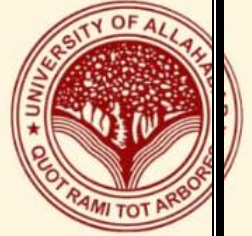


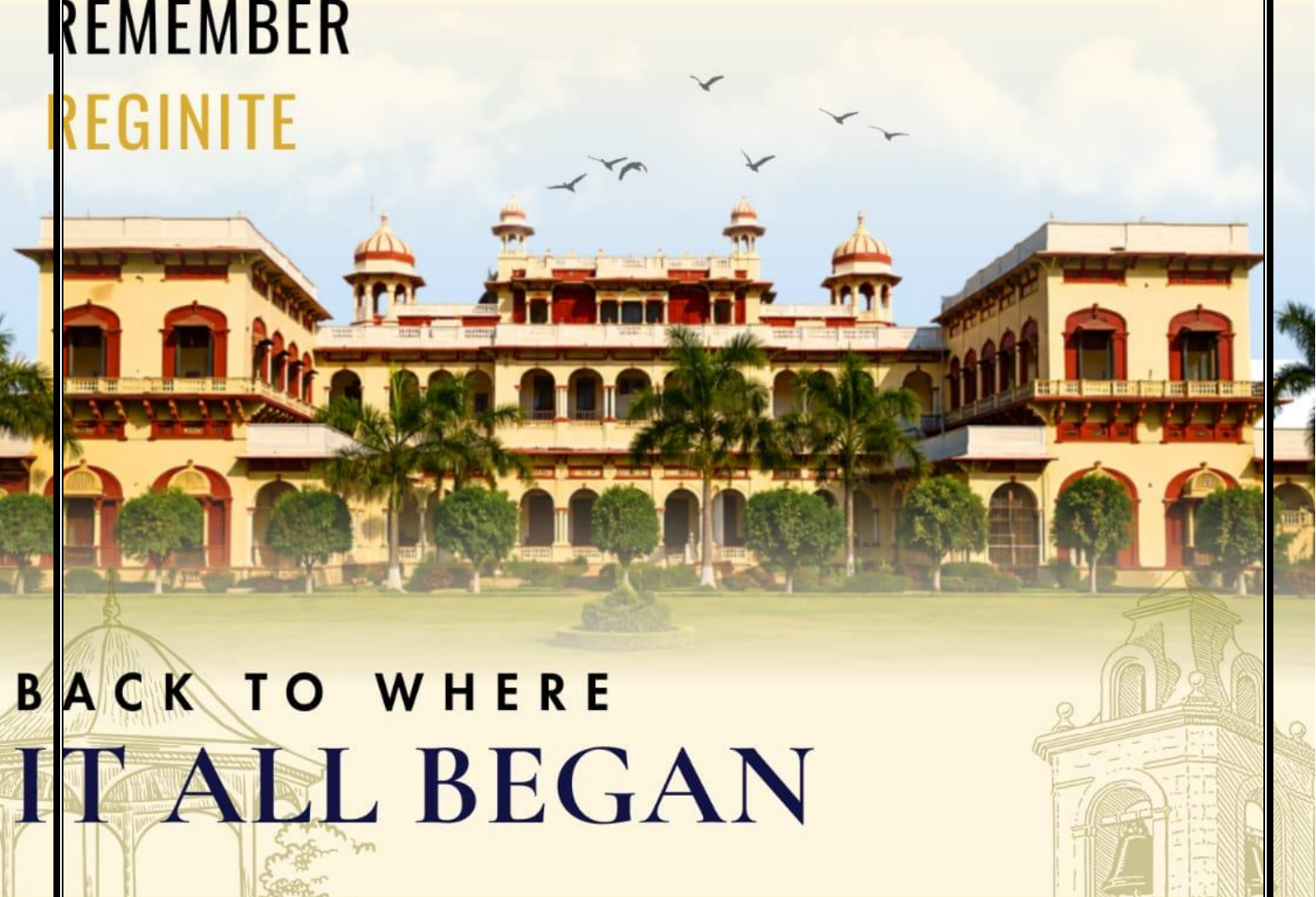
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Department of Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy organised a lecture on 6th February 2026 under the Study Circle Programme which was sponsored by ICPR, Govt. of India, New Delhi. Prof. H. S. Upadhyay graced this lecture as the chief speaker. The programme was presided by Prof. Rishi Kant Pandey along with the head of the dept. Prof. Gopal Sahu. Dr Neeraj Pandey served as the organizing secretary of the programme. The thought-provoking lecture concluded with a highly interactive session. Dr. Nandita Singh presented a formal vote of thanks. The entire programme was anchored by Dr. K Bhima Kumar.



