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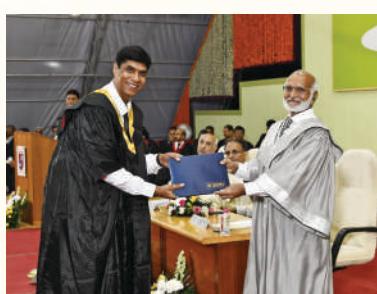
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MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL'S DESK



Dear Reader,

As we navigate a world of dynamic change and innovation, I am pleased to share how our university continues to grow and excel in education, research, and overall development.

The past few months have been marked by remarkable achievements that reinforce our standing as a leading institution in India's higher education landscape.

In the NIRF 2024 rankings, the university maintained its commendable position, reflecting the strength of our academic programmes, research ecosystem, and student-centric initiatives. Additionally, our performance in the Gujarat State Institutional Rating Framework (GSIRF) 2024 further affirms our relentless pursuit

of quality and continuous improvement.

Collaboration remains key to our progress. We have signed MoUs with diverse and distinguished institutions and organisations to support research, innovation, and skills training. These include partnerships with System Level Solutions, Dhruva Space, ResearchSAT, CSIR-CEERI, Swasthya Diabetes Care, Project Management Institute, and Himalayan Institute of Alternatives to enrich our students' learning experiences.

A landmark development during this period has been the inauguration of the 'Nima Knowledge Centre', our new Central Library. This modern knowledge hub exemplifies our belief that access to information and a conducive learning environment are crucial to academic success. With advanced facilities, it is set to be a hub for learning and research on campus.

Another proud moment for the university was the successful conduct of the 33rd Convocation Ceremony. It was heartening to witness the joy and pride of our graduating students and their families as they embarked on the next phase of their journey as ambassadors of Nirma University.

Our students continue to bring laurels, winning national and international competitions such as the Asia-Pacific Robot Contest, National Robocon Championship, Underwater Robotics Competition, Aerothon 2024, Young Designers League, and National Open Automation Challenge 2024. Their success reflects the university's strong mentorship and innovative environment.

We hosted several conferences, seminars, and workshops, encouraging knowledge exchange and collaboration with experts from academia and industry.

The pride of any university lies in the success of its alumni, and we are delighted to share inspiring stories of Nirma graduates making their mark across the world. For example, Ms Priyanshi Mehta founded a skincare startup from the Nirma Incubation Centre, Mr Dhruvil Sanghvi made it to the Hurun India under 35 list for his contributions to logistics automation, and Mr Ronak Chirpal won the Times Gujarat Icons 2024 Visionary Entrepreneur award.

As we look ahead, our focus remains on interdisciplinary education, impactful research, sustainability, and global partnerships.

Anup K Singh, PhD
Director General



Inauguration of Nima Knowledge Centre, the Central Library

The university has come up with its newly enhanced Central Library, the 'Nima Knowledge Centre' on Dec 13, 2024. Shri Rakeshbhai K Patel, Vice Chairman, Nirma Limited; Shri K K Patel, Vice President, Nirma University; and other members, including senior officials and directors, attended the inauguration ceremony.

The Nima Knowledge Centre spans six floors, providing seating for up to 1000 individuals. The library is strategically designed with both Reading Zones and Silence Zones to cater to the varied needs of users. It includes diverse spaces such as discussion rooms, cubicles, training rooms, reading areas, ensuring an ideal environment for individual study and group collaboration.

The library's modernisation also includes cutting-edge automation with the KOHA (Knowledge Organisation and Helpful Automation) system, enhancing the management and organisation of resources. RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology has been implemented to streamline the tracking of library materials, ensuring security and efficiency. Additionally, users can benefit from self-service kiosks, which allow for easy book checkouts and returns.



RANKINGS

NIRF 2024

As per the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) released by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, in August 2024, the constituent institutes of Nirma University received the following ranking:

Institute of Architecture & Planning: 19th rank

Institute of Pharmacy: 37th rank

Institute of Management: 55th rank

NIRMA UNIVERSITY
NAAC ACCREDITED 'A+' GRADE

Institute of Architecture and Planning
19th in Architecture Category

Institute of Pharmacy
37th in Pharmacy Category

Institute of Management
55th in Management Category

NIRMA UNIVERSITY SHINES IN NIRF 2024 RANKINGS!

We are proud to announce that our institutes have secured remarkable positions among the top 100 in India as per the NIRF 2024 Rankings by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

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GSIRF 2024

As per the Gujarat State Institutional Rating Framework (GSIRF) awarded by the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Department of Education, Government of Gujarat, released in December 2024, Nirma University received a 5-Star Plus rating. This recognition highlights the university's exceptional performance across a range of key metrics.

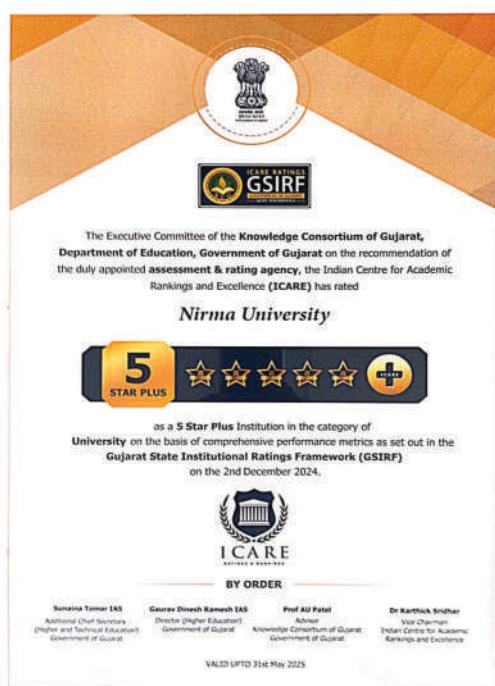
In addition to the university's 5-Star Plus rating, several of its constituent institutes have also excelled, earning 5-Star Ratings in their respective categories. These include:

Institute of Architecture and Planning

Institute of Technology (Engineering category)

Institute of Law

Institute of Pharmacy



India Today's Best B-Schools Ranking

The Institute of Management secured 8th rank in the West Zone in India Today's Best B-Schools Ranking, Nov 2024 edition. The institute secured 27th rank in the list of Best B-Schools published by 'The Week- Hansa Research Survey 2024'.

MoUs

MoU with CSIR-CEERI, Pilani in the Semiconductor Sector

Nirma University has taken a significant step forward in the field of semiconductor technology by signing an MoU with CSIR-CEERI, Pilani on July 18, 2024. This collaboration promises to foster significant advancements in cutting-edge semiconductor research and equip students with the skills necessary to thrive in the semiconductor industry.

MoA with Swasthya Diabetes Care, Ahmedabad for Diabetes Management and Related Areas

The Institute of Pharmacy and Swasthya Diabetes Care, Ahmedabad, signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on July 11, 2024 to foster mutual growth and excellence in diabetes care. This strategic partnership focuses on Diabetes Clinical Care, Community work, Research and Innovation activities, Hospital visits and training, and Education in Diabetes care.

MoU with Himalayan Institute of Alternatives, Ladakh (HIAL) to Foster Collaborative Initiatives

The Institute of Architecture and Planning signed an MoU with the Himalayan Institute of Alternatives, Ladakh (HIAL) on Aug 1, 2024. HIAL, founded by renowned innovator and environmentalist Mr Sonam Wangchuk, is an alternative university focused on sustainable development and practical, hands-on learning tailored to mountain regions. This MoU intends to foster collaborative efforts in Joint Research, Faculty exchange, and Student exchange.



MoU with Project Management Institute, Gujarat Chapter to Foster Project Management Education

Nirma University signed an MoU with the Project Management Institute, Gujarat Chapter (PMIGJC), a prominent organisation associated with PMI, USA, to advance project management education and practices on Dec 22, 2024. The partnership aims to equip students with industry-relevant skills and practical knowledge in project management. As a part of the collaboration, a Project Management Student Club (PMSC) will be established at the university. The club will serve as a platform for students to gain hands-on experience in project management, bridging the gap between academic learning and industry requirements. PMIGJC, which boasts a network of over 850 certified project management professionals, will organise workshops, training sessions, and events tailored to enhance students' project management competencies.



MoU with SLS, Anand to Promote Innovation and Skill Development

Nirma University and System Level Solutions, Anand, Gujarat signed an MoU on Dec 10, 2024 to promote innovation and skill development. This collaboration aims to bridge the gap between academic expertise and industry needs, fostering a synergy that benefits students, researchers, and the industry alike.



MoU with Dhruva Space Pvt Ltd and ResearchSAT to Enhance Research

The Institute of Pharmacy signed a tri-party MoU with Dhruva Space Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad, India, and ResearchSAT, Adelaide, South Australia on Dec 20, 2024. This collaboration marks a significant milestone in fostering research and development initiatives.



STUDENTS

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

ACHIEVEMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

International Asia-Pacific Robot Contest 2024

Team Nirma Robocon, competing against 13 teams from various countries of Asia-Pacific region, won the prestigious Kajima Corporation Award at International ABU Robocon 2024 for innovative and robust designs of Robots during Aug 23-30, 2024.

Pickleball World Cup

Rakshikha Ravi, a first-year BTech Electronics and Communication Engineering student from the Institute of Technology won the gold medal in the Open Mixed Doubles 5.0 category at the Pickleball World Cup, held at Villa Deportiva Nacional in Lima, Peru, from Oct 22-27, 2024.



ACHIEVEMENTS AT NATIONAL LEVEL

National Robocon Championship 2024

Team Nirma Robocon has once again demonstrated its unparalleled prowess in robotics by clinching the National Robocon Championship title, held from July 12 to 14, 2024, in New Delhi. Organised by Doordarshan and IIT Delhi, this event brought together the brightest minds and most innovative teams from across the nation. This year's victory marks Team Nirma Robocon's 11th national championship title, setting a new record in the competition's history. After rigorous evaluations and challenges, 46 teams advanced to the final round.

