

Vice Chancellor- Annual Report

IX Annual Convocation 7th March 2025

Convocation Address

Hon'ble Chancellor, Sushant University, Shri J.S. Mishra Ji, Trustees, esteemed members of the Governing Body, Board of Management and Academic Council, distinguished guests, colleagues, students, and ladies and gentlemen.

It is with immense pleasure and pride that I welcome you all to the 9th Convocation of Sushant University, Gurugram. On behalf of the Chiranjiv Charitable Trust and Sushant University, and on my personal behalf, I extend a heartfelt welcome to all the distinguished recipients of PhDs, medals, and degrees.

I, Dr. Rakesh Ranjan, Vice Chancellor, am honored to present the annual report AY 2023-24 of Sushant University. I am deeply grateful to our leadership team for their unwavering support in developing the University into a truly multi-disciplinary centre of excellence in higher education. I am sure our alumni and all stakeholders will be pleased to witness the visible growth and positive changes across the campus. In recent years, after the new management took over, our total student strength has surged from 1,900 to nearly 3,000.

It gives me immense pride to inform this august gathering that during the last 13 years of its existence, the University has witnessed remarkable growth in both scale and quality of education. I would like to take this opportunity to acquaint our distinguished guests with the activities and achievements of the University.

The legacy of Chiranjiv Charitable Trust, the sponsoring body of the University, dates back to 1989, when the foundation of School of Art & Architecture was laid by Founder 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 demands of a modern cityscape.

Sushant University was established in 2012 under the Haryana Private Universities Act to promote education in law, technology, management, planning, architecture, design,

humanities, and social sciences, while advancing research, consultancy, and the dissemination of contemporary knowledge. From a modest beginning with a few departments, today the University proudly comprises seven schools, offering undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across contemporary and applied disciplines.

Our expansive campus, located in the heart of the city, features thoughtfully designed buildings that cater to a wide range of academic needs. With over 180 faculty members engaged in teaching, research, consultancy, and outreach, the University has established state-of-the-art infrastructure for academics, sports, and extracurricular activities. I am pleased to share recent developments, including the AI Research Lab in D Block, Incubation Center in A Block, a new 200 KL STP plant, and a 200 KW solar plant. Internal roads have been recarpeted, D Block washrooms renovated, and around 100 new computers, including 20 more Apple systems, were added last year.

Our Incubation Center is certified by the Ministry of Education, MoE's Innovation Cell, Institution Innovation Council, and AICTE. It has also received a CSR grant from Dixon Technology, reinforcing our commitment to innovation and entrepreneurship.

The University maintains long-standing academic relationships with eminent personalities and global experts, who enrich our students' learning experiences through lectures and mentorship. To support higher learning, students are provided with scholarships, fee concessions, credit-based continuous evaluation, balanced fieldwork and lab work, compulsory soft skills and language modules, and strong international collaborations. The intellectual output of the University is evident through numerous research publications, papers at national and international levels, and several patents. Seminars, workshops, discussions, and extension lectures are regularly organized across schools, while online courses have been gradually integrated into our pedagogy. NEP 2020 has been successfully implemented in all courses which are not under regulatory bodies like PCI, COA etc.

Many of our students have made us proud by achieving eminent positions in defense, civil services, private, and government sectors.

Our sports facilities have also been significantly upgraded, with tennis, badminton, football, and box-cricket programs supervised by an ex-Ranji player. I am happy to share that through our campus sports initiatives; a sports startup has secured funding in 'Shark' Season 3.

The University continues to celebrate student life with events like the Fresher's Party, Diwali Mela, Annual Sports Carnival, and performances by renowned artists such as Jassi Gill, whose performance was highly appreciated. In 2023, King also performed on campus, leaving lasting memories for all. Co-curricular and extracurricular activities remain a vibrant part of student life. Let me inform our foreign collaborations that were signed this year.