Department of Political Science

The Faculty Lecture Series Committee of the Department of Political Science, in collaboration with Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Chair, University of Allahabad, successfully organized the 8th Faculty Lecture on February 11, 2026, at 2:00 PM in the Department's Conference Hall.

The lecture was delivered by **Prof. V.K. Rai, Dean, Faculty of Arts**, on the topic "*Rights and Duties in Indian Political Thought: With Reference to M. K. Gandhi & Deendayal Upadhyaya.*" The programme was held under the esteemed patronage of Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, **Prof. Sangeeta Srivastava**, and in the gracious presence of **Prof. Mohammad Shahid, the Head of the department of Political Science**. In his insightful address, Prof. Rai elaborated on the intrinsic relationship between rights and duties in Indian political philosophy. He highlighted Mahatma Gandhi's conviction that rights flow from the faithful performance of duties and explained Deendayal Upadhyaya's philosophy of Integral Humanism as a framework that harmonizes individual, society, and nation. Prof. Rai also underscored the philosophical convergence between the two thinkers, particularly on the ideals of *Antyodaya*, indigenous cultural ethos, and national unity.

The session was moderated by **Dr. Preetam, Convener of the Faculty Lecture Series Committee**, while **Dr. Chongom Aimol, a faculty member**, served as the rapporteur and presented the concluding remarks, summarizing the key insights of the lecture.

The programme drew active participation from faculty members, research scholars, and students, followed by an engaging intellectual exchange. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks, marking the successful completion of yet another enriching academic deliberation in the Faculty Lecture Series.



हिन्दू छात्रावास क्रिकेट टूर्नामेंट

छात्रावास स्तरीय क्रिकेट टूर्नामेंट का आयोजन हिन्दू छात्रावास इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय में दिनांक 17-19 फरवरी 2026 तक किया गया। जिसमे छात्रावास की कई टीमों ने भाग लिया। छात्रावास संरक्षक प्रोफेसर राम मनोहर यादव व अधीक्षक डा महेन्द्र तिवारी ने विजेता, उपविजेता व उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन करने वाले खिलाड़ियों को पुरस्कृत किया। प्रतिभागी सभी छात्रों को प्रमाण पत्र दिये गए।



Department of Mathematics

On 20th February 2026, Prof. A.P. Singh, the former Head of the School of Mathematics at Central University of Rajasthan, delivered an informative and seminal lecture on analytic functions. Faculty members, research scholars, and M.Sc. students were present and greatly appreciated his lecture.



Department of Psychology

The students of the Department of Psychology conducted a day-long outreach programme at Tewa Village on February 20, 2026. The programme was led and supervised by Dr. Rajnesh Meena.

Under the guidance of Dr. Jay Singh and Dr. Rajnesh Meena, the student volunteers actively and creatively participated in the outreach activities. The team was further encouraged and supported by Dr Narsingh Kumar, Dr Shanti Suman, and Dr Rajnesh Meena.

The activities focused on spreading awareness about mental health, mental illnesses, and the everyday psychological challenges faced by individuals in their daily lives. Interactive and detailed discussions were held with the villagers, along with one-to-one career counselling sessions for the youth and children of the village. The day-long programme was organized to ensure maximum outreach, sensitization, and meaningful community engagement.

