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July



SAMWAD 2024

Empowering Rural India through Sustainable Innovation

On 10th July 2024, DIT University, in collaboration with CIIES and the National Innovation Foundation (NIF), hosted "SAMWAD" Dialogue Lecture, focusing on sustainable development in rural and tribal India. Experts like Dr. Arvind Ranade, Dr. Akshaya Manerikar, and Dr. Gajanan Dange led insightful discussions on the intersection of environmental health, community empowerment, and indigenous values in creating impactful development policies. The event highlighted future collaborations between NIF and YOJAK to drive innovation and social change at the grassroots level.



ASCENT

THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: ASCENT, ORGANIZED BY THE H R DEPARTMENT AND THE CDC, HELD ON JULY 18TH AND 19TH, 2024, WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS . THE EVENT FEATURED INSIGHTFUL SESSIONS LED BY INDUSTRY EXPERTS AND LEADERS, INCLUDING MR. C.S. PATIL, DR. SUSHMA VILADKAR, MRS. CHAVVI SISODIA, AND LT. COL. HARSHVARDHAN PANDEY.

**ELEVATING
LEADERSHIP AT
DIT UNIVERSITY**

WELCOMING INNOVATION

Faculty Induction Program at DIT University

On July 26, 2024, DIT University proudly hosted Faculty Induction Program, designed to welcome 32 newly joined faculty members into the academic community. The event served as a crucial introduction to the university's policies, academic culture, and available resources, fostering a collaborative environment that encourages innovation and excellence in teaching.

The program commenced with an inspiring opening address from Prof. G. Raghurama, Vice Chancellor, who set the tone by emphasizing the importance of integrating teaching, research, and administrative duties. He urged the new faculty members to embody enthusiasm and commitment in their roles, highlighting the vital impact they would have on students' academic journeys and the university's growth.



Following the Vice Chancellor's address, Prof. Hemraj Saini, Dean of Academic Affairs, provided an overview of the program's objectives and schedule, outlining the key themes that would be covered throughout the day. He emphasized the importance of professional development and encouraged faculty members to take full advantage of the resources available to them.



EMPOWERING EDUCATORS:

The Future of Faculty Development at DIT University

Vice Chancellor Prof. G. Raghurama emphasized the importance of quality education and ethical standards, urging faculty to lead by example. Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Priyadarsan Patra discussed three Key Result Areas—Teaching, Research, and Service—highlighting experiential learning and collaboration.



The Faculty Interaction Session at DIT University introduced new initiatives and policies while fostering collaboration among faculty members. Dr. Bhavna, Faculty-in-Charge of the Teaching Learning Centre, welcomed attendees, setting a positive tone for professional growth.

Prof. Hemraj Verma presented new academic ordinances aimed at enhancing excellence and unveiled DITiNxt, a new ERP system to streamline academic processes. Prof. Prakash Tiwari and Mr. Abhinav Nanda shared insights into university achievements and admissions, while Mr. Praveen Saiwal emphasized the Career Development Cell's role in student placements.



DEEKSHARAMBH 2024: A JOURNEY OF NEW BEGINNINGS AT DIT UNIVERSITY

INSPIRING LEADERSHIP AND EXCELLENCE



Day 1: Welcome to the Quest for Excellence

Deeksharambh 2024 began on 29th July 2024 with a warm and motivational Welcome Address from the Vice Chancellor, who encouraged new students to embrace their journey at DIT University with enthusiasm and determination. Distinguished guests and dignitaries shared words of wisdom, offering insights into the importance of academic excellence, leadership, and personal development. It was a day filled with inspiration, setting the foundation for a promising future.

Day 2: Exploring Opportunities Beyond the Classroom

The second day of Deeksharambh was filled with energy as the Chairperson of the Social and Cultural Committee showcased the wide array of extracurricular activities, clubs, and student groups available at DIT University. From cultural events to sports and academic clubs, students were introduced to a world of opportunities designed to enhance their university experience. It was a day of exploration, fostering excitement and a sense of community among the new students.