FOREIGN COLLABORATIONS:

- ✓ Hellenic-American University, USA& Greece
- ✓ AECC Study Abroad Consultants
- ✓ National Skill Development Corporation International Ltd (NSDCI) for NSDC-
- ✓ Deakin University (Australia) : Global Job Readiness Programme(GJRP)
- ✓ Universal University, Moscow, Russia
- ✓ California State University San Marcos (CSUSM), USA
- ✓ Al-Harabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan

MOUS CANCELLED / ANNULLED

Sushant University cancelled / annulled the following three (3) MoUs with Universities in Bangladesh on 4th December 2024 in light of the ongoing violence and serious attacks on places of worship of minority communities.

1. Dhaka International University (DIU), Bangladesh of September 2022
2. North - South University (NSU), Dhaka, Bangladesh of March 2023
3. United International University (UIU), Dhaka Bangladesh of September 2023

NEW INITIATIVES

- Articulation / Progression Agreement with Essex University, UK in the following programs
 - BBA Business Analytics

- B. Com Taxation and Finance
- Global Job Readiness Programme (GJRP) of NSDC and Deakin University, Australia 6 modules /30 hours' self - paced online certification course for skills upgradation.

RESEARCH INITIATIVES:

Our university continues to advance its academic and research excellence. We have extended financial support to students through scholarships amounting to ₹4,10,73,160 and successfully completed consultancy projects, further strengthening our engagement with industry and society.

Our research achievements include 71 published research papers, 6 patents, and 117 book chapters. We have awarded 13 PhDs under the mentorship of our distinguished faculty.

Student success is evident with 80% students securing Campus placements, while 15% students have opted for higher education. Additionally, 3 entrepreneurial ventures have been launched. Our outreach programs have positively impacted numerous beneficiaries.

We have also secured 11 funded projects and organized 2 national and international conferences and conclaves, along with 12 one-week Faculty Development Programs. The University has extended its support to the faculty member in their research endeavors and has conferred a Research Incentive of Rs.7,09,500/- in recognition of their scholarly contributions.

With these milestones, we reaffirm our commitment to academic distinction, innovation, and meaningful societal impact.

Now I present Sushant University Rating, Ranking & Recognitions:

School of Art and Architecture

- School of Art and Architecture, Ranked No 1 amongst private institutes in North India by India Today 2024

- Ranked No. 4 among top private architecture institutions in India by Outlook
- Ranked No 1 for super excellence in the field of Architecture; Ranked 1st in the State of Haryana and Ranked 1st in Northern Region by GHRDC
- Ranked No 1 amongst private institutes in North India by IIRF 2024
- Ranked 47th in the Top 100 colleges of Architecture in World Architecture University Ranking by INSPIRE
- CoA appreciation award for active participation in Srujan - an exhibition for the Ministry of Tourism at the Red Fort New Delhi
- School of Art & Architecture's M.Plan syllabus has been adopted by WWF ((World Wildlife Fund) Infrastructure Planning studio course curriculum of M.Plan has been in lined with WWF and Book namely Inclusion of "Natural Resource Safeguards in Planning Course Curriculum" has been launched at 73rd ITPI Conference on 10th Jan, 2025 at Trivandrum.

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS/ AWARDS

School of Art and Architecture

- Shruti Bansal (2024 B.Arch Batch) received the Wade Asia Award 2024 - 1st Prize for Thesis Student Category
- Students of 4th and 5th Year Presenting Papers at Various National and International Conferences and Similar Platforms like Alanya University, Turkey; NIT Hamirpur; Jamia Milia Islamia; Srilanka
- Recognized by URJA (United Residents Joint Action) of New Delhi for Local Area Plan with a participatory approach for Karol Bagh Zone of New Delhi
- SAA won 1st Prize in the Zonals at the NASA Trophy
- Anjora Khatri won the scholarship for waterfront design, a competition led by NIUA (National Institute of Urban Affairs)
- Shruti Bansal and Srishti Saxena were shortlisted in Top 30 Student Competition for Inspireli Awards, Czech Republic
- Palak Sharma and Kritika Saboo won the Unfold competition in Navi Mumbai
- Devender Kumar Sharma won A3F Sustainable Design Award, Chandigarh
- Garvit Sharma got short listed for Ethos-Saint Gobain Grants Programme at National Level