As national champions, Team Nirma Robocon represented India as Team India at the International Robocon Competition held in August in Vietnam.

Robocon, short for Robotic Contest, is an international robotics competition that challenges university teams to design and build robots to complete specific tasks, fostering creativity, engineering skills and teamwork. The theme of Robocon 2024 was 'Harvest Day.' It revolves around tasks related to the stages of rice cultivation, including sowing, harvesting, and transporting the harvested grains to a designated storage area.



National Open Automation Challenge 2024

Team Green Guardians, 3rd year BTech Electronics and Instrumentation students, secured 3rd position at the National Open Automation Challenge 2024 organised by B&R Automation at Dr D Y Patil Institute of Technology, Pune on July 11, 2024. The team implemented the plastic waste recycling process to safeguard the environment using different robotics and automation tools such as Automation Studio, MapView and Scene Viewer, which was well appreciated by the jury and audience.

StrategiX 2024: National Case Challenge

The team comprising Kenil Rajaguru, Chhavi Mittal, Ayush Jha and Sounak Bhunia, students from the Institute of Management, stood Runner-up in the StrategiX 2024: National Case Challenge, organised by SVNIT, Surat on Aug 24, 2024. Over 3300 teams nationwide participated, all competing to solve real-world business cases.

Robofest-Gujarat 4.0

The Proof of Concept on designing a 'Application Based Robot' submitted by the students' team from the Institute of Design, comprising Avani Thotam, Jayesh Vishwakarma, and Arnav Bagade has been selected for Level III (Prototype stage) in India's biggest Robotics Competition, Robofest-Gujarat 4.0. As a token of recognition for their creative presentation and demonstration, the team received a cash prize of Rs 2,00,000.

Underwater Robotics Competition

Team Nirma AUV, comprising 17 engineering students of the Institute of Technology, won the national championship at the AMU ROVC'24, held from Nov 9-10, 2024 at Aligarh Muslim University, Uttar Pradesh. In the final round, Team Nirma AUV's Remotely Operated Vehicle, Agastya 4.1, stood out by performing each task with remarkable precision. In addition to defending its title, the team earned a cash prize of Rs 25000, marking a significant achievement in the field of underwater robotics.

The AMU ROVC'24 competition, a prestigious event organised by the Marine Technology Society's Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Club (MTS-AUV) in collaboration with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE AMU), is designed to foster a community of young innovators in the domain of remotely operated underwater vehicles (ROVs). The competition challenges students across three phases: a Comprehensive Design Report, a Proof of Concept video, and a final in-person contest, where only the top seven teams reached the final stage.



India's Best Design Student Awards 2024

Anshav Maheshwari from the Institute of Design was one of the recipients of the 'India's Best Design Student Awards' hosted at Ritz Carlton, Pune on Aug 31, 2024. He was among the 19 awardees selected from 100 contestants from across design schools of India and across categories of Product Design, Communication Design, Digital Design, Spatial Design etc.



Startup Teams Incubated at Nirma University Achieve Success at the Invention Factory Programmes

The startup teams incubated at Nirma University have achieved significant success at the Invention Factory programmes, organised by the Maker Bhavan Foundation during May 27 to July 5, 2024. These events, held at IIT Gandhinagar and IIT Bombay, brought together bright minds from premier institutes across India, including IITs, NITs, BITS, and other leading universities. The programme provided a platform for young innovators to develop and present their cutting-edge projects.

At IIT Bombay, Nirma University student Vrushti Shah led her team to develop an advanced Muscle Pain and Cramp Relief Device. Shah's innovation earned her team the top prize of Rs 2,00,000, highlighting the device's potential impact on improving the quality of life for those experiencing muscle pain.

Saket Joshi, another Nirma University participant, competed at IIT Gandhinagar. His team developed a device aimed at treating Restless Leg Syndrome (RLS). The RLS Treatment Device utilises personalised electrostimulation, tailored through machine learning algorithms, to alleviate symptoms. This innovative approach secured Joshi's team the second runner-up position and a prize of Rs 50,000, recognising the significant potential of their work in healthcare technology.



Aerothon 2024

Team Arrow from the Institute of Technology emerged as the National Champion at Aerothon 2024, held at GITAM University, Bengaluru organised by SAEINDIA during Nov 14-16, 2024. The team won the Best Business Plan Proposal award, and a cash prize of Rs 1.75 lakhs. This national-level competition was conducted in two rigorous phases, where Team Arrow competed against some of India's most esteemed universities. The team achieved the highest overall score by completing all four mission challenges in Phase-2.

National Level Dance Competition

Mahima Dave from the Institute of Pharmacy secured the first position in the National level dance competition, 'Saamved Kala Mahotsav' for Classical Dance (Kathak), held at Baroda, Gujarat on Oct 20, 2024. Nearly 200 dancers performed different dance styles, including classical, folk, and western.



Young Designers League (YDL)

Three student teams from the Institute of Design, earned recognition at the Young Designers League (YDL), a national-level design competition hosted by MITID Indore and Avantika University, Ujjain on Dec 13, 2024. Students' innovative ideas and exemplary execution garnered widespread acclaim from the esteemed jury.

The project 'Ditto', developed by Pranathi Sridara, Hunny Modi, Eva Gajjar, and Prathama Shah, received first position for its innovative approach to early childhood development. 'Ditto' is an IoT-based interactive game aimed at enhancing motor skills in children aged 3 to 5 years. Project 'Cerebray' conceptualised by Jayesh Vishwakarma, Yashvi Shah, and Yash Tiwari secured the first runner-up position in the Industrial Design Category. 'Cerebray' is a non-invasive, drug-free device designed to offer effective migraine relief through targeted vibration therapy. Project 'KaaryaKonnect' developed by Navya Jain, Misha Thakkar, Dhruvi Madhvani, and Aayushi Patel secured the second runner-up in the UI-UX category. 'KaaryaKonnect' is an app designed to empower blue-collar workers by connecting them with better job opportunities, skill development resources, and fair wages.



CII (Confederation of Indian Industries) Young Designer Award 2024

Ronak Sutariya, Ayushman Singh Jodha, Prerak Mandavia, and Sumukh Kulkarni from the Institute of Design received the CII Young Designer Award in the 'Design for Social Impact' category for their project 'Brailiant' - a playful learning aid for visually impaired children. The award was presented at the 4th CII Young Designer Awards ceremony, in Bengaluru on Dec 18-19, 2024.



Inter-College Sports Fest

The Institute of Law's Boys' Basketball team, under the leadership of Captain Kuldeep Lohar, clinched the championship title, with Kuldeep also earning recognition as the tournament's highest scorer. The Girls' Basketball team, led by Captain Ziya Mansuri, secured a 3rd place at the 14th Inter-College Sports Fest 'Virudhaka,' held at the National Law Institute University, Bhopal, from Oct 10-13, 2024.

12th UFYLC Ranka National Moot Court Competition

The Institute of Law students team comprising Katyayini Rana, Shreeja Mitra, and Rishit Paliwal won the 12th UFYLC Ranka National Moot Court Competition, organised by the University of Rajasthan on Oct 5-7, 2024.



Drone Development Challenge

Team Arrow from the Institute of Technology secured 2nd place at the Drone Development Challenge (DDC) 2024 organised by SAEISS (Society of Automobile Engineers India Southern Section) at SRM University, Chennai from Aug 29 to 31, 2024.



IIT Bombay Parliamentary Debate Competition

Srinivas Iyer and Shaunak Saha from the Institute of Law won the Novice Championship at the 17th IIT Bombay Parliamentary Debate 2024, organised from Oct 18-20, 2024. They were the top-breaking novice team, and Shaunak Saha was awarded Best Speaker for the novice finals.

Social Entrepreneurship Pitching Competition

Hrishikesh Bokate was declared the 1st runner-up at the GNLU Social Entrepreneurship Pitching Competition held on Sep 6, 2024. His innovative solution addressed crimes against women through a comprehensive approach that combines therapy, judicial assistance, self-defense training, and a 24-hour helpline. Supported by the Centre for Entrepreneurship and E-Cell, his initiative aims to make a significant impact on enhancing women's safety and well-being.



STUDENTS

Intra-University Level Achievements

Disceptatio 2024: Conventional Debate Competition

The second edition of Disceptatio, the Conventional Debate Competition witnessed participation from 32 teams across the constituent institutes of Nirma University on Aug 31, 2024. Nandini Zunder and Shreya Bharti from the Institute of Law emerged as the winners. Purnoor Hussain from the Institute of Design was adjudged as the Best Proposition Speaker and Sana Narmawala from the Institute of Technology was adjudged as the Best Opposition Speaker.



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

I-Hub Start up Srujan Seed Support

The Institute of Design Semester 7 students Joel Yeldo Alias, Anurag Nambiar, Diya Gupta, and Ananya Shah have created (halo) shield, a safety device which has also been selected as a product design finalist for the Taiwan International Student Design Competition. The device senses hazardous industrial environments, analyses data in real time, and predicts potential hazards before time. The (halo) shield uses RFID encoded data on each device, which, when scanned, gives anyone information on the owner's medical history. This project has been awarded Rs 5 lakh as part of the I-Hub Start up Srujan Seed Support Programme by the Government of Gujarat. The key elements of the project are to eliminate accidents, injuries, and exposure to harmful chemicals, raise workplace standards and efficiency, and reduce disruptions and downtime. The underlying technology is IoT, which allows for scaling the network of devices up or down based on the size of the workplace.