Such outreach initiatives play a significant role in the holistic development of students. At the same time, taking academic knowledge to the community strengthens the department's sense of social responsibility and commitment to public welfare. The Department of Psychology sincerely expresses its gratitude to the Honourable Vice Chancellor Madam for her constant support and encouragement in organizing such meaningful initiatives.



Alumni Meet “Familiar Faces Fiesta”

The University of Allahabad successfully hosted "Familiar Faces Fiesta," a prestigious alumni meet, on 28.02.2026. The proceedings were formally inaugurated at the Prof. Ishwar Tope Auditorium within the Senate Campus by Prof. Sangita Srivastava, Honourable Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson of the University of Allahabad Alumni Association. She was joined by Association President Prof. Heramb Chaturvedi, Secretary Prof. Kumar Birendra, and organizing committee member Prof. Ajay Jaitly for the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. The meet was distinguished by the presence of several eminent personalities, including Honourable Justice Vikram Nath and Honourable Justice Vineet Saran of the Supreme Court of India, alongside Dr. Deepali Pant Joshi and hundreds of distinguished former students.

In her keynote address, Honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sangita Srivastava affectionately characterized the alumni as the "ever-youthful companions of the past." She emphasized that the University of Allahabad's global fraternity serves as a testament to its enduring legacy. Drawing an analogy to the institution's "Banyan Tree" emblem, she noted that its expansive roots represent the far-reaching influence of its alumni, who remain the core identity of the university. She remarked that the profound attachment of the alumni maintained with their Alma Mater is the institution's greatest intellectual and emotional capital. Prof. Srivastava also highlighted the university's recent strategic advancements, noting that students continue to excel in national competitive examinations. Over the past five years, the university has successfully recruited 400 faculty members from 15 different nations, revitalizing the research ecosystem. Furthermore, the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) has led to the introduction of over 190 skill-centric courses. Infrastructure developments include the completion of 15 new buildings, modernized sports facilities, and three upcoming state-of-the-art auditoriums. Notably, the university recently secured an A+ accreditation from NAAC for the first time. She concluded with a call to action, urging alumni to leverage their knowledge and resources to contribute to nation-building and the development of a capable citizenry.

Earlier in the session, Prof. Heramb Chaturvedi delivered the introductory remarks, noting that the presence of such accomplished alumni serves as a significant source of inspiration for the university

community. He expressed his gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for her leadership in institutionalizing the Alumni Association. Secretary Prof. Kumar Birendra added that within just two years of formal registration, the Association has facilitated numerous high-impact initiatives. He credited the successful integration of the university's global family to the strategic guidance of Prof. Sangita Srivastava, asserting that her tenure will be remembered as a "golden era" in the university's history. During the proceedings, a new collection of poetry by Prof. Jaya Kapoor was officially released, and the winners of the Alumni Association's garden competition were announced. The event was moderated by Public Relations Officer Prof. Jaya Kapoor, with the formal vote of thanks delivered by Vice-President Dr. Atul Singh.

Inauguration of the Nirala Art Gallery and Food Pavilion

Honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sangita Srivastava inaugurated the art exhibition and food gallery at the Nirala Art Gallery in the Senate Campus. She reviewed the diverse artistic works on display and engaged with students managing various culinary stalls. The visiting alumni were provided an opportunity to experience a variety of traditional Indian cuisines curated by the student body.

Dastangoi Performance: The Chronicle of Rani Lakshmi Bai

The inaugural session featured a Dastangoi (traditional oral storytelling) performance on the life of the Rani of Jhansi, presented by Dr. Pragya Sharma and Himanshu Bajpai. Their compelling narrative on the valor and dignity of the Indian woman resonated deeply with the audience. Prior to the performance, the artists were formally recognized and honored with mementos and traditional shawls by Justice Vikram Nath, Prof. Heramb Chaturvedi, and Prof. Sangita Srivastava.

