

Owing to time constraints, it is not possible to elaborate on all our initiatives and accomplishments across the areas of development, research, conferences, cultural activities, sports, and many more.

I have our share of trials and tribulations, but with the commendable cooperation from the members of the teaching fraternity, students and employees of the University, as well as parents, I am sure, we will be able to make significant headway in our effort to make it a center of excellence in higher education.

Today, the 8th convocation 528 students will be conferred the degrees.

Ph.D – 10

Post Graduate Degrees – 126

Under Graduate Degrees –392

GOLD & SILVER MEDALS

I am happy to announce that 15 Gold Medals and 12 Silver Medals to graduate students, and 09 Gold Medals and 05 Silver Medals to postgraduate students are being awarded in the Convocation. At the school level, a total of 41 medals were secured. At the University level, we proudly have 2 Gold Medalists and 2 Silver Medalists each in Bachelors & Masters Programs.

We are extremely proud to announce the Overall University Toppers:

At the Graduation level:

- Lalit Yadav (SHS) – Gold Medal
- Parushi Singh Kunwar (SHS) – Silver Medal

At the Post-Graduation level:

- Sushobhan Dey (SET) – Gold Medal
- Sakshi Aggarwal (SOD) – Silver Medal

This remarkable achievement reflects the dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence of our students and the continuous commitment of our faculty members.

I congratulate all the successful students and wish them all the great success.

I once again welcome all our guests, for sparing their precious time and gracing this occasion of the 8th Convocation of Sushant University, along with our students and teaching fraternity.

Thank you,



Dr. Rakesh Ranjan
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