Spirit of Freedom: DIT University Celebrates 78th Independence Day



Honoring the Nation with Patriotic Pride and Unity

DIT University proudly celebrated the 78th Independence Day on 15th August 2024 with a series of patriotic events and activities. The ceremony began with the flag hoisting by the Chief Guest, Prof. Priyadarshan Patra, Pro-Vice Chancellor of DIT University, accompanied by the national anthem. Following the flag hoisting, the NCC Cadets honored the Chief Guest with a Guard of Honor, followed by an inspection of the parade.

The event featured a grand NCC parade coordinated by Lt. Jabrinder Singh (ANO 29 UK Bn), showcasing the dedication and discipline of the cadets. The cultural presentations, overseen by Lt. Brajlata Chauhan (ANO 11 UK Bn), included a range of patriotic activities such as music, dance, and a Tiranga rally, creating a lively atmosphere of national pride.

The celebration was a great success, with participation from students and faculty, and was coordinated by Dr. Naveen Singhal (Chief Proctor) and Prof. Rakesh Mohan (Dean Student Welfare). The entire event reflected the spirit of patriotism, unity, and respect for the nation.

A JOURNEY



THROUGH HISTORY

PRE-INDEPENDENCE PARLIAMENTARY SESSION AT DIT UNIVERSITY



On 24th August 2024, DIT University hosted an engaging Pre-Independence Parliamentary Session, taking participants on a historical journey through India's rich political past. The session was filled with insightful discussions, debates, and lively interactions, allowing students to step into the shoes of pre-independence leaders and engage in a dynamic parliamentary experience.

The event fostered a deeper understanding of India's freedom struggle, offering fresh perspectives on the challenges and triumphs of the era. With historical accuracy and vibrant discussions, the session not only highlighted the relevance of India's political heritage but also inspired attendees to reflect on its continued significance in today's democratic landscape.

UNITING FOR LIFE



DIT University Hosts Blood Donation Camp

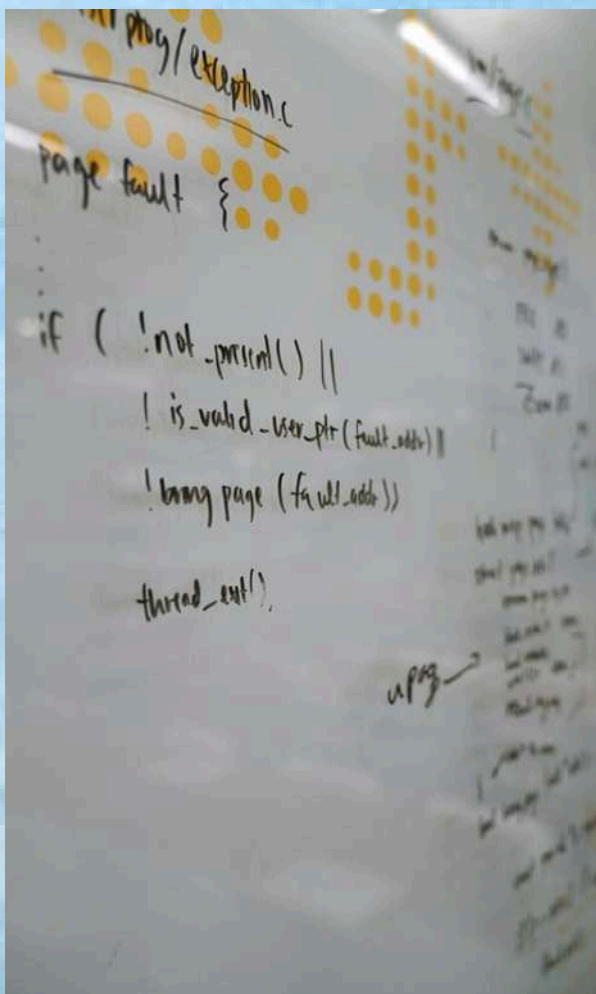
On August 29, 2024, DIT University successfully organized a blood donation camp to combat the ongoing dengue outbreak. The camp was inaugurated by our esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Tara Arya, Director General of Health & Family Welfare, Uttarakhand, alongside Dr. S. S. Kandari, Director of the State Transfusion Council, and our Vice Chancellor, Dr. G. Raghuram.