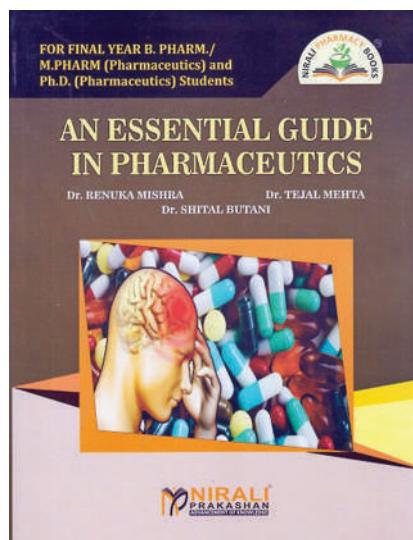
RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Book Release

A book titled 'An Essential Guide in Pharmaceutics', authored by the Institute of Pharmacy faculty members, Dr Renuka Mishra, Dr Tejal Mehta and Dr Shital Butani, and co-authored by Ms Jahanvi Patel and students, and alumni Ms Shailvi Shah, Ms Mitali Paryani, Ms Lajja Patel and Mr Amarjitsingh Rajput was published on Aug 20, 2024. This comprehensive guide is an invaluable resource for final-year BPharm and MPharm students, as well as PhD candidates. Published by Nirali Prakashan, Pune, the book serves as a vital tool for students preparing for placement interviews, competitive exams like GPAT, and those aspiring to pursue advanced studies or research positions in the field of Pharmaceutics.

Inauguration of Cyber Physical System Laboratory

The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, School of Technology inaugurated its state-of-the-art Cyber Physical System (CPS) Laboratory on Nov 30, 2024. The event was marked by the presence of Shri K K Patel, Vice President; Dr Anup K Singh, Director General; Dr Himanshu Soni, Director of the School of Technology; Dr Rajesh N Patel, Director of the School of Engineering; Dr Usha Mehta, HOD, Electronics and Communication Engineering, as well as heads of various departments, faculty members, and staff. The laboratory's advanced infrastructure aims to drive innovation and research across diverse fields, including drone technology, embedded systems, smart grids, autonomous vehicles, medical monitoring, industrial control systems, and more.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

33rd Convocation

Nirma University hosted its 33rd Convocation Ceremony on Nov 22, 2024, where 2,780 students graduated, including 1,884 undergraduate, 861 postgraduate, and 35 doctoral students. The ceremony was graced by Hon'ble Shri Sanjib Kumar Behera, Executive Director & State Head (Gujarat) of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, as the Chief Guest. Dr Karsanbhai K Patel, President of Nirma University, presided over the event. A total of 66 medals were awarded to 56 students, including 30 female and 26 male medallists, recognising their exceptional academic performance.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Conferences, Workshops and Seminars

American Chemical Society Toxicology India Chapter Conference

American Chemical Society Toxicology India Chapter (ACS TOXI INDIA 2024) conference was organised by the American Chemical Society-Division of Chemical Toxicology India in collaboration with the Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University, and the Scientific Educational Conferences International Forum on Oct 14-15, 2024. Prof Grover P Miller, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, USA was the Chief Guest. The conference explored the theme 'The Role of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Assessing Human Toxicity of Xenobiotics and Environmental Hazards.'



Utkrishta: The Management Conclave

The Institute of Management hosted its flagship conclave, Utkrishta 2024, on Oct 18-19, 2024. The event brought together industry leaders, students, and faculty to explore transformative ideas shaping the future of business. The inaugural session featured Mr Mihir Joshi (CEO of GVFL) giving insights on leadership demands. Other notable speakers included Ms Vijeta Soni (CEO and Co-founder of Sciative), Dr Saheli Sinha (Director-Operations, ASCI), Mr Srinivas Bhattacharya (Head-Insights, Tata Consumer Products), and Mr Chintan Dudhela (Business Head, Finnovate) covering topics like self-regulation in advertising, insights-driven growth, and innovative wealth strategies.

Day two continued with tracks on data-driven decision-making, digital transformation, and next-gen workforce onboarding, led by experts including Mr Jishnu Guha (Director, Credit Analysis, Standard Chartered Bank), Mr Mukur Shah (Vice President, Adani Power), and Mr Abhay Kapoor (Head of HR, IR, and Administration, Suzuki Motor Gujarat Pvt Ltd). The event concluded with Mr Dhaval Sheth (Partner, Grant Thornton) who shared consulting insights through case studies.



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National Conference on Labour and Industrial Law

The Institute of Law hosted a national conference on 'Contemporary Issues and Challenges in Labour and Industrial Laws' on Oct 18-19, 2024. At the conference's inauguration, Hon'ble Mr Justice M C Patel was the Chief Guest, and Shri Ajay Tomar, Retd IPS Officer was the Guest of Honour. The conference consisted of a total of four technical sessions on themes such as industrial relations; wages; social security; and, occupational safety, health and working conditions followed by a panel discussion on the conference theme. The conference provided a dialogue for government representatives, trade unions and employers' representatives to discuss various contemporary issues relating to Labour and Industrial laws. The valedictory session was chaired by Dr Rekhakumari Singh, Dean (I/c) of Faculty of Law, Sardar Patel University and Shri Vipul Pandya, President, Bandhakam Mazdoor Sangh along with Dr Madhuri Parikh, Director and Dean (I/c) Institute of Law, Nirma University.



Seminar on Nano Drug Delivery

A seminar on Nano Drug Delivery (SNDD-2024) was organised by the Department of Pharmaceutics, Institute of Pharmacy, in association with the Centre for Continuing Education, and the Centre for Advanced Instrumentation, Nirma University on Oct 22, 2024. The seminar opened with an inaugural session, featuring Dr Mahesh Paithankar, Vice President of NDDS, Intas Pharmaceuticals Ltd, as the Chief Guest. Dr Paithankar delivered a talk on 'Nano Drug Delivery in Modern Medicine', focusing on the role of nano-based systems in contemporary therapeutic strategies. Other sessions included a talk on 'Innovative Formulation and Development Technology in the Biopharmaceutical Division' by Dr Chandresh Bhatt, Senior Manager, Kashiv Biosciences, and an online session on 'Characterisation and Optimisation of Nanoparticle Size and Stability' by Dr Namrata Jain, Application Scientist at Horiba India Pvt Ltd. The seminar-cum-workshop also included a demonstration of equipment like particle size analyser (zetasizer), lipid extruder, E-spin, 3-D printer, high-speed homogenizer, high-pressure homogenizer, FTIR, DSC, etc., thus showcasing advanced instrumentation for nanoparticle formulation and characterisation. This gave participants practical insights into the technologies used in drug delivery research and development, and their scope and challenges.



Manak Mahotsav

BIS Standards Club and IGBC Students' Chapter, Institute of Technology organised 'Manak Mahotsav' on Oct 14, 2024 (World Standards Day), and Oct 15, 2024 (National Student's Day). The event featured a Research Revolution session led by Dr B S Munjal, faculty at the Institute of Technology, Nirma University. Participants showcased their skills in competitions like the Sustainability Solutions Sprint and Plan It Right, where they devised eco-friendly civil engineering solutions within the given timeframes. The event concluded with an inspiring leadership session by ex-Captain Smitha Naidu, Associate Director at IQVIA, who shared essential lessons on leadership in both corporate and personal realms.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Workshop on Advanced Techniques in Cosmetic Formulation and Testing

The Department of Pharmacognosy, Institute of Pharmacy hosted a workshop on 'Advanced Techniques in Cosmetic Formulation and Testing' on Nov 7, 2024. The workshop included engaging presentations by Dr Maheshvari Patel, Founder & COO of NovoBliss Research, who discussed advanced instrumental techniques for assessing the safety and efficacy of dermatological products; Ms Vilhyati Dedania, Founder & Director of Nichessential Care, Ahmedabad, spoke on trends, consumer insights, and evaluations in hair care products; and Mr Mihir Bhatt, Assistant Manager at Brillare Science Pvt Ltd, led a hands-on training session in cosmetic formulation and testing.



Workshop on Child Rights Legislation

The Centre for Child Rights Advocacy and Centre for Social Justice, Institute of Law organised a workshop on 'Child Rights Legislation' in collaboration with the United Nations International Children Education Fund (UNICEF) and Sauhard (NGO) on Nov 14, 2024. Shri Rahul Trivedi, Secretary of Gujarat State Legal Service Authority; Dr Dharmang Baxi, Professor, Institute of Law; Shri Divya Bhagia, CEO – Sauhard; Mr Indrajeet Chauhan, Representative, Prayas (NGO); and Ms Prita Jha, Representative, Peace and Equality Cell (NGO) were the key speakers at the event.

IP Conclave 2.0

The Centre of Intellectual Property Rights at the Institute of Law organised IP Conclave 2.0 on Nov 22, 2024. Esteemed speakers, including Mr Pranay Bali (Partner, ALG India Law Offices LLP), Mr Abhishek Gurbani (Partner, Saikrishna & Associates), Ms Ankita Sabharwal (Senior Associate, Chadha & Chadha), and Ms Sunaina Brahma (Senior Associate, Khaitan & Co), shared their insights. The conclave covered various contemporary topics including effective enforcement strategies for trademark protection, legal challenges of content creation from an IP perspective, ethical and legal boundaries in data processing done by the businesses and comparative advertising agencies.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

iRISE ECR Capacity Building Workshop

The Directorate of Research and Innovation, Nirma University, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Pune, jointly organised the 'Early Career Researcher Capacity Building Programme' under the initiative of Inspiring India in Research Innovation and STEM Education (iRISE) from Dec 3-5, 2024. The programme's main objective was to upskill early career researchers by fostering interdisciplinary growth, enhancing professional skills, and providing industry exposure through internships to ensure success in academia, industry, and entrepreneurship. Around 80 full-time doctoral students of Nirma University participated in the workshop that covered sessions by eminent experts from Academia and Industry, Hands-on Training, Group Discussion, and Interactive sessions.



Pratidhwani - The Alumni Conclave

The Institute of Management, hosted 'Pratidhwani', the Alumni Conclave on Dec 7, 2024 with industry leaders and alumni like Mr Chintan Mehta, Ms Ayushi Godha, and Mr Rajat Gupta. The event covered topics such as sustainable economies, generative AI, and financial inclusion, promoting ideas for sustainability, innovation, and growth.