Cultural Evening and Kavi Sammelan at Banyan Lawn

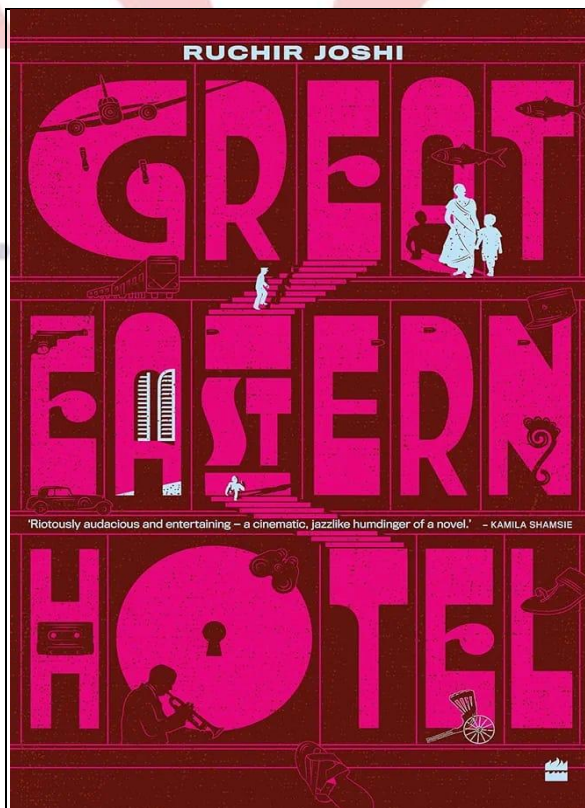
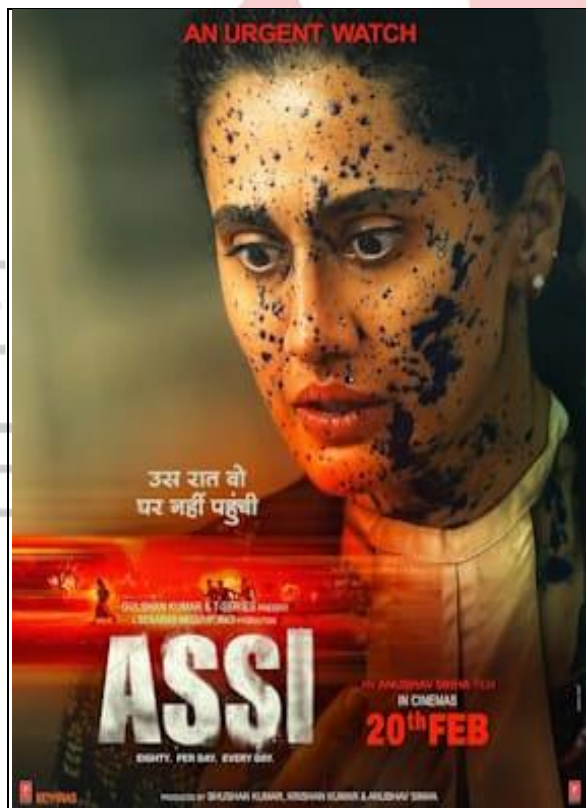
The meet concluded with a cultural evening and Kavi Sammelan (Poetry Symposium) at the university's historic Banyan Lawn. The session was graced by renowned literary figures, including Padma Shri awardees Dr. Ashok Chakradhar, Dr. Sunil Jogi, and Wasim Bareilvi. The poets captivated the assembly with their intellectual wit and lyrical mastery.

The symposium was moderated by poet Shlesh Gautam, who remarked on the university's legacy as a cradle for creative and literary innovation. The evening concluded with a vote of thanks from Prof. Kumar Birendra. The proceedings were anchored by Dr. Sonal Shekhar and Dr. Ritambhara Malviya, following a documentary screening by Dr. Ravi Suryavanshi of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, which illustrated the recent institutional transformations.



Book of the Edition: The Great Eastern Hotel- Ruchir Joshi

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