The event commenced with a lamp-lighting ceremony featuring Dr. Naveen Singhal, Dr. Jabrinder Singh, and Mr. Saurabh Mishra.

A heartfelt gratitude was extended towards the DITU students and staff who turned out in great numbers to donate blood. Their selfless contributions are truly saving lives! Certificates were distributed to all brave donors as a token of appreciation. Together, we are making a difference!



CS101 WORKSHOP



Tech Passion at ACM DITU

On 31st August 2024, the ACM DITU Chapter launched its CS101 Workshop, attracting a vibrant crowd of tech-curious students eager to explore the digital landscape. Covering essential topics from cybersecurity to AI/ML and web development, the workshop provided participants with an engaging introduction to the vast world of technology.

With interactive sessions and hands-on guidance, the event sparked enthusiasm and curiosity, setting students on an exciting path toward their future tech endeavors. It was a perfect kickoff to their digital journey!

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September

Celebrating Excellence

A Joyous Teachers' Day at DIT University!

September 5th was a memorable day on campus as DIT University celebrated Teachers' Day, recognizing the unwavering dedication of its faculty to teaching and research. The event was marked by awards presented to deserving recipients, with Pro Vice Chancellor G. Raghurama eloquently describing each award category.

The celebration was graced by esteemed guests, including Prof. Anjali Krishan Sharma, Director of SOAPS; Dr. Prakash Tiwari, Professor and Dean of AnC; Dr. Naveen Singhal, Professor and Dean of Alumni; Dr. Rakesh Mohan, Dean of Student Welfare; Vaibhaav Mehta from HR; Dr. Manisha Duseja, Head - Department of Chemistry; and many other staff and faculty members.



SHAAM



SHAANDAAR



On September 10, 2024, Clickrrati Literati, the Literary Club of DIT University, hosted "Shaam Shaandaar," an engaging event that brought together diverse performances, including nukkad natak, dancing drama, and a lively jamming session. Held at Chanakya Lawn from 4:00 PM onwards, the evening captivated the audience.



An Evening of Artistry and Awareness at DIT University

The nukkad natak performance not only entertained but also highlighted the stark realities of the media, sparking thoughtful discussions among attendees. Following this, a dance drama celebrating the essence of college life showcased the vibrant spirit of the student community. The event concluded on a high note with an energetic jamming session, leaving everyone with lasting memories and a sense of camaraderie.



VAISHVIK



MANTHAN

EMPOWERING FUTURE DIPLOMATS WITH INSIGHTS INTO MUN PROCEDURES AND THE
ART OF GLOBAL DEBATE.



On September 14, 2024, the DIT MUN Society held an engaging workshop titled 'Vaishvik Manthan' in Visvesvaraya Seminar Hall. From 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, the students were immersed in the intricate Rules of Procedure in Model United Nations (MUN), learning how to draft resolutions, debate global issues, and navigate committee sessions. The workshop featured interactive sessions led by experienced MUN delegates who shared insider tips on excelling in MUN Conferences.

With enthusiastic participation, Vaishvik Manthan provided a platform for students to enhance their diplomatic, negotiation, and leadership skills, igniting excitement for upcoming MUN events. It was a remarkable experience for all attendees, laying the foundation for future delegates to shine on the global stage.