Workshop on Lean Six Sigma

The Institute of Management organised a workshop on KPMG Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification on Sep 8, 2024, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of process optimisation techniques. The workshop was led by seasoned professionals, Shashank Shrivastava, Lean Six Sigma Consultant at KPMG, and Praveen Pavithran, Assistant Manager at KPMG focusing on key aspects such as data analysis, root cause identification, and continuous improvement.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Workshop on Mediation Theory

The Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR), Institute of Law organised a 'Mediation Workshop' on Nov 23-24, 2024. Resource persons included Adv Amar N Bhatt, Adv Hriday Buch, Adv Priyadarshini A Vakil, Adv Nishant Lalakia, Adv Manan Bhatt, and Adv Archit Jani.

Workshop on Programming Self

The Institute of Commerce hosted the workshop on Aug 3, 2024 for faculty and staff members led by motivational speaker and life coach, Mr R K Chopra. The workshop aimed to facilitate personal and professional growth among faculty members by exploring the essence of life, setting clear personal goals, and overcoming barriers to success. Mr Chopra emphasised the importance of self-reflection and goal clarity, using storytelling and real-life examples to engage participants.



Workshop on Financial Literacy

The NSS Unit of the Institute of Commerce, in collaboration with the Department of Youth Affairs, organised a Financial Literacy Workshop on Aug 21, 2024. Ms Harsha Sharma, a certified trainer, led sessions on various financial topics, including the importance of savings, debit card benefits, government schemes and fraud prevention. During the workshop Mr Kamal Mackwan, Centre Incharge, ICICI Academy for Skills, Vadodara also gave his valuable inputs on financial literacy and addressed the queries of students.



All Gujarat Automation Engineers Meet (AGAEM'24)

The ISA Students' Chapter Nirma University hosted the Meet on Aug 10, 2024, which featured distinguished experts like Mr Pramod Parikh, an ISA-certified SIS-SIL specialist, Dr Jagdish Shukla, owner of Servilink Systems Limited, Mr Rahul Aggrawal, President of ISA Gujarat Section, among others. With participation from more than 12 colleges across Gujarat and over 100 attendees, the event included a research poster competition on 'Industrial Automation.'

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Celebration of Important Days

Kargil Vijay Diwas

The NCC Unit of Nirma University, in association with 1-Guj (Girls) NCC Bn and 9-Gujarat NCC Bn, NCC Ahmedabad Group, observed the 25th 'Kargil Vijay Diwas - Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav' on July 25, 2024 at the Nirma University campus. Major General Ramesh Shammugam, Additional Director General of NCC for Gujarat, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, was invited as the Chief Guest. NCC cadets prepared paintings and posters on the theme of Kargil Vijay Diwas and organised a cultural programme consisting of narrations, one-act plays and group acts that depicted various events from the Kargil War. The NCC battalion provided real weapons such as the 0.22 mm rifle, 7.62 mm SLR rifle, INSAS rifle, Prismatic compass and various informative charts for display and demonstration purposes. On this occasion, Shri K K Patel, Vice President, Nirma University, felicitated Veernari Rajeshree Mukeshkumar Rathod, the widow of Nk Mukeshkumar Rathod, who sacrificed his life during the Kargil War.



Anti-Ragging Week

As part of the Anti-Ragging Week (Aug 12-18, 2024), the Institute of Law organised a Poster-making competition on Aug 13, 2024 to raise awareness against ragging and foster a safe educational environment.

Further, the Institute of Pharmacy held an Anti-Ragging Poster Competition on Aug 17, 2024 aimed to raise awareness about the harmful impacts of ragging and to promote a culture of respect and inclusivity on campus. The posters conveyed powerful messages about the detrimental effects of ragging on mental health, academic performance, and overall well-being. The posters also emphasised the importance of reporting ragging incidents and seeking help from authorities.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Independence Day

Nirma University celebrated the 78th Independence Day on Aug 15, 2024, with a flag hoisting ceremony. The event was graced by Ms Mirai Chatterjee, Director of the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) Social Security. The ceremony saw enthusiastic participation from heads of institutions and departments and a large gathering of students, faculty, and staff members, reflecting the unity and spirit of freedom on this significant occasion.



Teachers Day

On the occasion of Teachers Day, students from the Institute of Pharmacy hosted several engaging activities, such as Balloon cup stacking, quizzes, tongue twisters, faculty memes, and poem recitation, among others, for teaching and non-teaching staff on Sep 5, 2024.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

National Space Day

The Student Association of the Institute of Pharmacy (NIPSA) organised a Space Research Awareness Programme for undergraduate students, coinciding with National Space Day, as declared by the Government of India on Aug 23, 2024. The event featured live telecast of the programme at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, allowing participants to witness the grand celebrations in the capital. In addition, an interactive session was held with Dr Priti Mehta, Chair Professor, who is actively involved in Space Medicine research followed by a quiz.



Hindi Diwas

The Institute of Commerce celebrated the Hindi Diwas on Sep 13, 2024 by inviting Mr Nazim Murad, a poet who mesmerised the audience with his poetry. Further, renowned radio jockey, Mr Subhash Gadhvi, reflected on the rich heritage and culture of our nation and emphasised the importance of Hindi as a language.

Celebrations at the Institute of Law included lively dance performances that showcased the vibrancy of the Hindi language, bridging connections among diverse individuals, and a 'Kavi Sammelan', a gathering of student poets, faculty, and established poets, showcasing their talent and highlighting the cultural richness that has thrived through Hindi music and cinema.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

International Literacy Day

LITWITS, the Literary Committee of the Institute of Commerce, hosted an Essay Writing Competition, and the Presentation Showdown on Sep 9, 2024 on the theme 'The Role of Multilingual Education in Bridging Cultural Gaps and Fostering Global Peace.'



World Pharmacist Day

World Pharmacist Day 2024, celebrated on September 25, was marked by a unique initiative at Jeevansandhya Old Age Home in Naranpura, Ahmedabad. The PharmD and BPharm students conducted a health camp where they performed essential health checkups, including BMI measurement, glucose testing, and blood pressure monitoring. The session highlighted practical interventions to improve their well-being, demonstrating the role of pharmacists in community service.

Constitution Day

The NSS Unit of the Institute of Management marked the 75th Constitution Day on Nov 26, 2024. Shri Manish Panday, Joint Director at the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Gujarat, highlighted the importance of the Constitution and its core principles, such as secularism and sovereignty. The event celebrated India's constitutional values with thought-provoking discussions and a speech competition where Renab Jha secured first place, followed by Aayush and Maharishi Jha.

The Institute of Law celebrated the Constitution Day by organising an Essay Writing competition on 'Exploring Writ Jurisdiction in India', a Constitutional Law Quiz, and an extempore Debate on Constitutional Law proposition.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Gandhi Jayanti

LITWITS, the Literary Committee of the Institute of Commerce, organised an online quiz competition to mark the Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations on Oct 2, 2024. The quiz covered topics like Mahatma Gandhi's life and philosophy, Indian history, and Freedom struggle.

World Meditation Day

In line with the United Nations General Assembly's declaration of December 21 as World Meditation Day, Nirma University observed the occasion with an expert talk by the eminent cardiologist, Padma Bhushan Dr Tejasbhai M Patel. Dr Patel, shared profound insights on meditation, including how it has shaped his life. A lively question-and-answer session followed, where students and staff posed intriguing questions to Dr Patel.

The session also included an address by Dr Karsanbhai K Patel, President, Nirma University, who shared his experiences with meditation and elaborated on the difference between Dhyana and Yoga, provided guidance on practising impactful meditation, and imparted valuable life lessons derived from mindful practices. Other dignitaries present on this occasion included, Mr Apurva Amin, a renowned architect; Shri K K Patel, Vice President, Nirma University; Mr Jagdishbhai Patel, an entrepreneur ; and Dr Anup K Singh, Director General, Nirma University.



Expert Talks

- Mr Rajesh Duraiswamy, Global Delivery Leader- Bank of America, along with his team, shared insights on the 'Financial industry's landscape and the evolving trends shaping its future' at the Institute of Management on July 31, 2024. They also discussed current industry trends, emphasising the increasing role of technology in banking, the shift towards sustainable finance and the need to adapt to changing regulatory environments.



- Mr Ankush Jain, Principal Consultant, Infosys shared insights on the 'Role of management graduates in technology organisations' at the Institute of Management on July 24, 2024.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

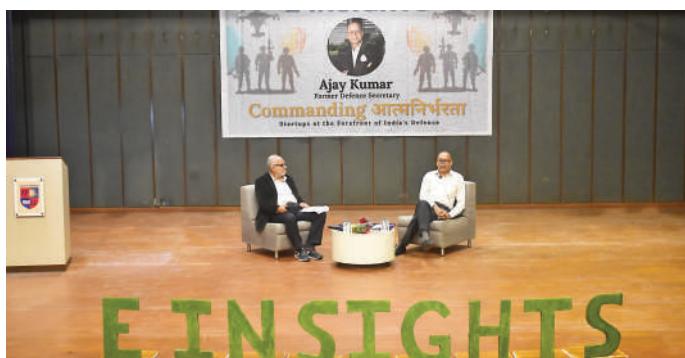
- Dr Bhavesh Sarna from the University of Jyväskylä, Finland conducted a ‘Sustainability and Circular Economy’ session at the Institute of Management on July 12, 2024.
 - Mr Sangram Gokhale, Consultant, Scientific Solutions, ACS International India Pvt Ltd gave a talk on ‘Demonstration of CAS SciFinder-N and CAS SciFinder Discovery Platform’ at the Institute of Pharmacy on Sep 3, 2024.



- Mr Saurabh Kasat, CFO, Dairy Classic Ice Cream Pvt Ltd gave a talk on 'How to Become a Better Finance Professional' at the Institute of Management on Sep 4, 2024.



- Mr Ajay Kumar, former Defence Secretary gave insights about Indian Defence Sector, and guided the participants for upcoming startups in this sector at the Institute of Management on Sep 6, 2024.