- Tanmay, Prachi, Himani & Somya students of M.Plan are working in road safety & Transport sectors like Save Life Foundation, Rahagiri for better & safe urban planning and Dennies, Ranganath & Samiksha joined MNCs like JLL, GiZ etc. and Ministry as well.

School of Design

- Pari Tyagi, Interior Architecture, 2022-26, has won 1st position in Ideometric Warriors
- Anjani Aggarwal, Mishtha Mangla, Garima Yadav, Interior Architecture, 2021-25 have got 1st position in Ignite - Furniture Design Competition at Manav Rachna University
- Raamya Singh, Interior Architecture, 2022-26 stood at 3rd position in Logo redesign competition by INSYD
- Aashi Jain, Pari Tyagi, Aashma Dahal, Interior Architecture, 2022-26, Participated in Craft & Design Exchange Forum organized by IGNCA for the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Centre of Design at the iconic Red Fort, Delhi. Their installation 'Artful Strategies', celebrated the authenticity of traditional crafts in today's commercial world. A grant of Rs.1 Lakh was received for executing the installation.
- Ananya Malik of Communication Design, 21-25 published a book titled "The Astro Kid" available at amazon online bookstore.

School of Business-

- Aran Sharma -BBA SEM- 1 Football State league, Qualified for the Nationals
- Suyasha -BBA SEM- 3, Achieved the 1st position in Spanish Haiku Writing at El Institution Cervantes de Nueva, Delhi.
- Tarun Kamboj- BBA SEM – 5, Campus ambassador internship at, E-cell IIT Bombay.
- Samart Aswal-Bba Sem – 3 The outstanding player in both batting and fielding during the RCPA Academy Premier League match.
- Sandesh, Sagar Gupta, Poorva Kher, Ananya Saxena - BCOM SEM – 5. Cleared ACCA Audit Assurance exam in first attempt

- Certificate awarded by AIMA to 2nd year BBA & Bcom Students for attending Book launch "Power within" by Dr. R Balasubramaniam, a member-HR at the Capacity Building Commission, GOI
- Certificate awarded by AIMA to MBA students on Book launch -Embrace the Future by Mr R Gopalakrishnan, Former Director of TATA Sons.
- Certificate awarded by AIMA to BBA Students on its 72nd: leader Speak Session by Prof R. Edward Freeman, University of Virginia Darden School of Business
- Certificate awarded by AIMA to MBA students on Book launch -Net Zero and India at 100: Managing Growth with Sustainability by Dr Arunabha Ghosh, Founder-CEO, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)

School of Law

- Ranked 2 (in northern region), GHRDC 2024
- Ranked 1 (in Haryana), GHRDC (awarding agency) 2024
- Ranked amongst top eminent law schools in India, GHRDC (awarding agency) 2024
- Ranked 1 (in Haryana), CSR law school survey (awarding agency) 2024
- One of the top law schools in northern region, by Legal World Ranking
- Tarini Kaushik, Vineeta Khairwal, Nishita Singla, Mahima Yadav received Best Paper Presentation in their respective conference theme & received Rs 5000 prize money individually.
- All Students BALLB (H) 2023 - participated in the conference titled-The International Conference on Emerging Contours of Private International Law hosted by the Indore Institute of Law

School of Engineering & Technology

- Prathistha Saraswat has received appreciation in recognition in Entrepreneurial spirit for shaping the future in all India woman ONLY Start-A-Thon
- Palak Khurana, B.Tech CSE -2022 batch has completed her Global Immersion Program at the National University of Singapore
- Sameer Vats, B.Tech CSE-2024 batch has received Voice award from Indian Labour Union -Hind Mazdoor Sabha , Trade Union Federation in India.