Inspiring Minds

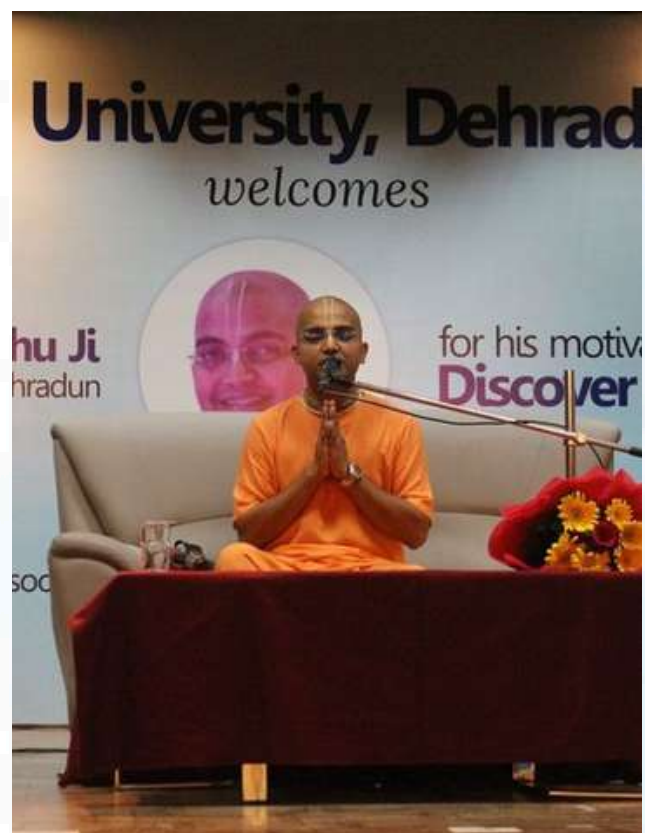
A Spiritual Session with Shri Jagdish Prabhu Ji at DIT University

DIT University's NSS Council and GPF Club organized an uplifting event for the entire DIT fraternity, marked by enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty. The session featured HG Shri Jagdish Prabhu Ji from ISKCON, Dehradun, as the esteemed speaker.

The event began with the melodious chanting of the Saraswati Vandana, followed by a warm welcome from the Chief Proctor, who presented the speaker with a bouquet and a shawl on behalf of the university.

Shri Jagdish Prabhu Ji's address focused on student lifestyle and the pursuit of happiness, drawing valuable insights from the slokas of the Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta. His thought-provoking discourse emphasized the importance of cultivating a healthy, joyful, and cultured approach to life, especially for students navigating the complexities of academic and personal growth.

Concluding the session, Dr. Naveen Singhal expressed heartfelt gratitude to the ISKCON family for facilitating such a memorable and enriching experience for the DIT community, leaving participants inspired and motivated for their journeys ahead.



Empowering Innovation



On September 24th, IPR Cell of DIT University, in collaboration with CIIES, organized an engaging workshop aimed at educating students, faculty, and aspiring entrepreneurs about the significance of Intellectual Property Rights.

We were honored to have distinguished speakers like Dr. Vivek Kumar Malik from IIT Roorkee and Mr. Ankish Yadav from Startup Uttarakhand, who shared invaluable insights on building robust innovation ecosystems and navigating funding schemes.

IPR Cell and CIIES host insightful Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights

The workshop covered a range of crucial topics, including Geographical Indications, Copyright, Trademarks, and the pivotal role of patents in technology transfer.

Together, we're building a future that protects and promotes our intellectual assets, fostering a culture of innovation and creativity!

UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES

**DIT University
hosts an
informative
session on GATE
and JAM, paving
the way for
future scholars
and innovators!**



On September 25, 2024, the Department of Mathematics (SoPS) and CDC Department at DIT University organized an insightful information session on the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) and the Joint Admission Test for Masters (JAM). The session, led by Prof. Gaurav Sharma from IIT Roorkee, aimed to raise awareness among students about these prestigious entrance exams, which are critical for pursuing advanced studies and career opportunities.