- Mr Heeru Tejwani, Senior Vice President at Motilal Oswal Private Wealth delivered a keynote address on 'Roadmap to Fixed Income' at the Institute of Management on Sep 12, 2024.



- Dr Subba Reddy B, Principal Research Scientist, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore gave a talk on ‘Recent Trends in High Voltage Engineering and Condition Monitoring Techniques’ at the Institute of Technology on Sep 12, 2024.
 - Mr Udayan Vyas, an advocate, took a session on ‘Public Interest Litigation: Manner and Craft’ at the Institute of Law on Sep 12, 2024. The session focused on the three key parts of PIL, providing valuable insights into the importance of understanding its qualification, evolution, and structural elements.



- Mr Shubham Jharjharia, an advocate at the High Court of Gujarat gave an expert talk on ‘Advanced Perspectives on Juvenile Justice and Child Protection: An In-Depth Analysis of the Juvenile Justice Act and POCSO Act in India’ on Sep 16, 2024 at the Institute of Law.
 - Mr Parindu Bhagat, a practitioner and an alumnus of Nirma University, conducted an expert session on ‘Exploring the Right to Know: Transparency, Access and Accountability on Electoral Matters’ at the Institute of Law on Sep 17, 2024.

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- Dr Chetna Desai, Professor and Head, Department of Pharmacology, and Coordinator - Regional Training Centre & ADR Monitoring Centre, BJ Medical College, Ahmedabad gave a talk on 'Know Your Medicines' as part of the National Pharmacovigilance Week celebrations on Sep 19, 2024.



- Dr Pallavi Bharadwaj, Assistant Professor, IIT Gandhinagar gave a talk on 'Role of Power Electronics in Net Zero Transition' at the Institute of Technology on Sep 20, 2024.



- Dr Anjani Singh Tomar, Professor, GNLU - Ahmedabad conducted an expert session on 'Private Defence in Criminal Law and Subjective Interpretation' at the Institute of Law on Sep 23, 2024.
- Mr Amol Sharma, an alumnus of the Institute of Law and associated with the 'Teach India Programme' for the last four years, conducted an interactive session on the theme 'Relevance of Social Sciences and Humanities for Law Students' at the Institute of Law on Oct 1, 2024.
- Dr Sergio Cavalaro, Associate Dean (Research & Innovation) and Chair of Infrastructure Systems at the School of Architecture, Building, and Civil Engineering, Loughborough University, UK, delivered an expert lecture on 'Novel Materials and Construction Methods' at the Institute of Technology on Oct 7, 2024.
- Ms Pinkal Panchal, a practicing therapist based in Los Angeles, USA conducted a session on 'Mental Health Awareness' at the Institute of Law on Oct 9, 2024.

- Dr Sanjeev Tyagi, retired Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director of the Gujarat Forestry Research Foundation, Gandhinagar conducted an expert lecture on 'Forest Law' on Oct 10, 2024 at the Institute of Law.
- Dr Lajwanti Chatani, Professor, MSU Baroda conducted a session on 'Capitalism' on Oct 15, 2024 at the Institute of Law. By engaging with the works of various influential philosophers, the students were encouraged to think critically about the historical and philosophical underpinnings of capitalism, as well as its socio-economic impact.
- Dr Punit Chaturvedi, Assistant Professor, National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur delivered a talk on 'Make Your Campus Healthy Campaign' on Oct 16, 2024. Dr Chaturvedi shared valuable insights on promoting health and wellness in educational settings, emphasising the importance of balanced lifestyles, mental health, and integrating Ayurveda into daily routines.
- Prof Manindra N Thakur, Associate Professor at the Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University delivered an expert talk on 'Law and Politics of Knowledge' at the Institute of Law on Oct 16, 2024.
- Advocate Amit Panchal delivered an expert talk on 'Public Interest Litigation (PIL)' at the Institute of Law on Oct 19, 2024.



- Mr Hriday Buch, Senior Advocate and Mr Jaimin Dave, Advocate, High Court of Gujarat conducted a session on 'Overview of Civil/Criminal Litigations: A Professional's Perspective' at the Institute of Law on Nov 11, 2024.
- Ms Dharmistha Raval, Executive Director (Retd) SEBI, and Senior Advocate delivered a talk on 'Frauds in the Indian Capital Market: A Legal Perspective' at the Institute of Law on Nov 16, 2024.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Dr Stephen Kerr, Provost, Academic and International Affairs, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Boston, USA, conducted a session on 'Mechanisms of Enzyme Catalysis' at the Institute of Pharmacy on Nov 18, 2024.
- Dr Amar Pal Singh, Vice Chancellor, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow conducted a session on 'Presenting a Research Proposal and Hypothesis' at the Institute of Law on Nov 18, 2024.
- Mr Amar Pendse, Managing Director at PwC conducted a session on 'Are You Ready to Excel as a Consultant?' at the Institute of Management on Nov 21, 2024.



- Dr Darshna Thakker, MD (Ob-Gyn), Senior Gynecologist and Director of Sarjan Health Care undertook a session on 'Mental Health and Stress Management' at the Institute of Pharmacy on Dec 3, 2024.

- Prof Gopal Balachandran (Associate Clinical Professor, Director - Criminal Appellate & Post-Conviction Services Clinic, and Director - Externships Programme, Penn State Law, USA), Prof Medhavi Singh (Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School) and Mr Parth Jain (Founder, Legal ToolKit, India) visited the Institute of Law on Nov 25, 2025 to share insights on 'Entrepreneurial Venture'.
- Dr Heena Rachh, Founder and Director of Dr Heena's Finishing School conducted a session on 'Ace Your Interview: Expert Strategies for Success' at the Institute of Pharmacy on Dec 6, 2024.
- Dr Yashvant V Pathak, Professor and Associate Dean at USF Health Taneja College of Pharmacy conducted a session on 'Back to Square One: A Passage Towards Precision Medicine' at the Institute of Pharmacy on Dec 16, 2024.



OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Smart India Hackathon

E-Cell Nirma University successfully concluded its highly anticipated Smart India Hackathon, a flagship event designed to unite some of the brightest minds in the tech community on Sep 16, 2025. With over 110 teams (660 students) participating, the event served as a dynamic platform for participants to transform their innovative ideas into practical solutions, fostering a spirit of healthy competition. The event was divided into two segments: the Software edition and the Hardware edition. The projects were evaluated by a distinguished panel of experts in technology and entrepreneurship.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Celebrating 10 Years of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

On Sep 21, 2024, the NCC Unit and the Students' Welfare Board, Nirma University organised a cleanliness drive as part of the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The event took place at the Tragad Talav, located near the Nirma University campus. NCC cadets actively participated in the cleanliness initiative, where they conducted thorough cleaning in and around the Tragad Talav area. The team successfully collected approximately 40 kilograms of waste, significantly enhancing the beauty of the area and its surroundings.



Faculty Development Programme

The Institute of Pharmacy organised a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) 'Synergising Academic Success: A Comprehensive Skill Development Programme' from July 8-20, 2024. Prof H B Patel, Registrar (officiating) and Dean, School of Education, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar inaugurated the event and spoke on 'Assessment and Evaluation in Teaching-Learning.'

Institute of Law organised a Faculty Development Programme on 'Course on Wheels: Faculty Immersion Programme: Learning Through Field-Based Interventions' from July 1-15, 2024. Experts included Dr Jyotsana Yagnik (Retd Judge & Clinical Professor, ILNU), Dr D C Baxi (Adjunct Professor, ILNU), Shri Ajay Kumar Tomar (Senior IPS Officer), Ms Nupur Sinha (Senior Activist, Centre for Social Justice, Ahmedabad) and Dr Mahesh Pandya (Founder, NGO- Paryavartan Mitra).



Har Ghar Tirangaa

The NCC Unit at Nirma University, in collaboration with the Students Welfare Board, celebrated the 'Har Ghar Tirangaa' campaign on Aug 14, 2024 as part of the 78th Independence Day celebrations. Affiliated with the NCC Ahmedabad Group, Gujarat Directorate, the unit organised a Tirangaa Rally on the university campus, embodying the spirit of patriotism.



Aadhaar Card Registration and Updation Drive

The NSS Unit of the Institute of Management under the aegis of the Students' Welfare Board, Nirma University and support from the Aadhaar Agency and Kotak Mahindra Bank facilitated the Aadhaar Card Registration and Updation Drive on the university campus on Aug 22, 2024. It provided an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to update their Aadhaar details on campus conveniently.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Orientation Programme

The Institute of Pharmacy held an Orientation Programme for PharmD students from July 29- Aug 3, 2024. Dr Karen Beth H Bohan, Interim Associate Dean for Admission and Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Binghamton University, USA was the chief guest. Dr Natesan, Director, Institute of Pharmacy welcomed the students and provided an overview of the PharmD programme at Nirma University.

The Institute of Law organised its Orientation Programme for first-year students from July 16-25, 2024. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Hon'ble Justice Ms S G Gokani from High Court of Gujarat, who highlighted the importance of legal education. Spanning over ten days, the Orientation Programme included several external and internal expert speakers orienting the students on topics ranging from Clinical Legal Education, Mental Health Awareness, Importance of Nutrition, Cyber Security, Law & AI to Gender Sensitisation. The students were also introduced to various students' committees and centres for co-curricular activities, rules and regulations regarding academic and administrative processes, alumni interaction and internships and placement opportunities. Orientation Programme for the Postgraduate Programme (LLM) students was held on Aug 5, 2024.

The Institute of Architecture and Planning organised Orientation Week for the first-semester BArch students from Aug 29 to Sep 10, 2024. The programme included hands-on workshops, including Origami, Fun with Colors, Clay, Murals, and Model-making.