- Unnati, B.tech CSE 2024, has participated in Khel Jeeto, in Badminton and qualified quarterfinals.
- Siritara, B.Tech CSE 2024, has aquired Title of Ms. Teen India 2024
- Oorja Ganga Singh, B.Tech CSE 2020 has got a job of 25 Lakh in Zscaler.
- Aaditya Gupta- B.Tech CSE 2021 has got an internship of 1.5 lakh in Adobe India.

School of Health Sciences

- Dr. Jyoti Sinha was awarded with Special Principal Recognition Award for Research and Innovation
- Dr. Sanjeev Sharma (Pro V.C and Dean, SHS) and Ms. Richa Dwivedi (Programme coordinator and Assistant Professor) felicitated by Gulabi Pankh (IMA) for contribution in the field of mental and physical health of girl students in the university.
- Ms. Neha was awarded for guest lecture at National Conference PARACON.
- Ms. Shenbagam Narasimhan was honoured and awarded for Exemplary contribution in Vision Science Academy by writing blog on “Artificial Intelligence in Community Optometry”. She was honoured as Speaker at scientific session chair in International Conference on Recent Advances and challenges in healthcare.

Vatel Hotel & Tourism Business School

- Vatel Developpement has been ranked 13 by QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024
- Happy to share that many have initiated their Entrepreneurial Journal in the Hospitality sector.
- This year the school has surpassed its own Management training placement record of the students. Our Students who will be passing out in May 2025 have already secured their places in Management training / General leadership Program / Executive Development Program/Hotel Operational Management training program with iconic hotels like Taj, Suryagarh Palaces, Roseate, Ginger Hotels & Accor International to name a few.

- Vatel Student alumni have been performing exceptionally well in the field of Food & Beverage, Sales & Marketing, Learning & Development & Other allied Hospitality fields like MNC's, Airlines.
- Few of Vatel alumnus who have recently completed their Executive Development Program and other entry level programs are now working with brands like Taj, Marriott, The Oberois and even Michelin Starred restaurants.

NAAC accreditation process is in the final stage and only pending for PTV visit.

Due to the limitation of time, it is not possible to recount all the details, of our initiatives and achievements in the areas of development, research, conferences, cultural activities, sports etc.

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 9th convocation 532 students will be conferred the degrees.

- Ph.D – 13
- Post Graduate Degrees – 90
- Under Graduate Degrees – 426
- Diploma- 3

I am delighted to announce that at this Convocation, 16 Gold Medals and 11 Silver Medals are being conferred upon undergraduate students, while 9 Gold Medals and 4 Silver Medals are being awarded to postgraduate students. At the school level, our students have secured a total of 40 medals.

At the University level, we take great pride in achieving 3 Gold Medals and 1 Silver Medals each in both the Bachelor's and Master's programs.

We are especially honored to present the Overall University Toppers:

At the Graduation Level:

- Sasin Kumar – Gold Medal
- Oorja Ganga Singh– Gold Medal

At the Post-Graduation Level:

- Pragun Gupta – Gold Medal
- Shekhar Bhatia- Silver Medal

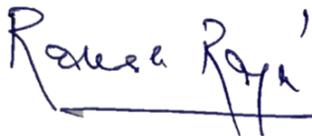
These outstanding accomplishments reflect the hard work, determination, and academic excellence of our students, as well as the unwavering dedication and guidance of our faculty members.

I thank all our guests, for sparing their precious time and gracing this occasion of the 9th Convocation of Sushant University, along with our students and teaching fraternity.

On behalf of the entire faculty, staff, and administration, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. May your future be bright, your efforts be rewarding, and may you always carry the pride of Sushant University with you.

Congratulations once again, and best wishes for the journey ahead.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rakesh Ranjan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Dr. Rakesh Ranjan
Vice Chancellor, Sushant University