Held in the MBA Seminar Hall, the event attracted over 90 attendees, including faculty and students. Dr. Shilpi Singhal welcomed the guests, followed by remarks from Prof. J. Samuel Ernest Ratnakumar, Registrar of DIT University. Prof. Sharma provided valuable information on exam formats, eligibility criteria, fellowship opportunities, and registration details, addressing various queries from participants.

The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. Abhishek Sarkar and a memento presentation to Prof. Sharma, followed by a high tea, fostering networking and collaboration discussions among faculty members.

This event marks a significant step in guiding DIT students toward achieving their academic and professional aspirations through GATE and JAM.

VIBRANT JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATION

GPF CLUB'S ENERGETIC FESTIVITIES TRIUMPH OVER RAINY WEATHER ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2024



Another engaging activity, in addition to the matki game, involved blindfolding participants and having their partners provide directions to locate the matki. This unique challenge tested both communication skills and trust among the teams.

Despite inclement weather, with rain adding an unexpected twist to the festivities, the spirit of Janmashtami shone brightly through the participants' enthusiasm. The event not only celebrated the rich cultural heritage associated with Janmashtami but also fostered camaraderie and teamwork among club members.



AAVAHAN 2024

Igniting Fresh Beginnings at DIT University



DIT University organized Aavahan – Fresher’s Party 2024 on 28th September 2024. Aavahan 2024 was a vibrant event aimed at welcoming and integrating first-year students, complete with dazzling performances, music, and inspiring talks. The Freshers' event commenced with the auspicious lamp lighting ceremony by Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Dr. G. Raghurama, Esteemed Dean Dr. Naveen Singhal and other respected members of the DIT Faculty. The event included the felicitation of dignitaries, recital of the University Kulgeet, a Ganesh Vandana performance, and speeches by dignitaries.



The program featured dynamic performances, including classical and western dances, ramp walks, group singing, and rapping, with enthusiastic participation from both freshers and second-year students. The event’s highlight was the ramp walk finale, where Mr. and Ms. Freshers were crowned.



It was an evening full of excitement, fun, and memories, marking the start of a wonderful journey for the freshers! Aavahan 2024 concluded with heartfelt thanks and encore performances, leaving the audience energized and the newcomers warmly welcomed. The evening fostered a sense of belonging and excitement, marking the start of an unforgettable journey for DIT's newest batch of students!

SPOTLIGHT ON AWARENESS

DIT University Shines in Drama Competition

On September 28 2024, DIT University proudly hosted a Drama Competition organized by the Uttarakhand State AIDS Control Society at the Vedanta Auditorium. The event commenced with the soulful Sarasvati Vandana and the ceremonial lamp-lighting, creating an inspiring atmosphere for the five participating teams from various universities.

Our own Clickraati Litterrati, the Literary Club of DIT University, presented a thought-provoking Nukkad Natak focused on HIV Control, effectively raising awareness about the discrimination faced by individuals living with HIV while dispelling common misconceptions about its transmission and treatment. Their impactful performance earned Team Literary Club DIT University the First Position in the competition!

The event emphasized the power of art in social change, leaving a lasting impression on the audience and encouraging open conversations about HIV.



REVIVING UP KNOWLEDGE

DIT University's Industrial Visit to Hero MotoCorp!

On September 28, 2024, the Mechanical Building Division of DIT College embarked on a fascinating Industrial Visit to Hero MotoCorp in Haridwar, the world's largest two-wheeler manufacturing facility. Students were captivated by the facility's cutting-edge mechanical automation, robots, and innovative production methods, offering invaluable insights into modern manufacturing.



This opportunity allowed students to observe real-world applications of advanced engineering principles and understand industry standards firsthand. The visit provided an enriching experience, which undoubtedly enhanced the students' grasp of contemporary production techniques and broadened their professional perspectives.