Patriotic Song Competition

The Institute of Design under the aegis of the Student Welfare Board, Nirma University, organised 'Deshraag', a Patriotic Song Competition on Aug 3, 2024. The event saw enthusiastic participation, with eight teams in the student category and four teams in the faculty-staff category. In the Students' category, the Institute of Management stood first and the Institute of Commerce stood second. In the Faculty-Staff category, the Institute of Pharmacy was adjudged the winner and the Institute of Architecture and Planning stood



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Foundation Day

The Institute of Law celebrated its 18th Foundation Day on Aug 20, 2024. Prof Bhavani Prasad Panda, Former Vice Chancellor of Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai graced the event and highlighted the pivotal role of legal education in addressing societal struggles.

The Institute of Science celebrated its 21st Foundation Day on Sep 6, 2024. Prof Anamik Shah, former Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapith was the Chief Guest.

The Institute of Management marked its 29th Foundation Day on Sep 24, 2024 with a grand celebration. The event commenced with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by an insightful address by the Chief Guest, Lieutenant General Suresh Sharma, recipient of the prestigious Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM).

The Institute of Pharmacy celebrated its 21st Foundation Day on Oct 1, 2024. The event was inaugurated by Dr Madhavi Joshi, Scientist D and Joint Director at the Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre, Gandhinagar.

The Institute of Technology marked its 30th Foundation Day on Oct 3, 2024 with a grand celebration in the august presence of Shri Piyush Shah, Founder of Hi-Rel Electronics Private Limited, Shri K K Patel, Vice-President of Nirma University, and Dr Anup K Singh, Director General of Nirma University.

The Institute of Commerce celebrated its 9th Foundation Day on Oct 7, 2024, attended by around 300 students, faculty, and distinguished guests. Chief Guest Shri S B Singh, Executive Director, Indian Bank delivered a keynote address on 'India's Growth Story.'



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Prevoyance'24: National Level Technical Fest

The Electronics and Communication Students Organisation (ECO) of the Institute of Technology, hosted the National Level Technical Fest, 'Prevoyance', on Aug 3-4, 2024 with over 700 participants from 30 colleges across India. The fest featured technical and semi-technical events, including Robo Sumo, RC Soccer, Line Follower, Code Velocity, Quiz Odyssey, Escape Room, and a Drone Workshop. The total prize money awarded to winners was Rs 75,000. Participants hailed from institutes such as IIT Gandhinagar, Chandigarh University, DAIIC, AU, PDEU, Sri Sairam College, SRM Institute, Welingkar Institute, NMIMS, MIET, among others. The fest commenced with an inauguration ceremony graced by the Chief Guest, Mr Bharat Goyal, Assistant Controller of Patents and Designs, and a Nirma University alumnus. A Drone workshop was conducted by industry experts from Prothapan, a company renowned for designing aerial systems.



Vidvat Adbhutam '24: Technical Fest

The Electrical Engineering Students' Association (EESA) organised Vidvat Adbhutam '24 on Aug 30-31, 2024. It comprised an exciting array of activities, workshops, and competitions, including Cell Care, Aerotronics, Job Junction, Battle of Bands, Deal Breaker, and Crank Zone. Over 150 participants from across Nirma University participated in the events. The event was inaugurated by IPS Akshay Raj Makwana, SP Banaskantha, and an alumnus of the Institute of Technology, Nirma University, who also delivered a keynote address on 'Cybercrime and Road Safety'.



NASA Space Apps

Challenge 2024

Nirma University's Entrepreneurship Cell (E-Cell) hosted the NASA Space Apps Challenge 2024 during Oct 5-7, 2024. This global hackathon, known for fostering creativity and driving innovation, attracted over 750 participants, including students and faculty from diverse institutions across the country, creating an inspiring atmosphere of scientific collaboration and discovery. Prof Anil Bhardwaj, Director, Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad inaugurated the event. Over three days, participants engaged in a series of problem statements provided by NASA, spanning fields such as space exploration, climate change, earth observation, and data visualisation under the guidance of expert mentors. The event concluded with an inspiring series of presentations where teams showcased their most promising solutions.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Technocalypse 2024: Visit for School Students

The Mechanical Engineering Students' Association (MESA), Institute of Technology organised a visit for school students 'Technocalypse 2024' on Oct 5-6, 2024. A total of 110 students from various schools in Ahmedabad participated in this event. The participants attended hands-on workshops on Computer Aided Design, Automobile, and Robotics. On the second day, the participants presented posters on the theme 'Futuristic Development in Robotics and Automobile' and participated in a robotic competition.



Raas Garba 2024

The vibrant celebration of 'Raas Garba 2024' took place at the Nirma University campus on Oct 19, 2024. Organised by the Students' Welfare Board in collaboration with the Institute of Management, the event attracted over 7,000 participants, including university officials, faculty, staff, and students. The evening was filled with energy and excitement as attendees performed the traditional Garba to the lively rhythms of Raag Mehta and his team. Judges for the evening, Mr Mayankbhai Dave and Mr Tushar Vyas, awarded trophies for the best performances and best-dressed participants.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sannidhya: Alumni Day 2024

The Institute of Management organised 'Sannidhya: Alumni Day 2024' on Oct 5, 2024. The day started with a warm welcome with fun activities that sparked laughter and friendly competition, followed by a General Body Meeting, and a silver jubilee celebration for the 1999 batch. It was followed by performances by various clubs, a campus walkathon, garba night, and an executive dinner.



Nirma Trading League

The Institute of Management organised 'Sannidhya: Alumni Day 2024' on Oct 5, 2024. The day started with a warm welcome with fun activities that sparked laughter and friendly competition, followed by a General Body Meeting, and a silver jubilee celebration for the 1999 batch. It was followed by performances by various clubs, a campus walkathon, garba night, and an executive dinner.



Rostrum 2024

The Institute of Pharmacy celebrated its annual cultural fest 'Rostrum 2024' on Nov 16-17, 2024. With over 300 students participating, the event featured an exciting line-up of 15 activities, including singing, dancing, drama, Ad-Mad, Mr and Ms Rostrum, instrumental performances, street plays, mono-acting, and mimicry. Mr Prashant Barot, a Gujarati actor, was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Function.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Intra-University Sports Tournament

Every year, the Students Welfare Board, Nirma University in coordination with the constituent institutes of the university conducts the Intra-University Sports Tournament for its faculty, staff, and students. This year, the tournament took place in October 2025. The tournament saw enthusiastic participation from teams representing Institute of Technology, Institute of Management, Institute of Pharmacy, Institute of Science, Institute of Law, Institute of Architecture & Planning, Institute of Commerce, Institute of Design, and the University team, showcasing exceptional talent and sportsmanship. The sports conducted included Basketball, Table Tennis, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Tug of War, Carrom, and Chess Tournament.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Drug Awareness Session

The Institute of Pharmacy in collaboration with the Lions Club of Ahmedabad Vibrant Femina, conducted a Drug Awareness Session for the first-year BPharm students on Nov 26, 2024. Led by trained experts, Dr Shraddha Bhadada and Shri Mukesh Chopra, the session covered critical topics, including the dangers of drug use, recognising the signs of drug abuse, strategies to resist peer pressure, and resources for seeking help with drug addiction. Notable guests included Shri Harish Trivedi (District Governor), Shri Devendra Mehta (Coordinator of Drug Awareness), and Ms Rakhi Jain (President, Drug Awareness).



FIELD VISITS

Related Study Programme

As part of the Related Study Programme (RSP), 36 BArch students travelled to the European cities of Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Prague, Munich, and Zurich from July 16-28, 2024 to gain insights into the international practices of architecture and city design. The group visited famous monuments and sites in all these cities, such as cathedrals, castles, palaces, parliament, and other buildings such as museums and universities, public plazas, historic bridges, markets, train stations, stadiums and waterfronts. These showcased exemplary architectural styles and urban design from varied historical periods, such as medieval, Renaissance, post-industrial and contemporary works of famous architects.

Another batch of students participated in an exploratory RSP programme that extended from Chandigarh to Kashmir from July 17 to 29, 2024. Students studied Chandigarh's urban planning concepts, including its grid layout, public areas, and institutional structures. In Kashmir, they travelled to numerous locations to investigate traditional Kashmiri home styles, ancient temples and current advancements. Students examined how the region's architecture was influenced by its climate, cultural customs, and historical context.

Students also embarked on an enriching RSP in the Union Territory of Leh-Ladakh from July 16 - Aug 5, 2024. The programme was highlighted by a workshop with the renowned scientist and founder of the Himalayan Institute of Technology, Mr Sonam Wangchuk known for his innovative work in sustainable development and climate-resilient technologies. The students also had the opportunity to learn under the guidance of Prof Gerhard Bosman, Chair of the UNESCO Earth Architecture programme.



Visit to Mundra Port

The Projects and Infrastructure course students of the Institute of Law visited Mundra Port on Oct 9-10, 2024. The visit provided valuable insights into large-scale infrastructure operations and the importance of logistics in India's trade and energy sectors.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Visit to Auroville and Pondicherry

Students of the Institute of Architecture and Planning, along with two faculty members, visited Auroville and Pondicherry as part of the Related Study Programme (RSP) and Field Studio from Dec 13-27, 2024. Students learnt the sustainable practices in architecture that build habitable buildings with the least environmental impact. They learnt the possibilities of brick masonry with hands-on experience by making arches, vaults, and domes with the assistance of Ar Nivetha Annamalai and Ar Yatharth Laad from Studio Courtyard. Exploration in the city of Pondicherry began with the heritage walk in the white town of the city, assisted by Ar Ashwathambi from INTACH, followed by days of exploration and documentation of the dynamics of the planned city and the influence of French architecture and a blend of Tamil and French architecture.



Visit to Shekhawati region and Jaipur

Students of the Institute of Architecture and Planning, along with two faculty members, visited the Shekhawati region and Jaipur as part of the Related Study Programme and Field Studio from Dec 17-30, 2024. The Shekhawati region in Rajasthan, is renowned for its rich heritage of havelis and vernacular built forms. Students learnt the importance of using locally sourced material and adapting designs to the arid climate, ensuring functionality alongside aesthetic appeal.



EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Thalassemia Awareness Camps

The Institute of Law, in association with the Indian Red Cross Society conducted a Thalassemia Test for first-year students on July 26, 2024. Approximately 300 students took the test at the campus.