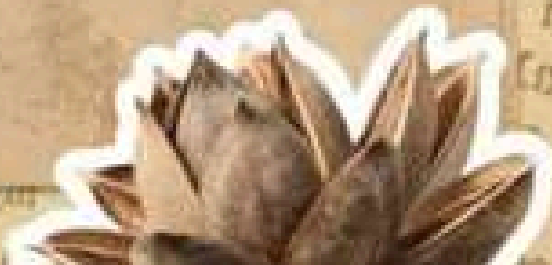


NCC CADET ACHIEVEMENTS

- Lt. (Dr) Jabrinder Singh (ANO 29 UK Bn): Achieved A-grade in Pre-commission and refresher courses, and received an Outstanding Service Award on 5th Sept. 2024.
 - Lt. (Dr) Brajlata Chauhan (ANO 11 UK Bn): Received a Certificate of Appreciation for Exercise Anubhav at OTA Gwalior and won Ex-Shakti.
 - CSM Devansh Ahi: Selected for Indian Army (NCC Spl. Entry, AIR-21) and Indian Air Force (AFCAT), joining Officer Training Academy, Chennai, on Sept. 26, 2024.
 - Sgt. Saima Siddiqui: Recommended for OTA Chennai via NCC Spl. Entry Scheme.
 - LCPL Tushar Sharma: Recommended for Indian Army (NCC Spl. Entry, AIR-77).
 - Sgt. Deepika Rawat and UO Upendra Singh: Selected for National Camp Advance Leadership Camp, Malout, Punjab.
 - Sgt. Ayush Singh Rawat and Cadet Ayush Kulhari: Attended National Camp Thal Sainik Camp in New Delhi, Sept. 2024.
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Quills & Quivers

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"From Shadows to Shine"

-Achal Anand

In the quiet nights when silence roared,
And the weight of the world was too much to be ignored,
She sat alone, with a heart full of fears,
Drowning in darkness, swimming in tears.

But deep within, a spark remained,
A glimmer of hope that quietly sustained.
Though the storms raged on, and the winds blew cold,
Her spirit whispered, "You're stronger than gold."

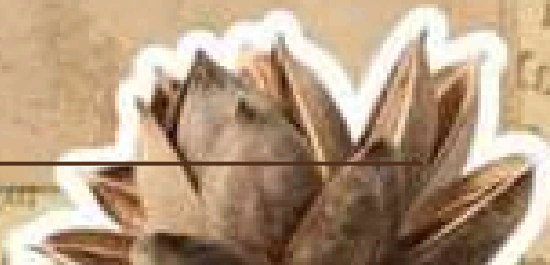
Step by step, she rose from the pain,
Learning to dance in the pouring rain.
The chains that bound her slowly fell away,
As she found the courage to greet each day.

She mended the pieces of her shattered heart,
With threads of love, she made a fresh start.
No longer a prisoner to sorrow's tight grip,
She learned to stand tall and never let slip.

The battles she fought, the scars she earned,
Are now the fire by which her soul has burned.
And in her eyes, a new light does gleam,
For she's more than her struggle – she's built her dream.

Now, she's ready to soar, to rise and to shine,
Her heart beats strong, her soul divine.
No longer alone, but whole and free,
She conquered her battle – and now she's meant to be.

The past may linger, but it's left behind,
For she's found her peace, her joy, her mind.
The world is hers, and she's ready to say,
"I'm here to shine, and I've found my way."