Nirma Institute of Pharmacy Association (NIPSA), in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society, Ahmedabad, organised a Thalassemia Awareness Camp at the Institute of Pharmacy from Sep 23 to 25, 2024 to raise awareness, conduct screenings, and support individuals impacted by this hereditary blood disorder.



EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Impact With Youth Conclave 2024

On the occasion of International Youth Day, students from the Institute of Pharmacy and Institute of Law attended the Impact with Youth Conclave organised by UNICEF India YuWaah, NSS and Elixir Foundation at Courtyard by Marriott in Ahmedabad on Aug 12, 2024. Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, and Labour and Employment, Government of India, among other dignitaries graced the event. Students also participated in a panel discussion 'From Service to Impact: Youth Volunteers Transforming Communities' featuring distinguished speakers like Dr Kamal Kumar Kar, Mr Prasanta Dash and Mr Akash Bansal.



Blood Donation and Dental Check-up Camps

A Blood Donation drive and Dental Check-up Camp was organised by the NSS Unit of the School of Engineering and School of Technology in collaboration with the Kalupur Commercial Cooperative Bank, the Indian Red Cross Society and Ramatri's Family and Child Dental Care under the aegis of the Students' Welfare Board on Aug 1, 2024. The event saw an overwhelming response, with 274 units of blood collected and 173 participants availing the dental check-up services.

A Blood Donation Camp was held on Nov 14, 2024 under the aegis of the Students' Welfare Board in collaboration with the Civil Engineering students, Spandan - the social club of the Institute of Management, the NSS Unit of Nirma University, and Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad. A total of 205 units of blood was collected.



Heritage Sites Visit

First year students of the Institute of Architecture and Planning undertook an educational trip to the World Heritage sites of Modhera Sun Temple and Rani Ki Vav, followed by a visit to Patola Heriatge House Museum showcasing the art of Patan Patola weaving on Oct 12, 2024. This visit aimed to enhance students' practical skills in sketching, observation, and perception while understanding the rich architecture of Gujarat.



EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Ahmedabad Field Studio

The Institute of Architecture and Planning conducted two Field Studios from July 16 to Aug 9, 2024. The first studio, 'Revitalising the Urban Core,' engaged 25 students who studied two areas of the walled city of Ahmedabad. The study involved analysing urban form, old and new building typologies, socio-cultural and economic activities and accessibility of the place. Based on this, student groups proposed design interventions to revitalise public open spaces by addressing issues such as increased congestion, loss of street character, reduced socio-cultural use of chowks, lack of pedestrian access and lack of parking facilities.

The second studio, 'Re-Imagine and Re-Design', where students were tasked with redesigning two major traffic intersections: the Geeta Mandir Transport Hub Junction and the Odhav Panjrapol Junction. The students did extensive site mapping, surveys, interviews, and data analysis. They proposed safer, more pedestrian-friendly intersections based on data analysis and practical solutions.



Waste to Art Competition

The NSS Unit of the Institute of Commerce organised a 'Waste to Art' competition as part of the 'Swachhta Hi Sewa' initiative on Sep 30, 2024. The event drew enthusiastic participation from students, who skillfully transformed waste materials into impressive art pieces. Participants used various waste and recycled items, including CDs, candy sticks, coconut shells, newspapers, nut shells, leaves, branches, bottles, and more. The artworks ranged from wall hangings and decorative items like vases to a model of a city.



Legal Aid Visit to Jamiyatpura

The Legal Aid Clinic of the Institute of Law, Nirma University organised a field visit to the village of Jamiyatpura on Oct 5, 2024. The purpose of this visit was to spread awareness and information about topics such as cyber awareness, good touch-bad touch, awareness about women's rights, etc. The objective of the event was to help students understand and interact with the village panchayat and the Talati, and to understand the complexity of the working process in the village.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Visit to Jeevan Sandhya Old Age Home

Close to forty volunteers from the Institute of Management visited Jeevan Sandhya Old Age Home, Ahmedabad on Oct 20, 2024. The day started with cheerful interactions, followed by cricket, musical chairs, and a ring toss that brought smiles to everyone's faces. The volunteers delighted residents with dance performances, nostalgic songs, a lively Bollywood quiz, and a spirited garba session. The day concluded with a heartfelt meal, and gift distribution, leaving everyone with cherished memories and blessings.



Diwali Celebration

Volunteers from the International Society of Automation Students' Chapter, Nirma University celebrated the festival of Diwali with specially-abled children of Prakash School, Ahmedabad on Oct 24, 2024. ISA members volunteered their time and efforts, starting the evening with a dinner service for the children, followed by engaging interactions and quality time, which fostered a sense of inclusion and celebration. They also organised fireworks display as part of the festivities.

NSS Residential Camp

A 7-Day NSS Residential Camp was organised at Devpura village, Mehsana by the NSS Unit of the Institute of Pharmacy during Dec 10-16, 2024. Several activities including health check-up, tree plantation drive, road-safety awareness drive, sanitary pad distribution and menstrual hygiene drive, voter awareness drive, population growth awareness drive, street play for anti-drug and anti-alcohol awareness, a drawing competition for the students of the village school, and a yoga session, were carried out by the volunteers as a part of the camp.

Visit to Gujarat High Court

The Lawyers Incubation Clinic at the Institute of Law organised a visit to the Gujarat High Court on Nov 19, 2024. A team of 15 students, under the guidance of Advocate Kashyap Joshi, participated in this initiative aimed at offering practical insights into judicial processes and litigation. The students observed proceedings in specialised courtrooms, including Family Court and the Service Court.



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Other Activities

- Spandan, the Social Club of the Institute of Management, organised a heartwarming event 'Muskaan' at the Chinmay Residential and Day-Care Institute for Mentally Challenged Children on Aug 28, 2024. Over 30 students participated in creating a joyful and inclusive environment for the especially abled children residing at the institute. During the visit, the students distributed snacks, crayons, sketchbooks and chocolates followed by fun games and dance. (pic in Management)



- The NSS students of the Institute of Pharmacy visited the Hiramani Old Age Home on Aug 24, 2024. The volunteers engaged with the residents through meaningful conversations, conducted health assessments such as BMI and blood pressure checks, offered medical counselling, and organised a yoga session followed by soulful bhajans. This visit was a heartfelt effort to positively impact the lives of the elderly residents, reinforcing our commitment to social responsibility and community welfare.



- The NSS Unit of the Institute of Law visited Muskaan School, Ghatlodiya, Ahmedabad on Nov 23, 2024. During their visit, the volunteers interacted with the students and shared thoughtful insights on Career goals, besides engaging in fun activities like playing games, singing, and dancing.

The Role and Responsibility of Youth in the Technology Era

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As we navigate the rapidly evolving landscape of the technology-driven world, the role of today's youth has never been more critical. Technology, once seen as a mere convenience, now forms the very backbone of our global economies, drives social interactions, and powers the innovation that shapes the future. In this era of unprecedented technological advancements, it is the youth - equipped with curiosity, creativity, and technical expertise - who hold the key to transforming tomorrow's world.



The Role of Youth in the Technology Era

In this transformative age, the youth have a crucial role to play - not just in personal career development but also in shaping a better world for future generations. Below, I outline some of the key areas where youth can have a significant impact:

1. Youth as the Catalysts of Innovation

Innovation is the heartbeat of technology, and it is the youth who are leading the charge. Young entrepreneurs, researchers, and developers worldwide are breaking barriers, creating disruptive technologies, and redefining industries. From artificial intelligence (AI) to renewable energy solutions, the innovations of today's youth are pushing the boundaries of what we thought was possible.

As students, you are at the very centre of this transformative energy. Your classrooms, laboratories, and collaborative spaces are incubators for the ground-breaking ideas of tomorrow. It is here that you have the opportunity to dream big, experiment boldly, and tackle the world's most pressing challenges. Embrace this moment with open minds, and let your passion for discovery guide you toward solving problems that matter.

2. Youth as Leaders of a Sustainable Future

Technology offers powerful tools to address some of the most urgent challenges of our time, such as climate change, resource depletion, and energy crises. The youth today must embrace the role of stewards of sustainable innovation. This means developing technologies to mitigate environmental harm and ensuring that their applications are ethical, inclusive, and just.

You have the power to create a future where technological progress and sustainability go hand in hand. In fields like smart cities, green computing, and renewable energy, your ideas can drive the change necessary to make the world better for future generations. The responsibility to leave the planet better than we found it is yours.

3. Youth as Catalysts for Social Change

One of technology's greatest strengths is its ability to bridge gaps in education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. Youth-led initiatives in ed-tech, telemedicine, and fintech are already transforming lives in underserved communities. Your role is to harness the power of technology to reduce inequalities and empower those on the margins.

In the digital age, you have access to platforms that can amplify your voice in unprecedented ways. Use these tools to advocate for ethical practices, inclusivity, and innovation that uplifts humanity. By doing so, you will play a key role in shaping a thoughtful, compassionate, and equitable society. Remember, to create a positive societal impact, youth must avoid impulsive decisions and instead be morally grounded, reflective, and committed to responsible action.

The Responsibilities of Youth in the Technology Era

With great potential comes great responsibility. As the next generation of technologists, leaders, and innovators, it is essential for you to recognise and embrace the following responsibilities:

1. Lifelong Learning

In the ever-changing world of technology, learning is a lifelong endeavour. The pace of innovation is relentless, and to stay relevant, you must continually adapt. Your education does not end with a degree. To remain effective in your field, you must actively pursue self-learning through online courses, certifications, and industry workshops.

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Engage with experts, attend conferences, and explore interdisciplinary fields. The more you invest in expanding your knowledge, the better equipped you will be to tackle the challenges of tomorrow.

2. Ethical Responsibility

The technologies you create can have profound implications for society. Whether in the fields of artificial intelligence, data privacy, or automation, it is essential to ask critical ethical questions about the technologies you design and deploy:

- Does this technology respect individual rights?
- Does it perpetuate bias or inequality?
- How can its negative impacts be mitigated?

By prioritising ethics in your work, you ensure that technology continues to serve the greater good rather than exacerbating existing societal problems. Your moral compass will be crucial in guiding your contributions to the technological landscape.

3. Resilience and Adaptability

The technology sector is characterised by rapid change, unpredictability, and constant disruption. To succeed in this dynamic environment, you must cultivate resilience and adaptability. Embrace failure as a stepping stone to growth and remain open to learning from setbacks.

As future leaders, you will face many personal and professional challenges. It is your ability to remain calm and determined in the face of adversity that will set you apart.

4. Collaboration and Teamwork

In the tech world, breakthroughs rarely come from individual efforts alone. They are the result of collaboration across disciplines, industries, and geographies. Learn to work effectively in diverse teams, appreciating and incorporating perspectives that differ from your own.

Take part in hackathons, interdisciplinary projects, and international exchange programmes. Collaboration is not just a skill- it is a mindset that will enable you to thrive in any environment and unlock the full potential of your ideas.

Conclusion

As I reflect on the immense potential of youth in the technology era, I am filled with optimism. You are the architects of tomorrow's world - the innovators, leaders, and custodians who will shape industries and societies for future generations.

I urge you to approach your role with courage, accountability, creativity, and compassion. The future is not something that merely happens; it is something you create. Together, we can build a world where technology empowers, connects, and elevates every human being. The possibilities are endless, and the time to act is now.



Awards and Achievements

World Education Congress 2024

Prof Sangita Shroff, Director & Dean of the Institute of Design, was one of the 50 awardees and received a citation for her contribution to design education and praxis at the 13th edition of World Education Congress 2024, an event conducted by M/s. Fun and Joy at Work on July 12, 2024. The theme of the Congress 2024 was 'Emerging Technologies in Education for Sustainable Development.'



RSDDI Emcure Women Diabetologist Award

Dr Snehal Patel, Associate Professor, Institute of Pharmacy was awarded the RSDDI Emcure Women Diabetologist Award for her outstanding contributions and ground-breaking work in the field of diabetes on Oct 23, 2024.



World's Top 2% Scientists

Three faculty members from the Institute of Pharmacy, Dr Mayur M Patel, Dr Snehal Patel, and Dr Jigar N Shah, were included in Stanford's list of the World's Top 2% Scientists released on Sep 19, 2024.



Case Study Competitions

Prof Poonam Chhaniwal and Prof G Haritha from the Institute of Management received the first prize for a primary case study titled 'Circularity and Sustainability in Action: The Recykal Way' at two case study competitions; National Case Study Competition organised by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi on Oct 8, 2024, and FIIB Research Conference, New Delhi held on Oct 14, 2024. The award was conferred by Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, the Honorable Vice President of India, and Mr Surendra Nath Tripathi, DG, IIPA on Nov 4, 2024.



Young Scientist Award

Dr Tejas Dhameliya, Assistant Professor, Institute of Pharmacy received the 'Young Scientist Award' at the International Conference on Natural and Health Sciences 2024 (TTNHS-2024), organised by the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda from Dec 4-6, 2024. This recognition celebrates ground-breaking work on anti-malarial agents, contributing to innovative solutions in the fight against malaria and advancing health sciences globally.



Budding Entrepreneur

Ms Priyanshi Mehta, an alumna of the MPharm programme, batch of 2021, specialising in Pharmaceutical Analysis from the Institute of Pharmacy, is a shining example of the innovation fostered at Nirma Incubation Centre. A year ago, her startup idea, 'THE Hऋत CONCEPT', was brought to life through the comprehensive support provided by the Nirma University Incubation Centre. The Incubation Centre, with its latest infrastructure, financial assistance, and expert mentorship, enabled Ms Mehta to develop her vision into a thriving venture. THE Hऋत CONCEPT is a seasonal care brand that blends the power of science with nature, offering tailored skincare solutions for every season based on the Ritu-Chakra. With a commitment to quality, all their products are 100% vegan, cruelty-free, toxin-free, and FDA certified, making them a safe and sustainable choice.

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Hurun India under 35s List

Nirma University's Computer Science and Engineering alumnus, Mr Dhruvil Sanghvi, has been recognised in the prestigious Hurun India under 35s list, 2024 edition. The list, which honours 150 of the most promising young entrepreneurs, showcases individuals under 35 who are shaping India's economic future. Mr Dhruvil Sanghvi, Founder and CEO of LogiNext, has been highlighted for his leadership in logistics automation and his role in driving significant growth within the industry.

Under his leadership, LogiNext has experienced a tenfold increase in revenue in recent years, positioning itself as a key player in last-mile technology. The company's AI-powered platform has enhanced the efficiency of supply chain operations for more than 200 leading businesses, including global giants like Nestle and Walmart, with innovative route planning solutions and improved customer experience.



Visionary Entrepreneur Award

Mr Ronak Chiripal, an alumnus of the Computer Science and Engineering Department, Institute of Technology (Batch of 2007-11), has been recognised with the prestigious Times Gujarat Icons 2024 award for Visionary Entrepreneur. The award was presented by Bollywood actor Sharman Joshi at a ceremony held at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Ahmedabad during October 2024.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETS

Mumbai Chapter Meet of Institute of Law

The Campus Recruitment Cell in collaboration with Nirma University Institute of Law Alumni Association (NUILAA) hosted the Alumni City Meet - Mumbai Chapter on Sep 21, 2024 at Lucy Lou, Andheri East. The meet was attended by 68 alumni from different batches along with Prof Nitesh Chaudhary, Assistant Professor; Dr Amit Kumar Kashyap, Assistant Professor; and Mr Aman Anand, Manager-Corporate Relations, Institute of Law, Nirma University.



Mumbai Chapter Meet of Institute of Pharmacy

The Institute of Pharmacy Nirma University Alumni Association (IPNUAA) hosted the Mumbai Chapter Alumni Meet at The Sai Palace, Andheri (East) on Oct 16, 2024. Seventeen alumni members from diverse fields and organisations, such as Abbott, Glenmark, FDC, Macleods Pharma, Marico, Edence Life Sciences, NMIMS, and Ajanta Pharma, attended the event. The event was led by Dr Dhaivat Parikh, Vice President, IPNUAA, who facilitated meaningful connections and highlighted the vibrant spirit of the alumni community. The event provided an excellent networking opportunity for professionals across Mumbai, opening doors to potential collaborations in the future.



Lucknow Chapter Meet of Institute of Law

The Campus Recruitment Cell, Institute of Law, Nirma University in collaboration with Nirma University Institute of Law Alumni Association (NUILAA) hosted Alumni City Meet – Lucknow Chapter on Oct 18, 2024 at Awadh's Dastarkhwan in Lucknow. The meet was attended by 10 alumni from different batches along with Mr Nitesh Chaudhary, and Dr Arpit Sharma, Assistant Professors, Institute of Law.



Alumni on Campus

- Mr Tarun Patel, an alumnus of the Institute of Pharmacy and currently Manager - Formulation and Development at Elysium Pharmaceuticals Limited, Vadodara delivered an insightful lecture on 'From Lab to Industry: The Exciting Applications of Fluid Bed Drying' on July 16, 2024.



- Mr Parindu Bhagat, a practitioner and an alumnus of Institute of Law gave a guest lecture on 'Exploring the right to know: Transparency Access and Accountability on Electoral Matter' on Sep 17, 2024.
- Mr Ronith Joy, an alumnus of the Institute of Law, and legal expert specialising in arbitration conducted an online session on 'Negotiable Instruments' on Oct 11, 2024. Mr Joy discussed key aspects, including promissory notes, bills of exchange, and cheques, among others.
- Advocate Aum Kotwal, an alumnus of the Institute of Law conducted a session on 'Right to Information: Understanding, Procedure, and Drafting' on Oct 19, 2024.
- Mr Yash Sampat, an independent lawyer and an alumnus of the Institute of Law shared his insights in an online session on 'Importance of Trial Court Internship' with first and second-year students on Dec 27, 2024.
- Mr Ravinder Prajapati and Mr Uday Bundeliya, alumni of the Institute of Pharmacy gave a talk on 'Career Opportunities:

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Road Map from GPAT to IIT and NIPER' and shared their experiences and offered valuable guidance on navigating career paths in the pharmaceutical field on Oct 10, 2024.



- Ms Karmani Shah, an alumna of the Institute of Pharmacy, and currently serving as Executive in the QA Department at Alembic Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Vadodara, delivered an insightful talk on 'Medicinal Chemistry Approaches of Diuretics as Anti-Hypertensive Agents' on Oct 22, 2024.



- Dr Manish Sharma, Pharmacokinetic Research Associate at Charles River Laboratories, Michigan, USA delivered a lecture for the postgraduate students at the Institute of Pharmacy on 'Characterization of Degradation Products, Metabolites, Preclinical ADME, and Pharmacokinetics Study of Small Molecules using LC-MS/MS' on Dec 4, 2024.



- Ms Sristi Gautam, an advocate at the London Holistic Advocacy Wrap Around Service under the NIA Project, and an alumna of the Institute of Law conducted an online session on 'Law School Journey' for 1st year students on Dec 20, 2024.



Pre-Placement Preparatory Session

Following alumni from the Institute of Technology took pre-placement preparatory session/s and guided the students to make the right career choice:

- Mr Sagar Patel, Physical Design Engineer, specialising in synthesis, implementation, low-power design, and ECO flows.
- Mr Aditya R, Hardware Engineer at Cisco.
- Mr Siddarth Agarwal (Associate 2 Engineer), Mr Karan Shah (Associate 2 Engineer), and Mr Himanshu Nakrani (Senior Associate - AI Engineer) at State Street.
- Ms Amita Mohata, Post-Silicon Validation Engineer at NXP Semiconductors, Austin, Texas.
- Mr Vimal Zalariya, Silicon Validation Manager at Google.



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