Water Memory

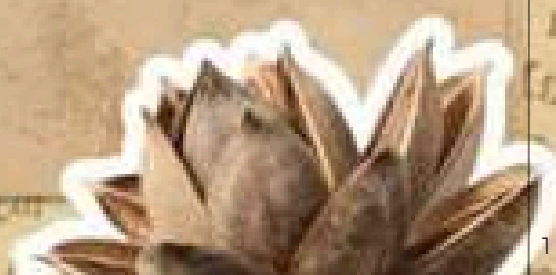
- Dr. Manishika Rawat,

Last year, I travelled back to my native village for my jethi's (mom's older sister) Bhagwat . She left us suddenly in 2018 after being diagnosed with fourth-stage cancer that had metastasized to multiple organs. This feeling of loss has still not sunk with anyone in family. I had thought it was only me until this, because I could not visit her to say my final good bye (as I was a newly married girl and due to so called hindu traditions I was not allowed to ...). But this time I realised that the feeling is shared by everyone in the family. As the Vyaas Ji began the chants for her last journey to the heaven, describing how she is wearing a yellow saree and has a smile on her face, how peaceful she is and we are assuring her that we will never be able to forget her and will always remember her through our prayers. She has left a void in all our lives, which I guess will never be filled.

Anyways, after the completion of the Bhagwat, the Bhog (lunch for the whole village) and Vidai of the Vyaas Ji, the elders began to collect the water kept in several kalash that each of my Mom and Masis had setup on the first day of Bhagwat. They were collecting the water in different water bottles from the kalash to be taken back to their own pooja ghar. They were doing the same for the flowers and the rakh of the Maha Yagna. I saw it happening but forgot about it soon amidst the chaos and joy of all the cousins meeting after a long time. It was only after dinner that one of my Masi asked whether my Mom had given me the water. I asked her "why are we collecting the water?" She then said that this water has been witness to all the chants, bhajans and the yagna mantras for the past eight days. The water is sacred and I should sprinkle the water all across my house once I reach home. My mind went back to an article I read a few days ago about water memory. The article said that one should avoid drinking water in a place where you feel that the vibes are not correct, as water absorbs and stores the energy around. A highly disputed paper published in Nature in 1988 claimed that it is possible to change the molecular structure of the water without changing the chemical structure. According to the paper, the water molecules somehow retained a memory of the antibodies that they had previously been in contact with, so that a biological effect remained when the antibodies were no longer present. This, it seemed, validated the claims made for highly diluted homeopathic medicines.



So is 'water memory' just a fancy new term given to the age old ritual in India that we have been asked by our Nanis and Daadis and subsequently our Moms to practice. I began to wonder about the deep rooted scientific basis of our Hindu traditions. And then I realised that we always keep a kalash of water beside the Bhagwanji in our pooja ghar. We English-speaking tech-savvy generation have a tendency to dismiss our mother's and grandmother's beliefs, often stating their views to be old or obsolete. May be it's a colonial mindset, if it comes from the east, it's a superstition, if it comes from the west, it is science. Something to think about.



The whispering shadows

-Tejas Nautiyal

In a quiet town, there was an old house rumored to be haunted. For years, it stood abandoned, with vines creeping up its walls and windows covered in grime. One stormy night, a curious teenager named Alex decided to explore the house, fueled by the thrill of the unknown. As he stepped inside, the air felt heavy, and the floorboards creaked beneath his weight. The dim light from his flashlight flickered, casting eerie shadows on the walls. Alex felt an inexplicable chill but pressed on, drawn to the faded photographs lining the staircase. Suddenly, he heard a soft whisper, barely audible, calling his name. "Alex... come play with us..." The voice was childlike yet sinister. Heart pounding, he turned to leave, but the front door slammed shut, trapping him inside.

Panicking, Alex rushed through the house, the whispers growing louder, echoing from every corner. "Stay with us, Alex..." The shadows danced along the walls, swirling and reaching out as if they had a life of their own. In a frenzy, he stumbled into a dusty room and found a broken mirror. Staring back at him was not his own reflection, but the ghostly faces of children, their eyes hollow and pleading. "You can't leave us!" they cried in unison. Realizing too late the trap he had walked into, Alex backed away, but the shadows engulfed him, pulling him into the mirror's dark depths. The whispers faded to silence, and the house returned to its eerie calm, waiting patiently for the next curious soul to wander in. Outside, the storm raged on, unaware of the new occupant within the walls of the haunted house.


The Chopstick Curse

-Tejas Nautiyal

In a remote village in East Asia, there was an ancient legend surrounding the use of chopsticks. It was said that if someone dared to stick their chopsticks upright in a bowl of rice, they would invite the wrath of the spirits that guarded the land. The villagers knew better than to tempt fate, for many had gone missing after defying this sacred rule. One fateful evening, a brash young man named Jin returned to the village after years in the city. Laughing off the villagers' warnings, he declared the superstition ridiculous. As the sun set, casting long shadows across the dining hall, Jin decided to test the legend.

He filled his bowl with rice and dramatically drove his chopsticks straight into the center, laughing as his friends gasped in horror. "See? Nothing is going to happen!" he taunted, shoving a mouthful of rice into his mouth. That night, as Jin slept, he was awakened by an eerie rustling outside his window. The air turned icy, and a strange smell, like decayed leaves, wafted into his room. He sat up, heart pounding, and heard a soft, childlike giggle echoing from the darkness. "Jin... come play with us..."

Chills ran down his spine as he glanced at the clock—2:00 AM. Suddenly, the giggles turned into a chorus of whispers, swirling around him like a chilling wind. "You called us... you invited us..." Terrified, Jin leapt from bed and rushed to the door, but it wouldn't budge. The whispers grew louder, filling the room, as shadows began to dance along the walls. He stumbled back, eyes wide, as ghostly figures materialized—lost souls, their eyes hollow, faces twisted in sorrow and rage. "Why did you summon us?" one spirit hissed, its voice dripping with malice. Jin's heart raced as he realized the truth: the spirits of those who had vanished long ago had come for him. They reached out with cold, bony fingers, their touch like ice.

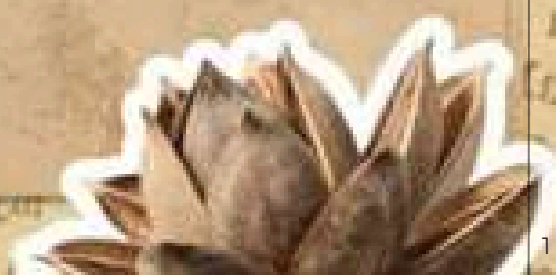


In a desperate attempt to escape, he shouted, "It was just a joke! I didn't mean it!" But the spirits only laughed, a haunting sound that reverberated through the room. "You think it's a joke? You have broken the sacred rule!"

Suddenly, Jin felt himself being pulled into the shadows, the spirits dragging him toward the void. Panic surged as he clawed at the air, trying to escape their grasp, but it was no use. The last thing he saw was the rice bowl, chopsticks still standing, a grim reminder of his foolishness.

The next morning, the villagers found Jin's home eerily silent. The rice bowl lay untouched, and the chopsticks were buried deep in the rice, upright and defiant. Jin was never seen again, and the legend grew. From that day on, the villagers whispered warnings to their children, ensuring the cursed tale would continue to haunt their dreams.

To this day, if you visit the village, you might hear the distant giggles of lost souls echoing through the night, reminding everyone that some traditions are better left unbroken.



The Garden Underneath

-Dr. Jaya Upadhyay

There are bluebells on the sheets I pull on top,
And a handful of garden underneath.

Every night I have remained awake, I have counted against these buds.
I have found with certainty that each bud lasts a seven and one
sleepless night equals that.

On the eighth day, they scatter while am awake for another seven.

One plant life isn't enough to bring sleep to those oppressed with life,
or to those comforted by grief.

Whose identity is reclaimed by their sorrow and the acid they breathe.
Who, like the zombie stars, reincarnate on exploding.

Or for whom abjection is comforting.

Festooned by wake walking,
so many of these children of the Stardust,
Have lost their appetite for sleep.

They are the ones imprisoned by the garden underneath.

Lessons

-Dr. Shreya Rastogi

Little feet peeping out of a gate
Carelessly scampering
With a busy playmate.
Expectant voices . . .
With hushed giggles await
—the denner's count—
Hide and seek
Important lessons learnt early.



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