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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S DESK **VOL 5.0**

*The pioneer of liberal education in India  
With a mission to be at the leading edge of knowledge*

*A student community of doers  
Supported by a faculty community of experts*

*Imbibing interdisciplinarity  
Yet encouraging self-discovery*

*A nurturing and creative environment  
In a world-class campus for diverse interests*

*A research-oriented approach  
Driving change at the grassroots*

*Learning beyond the classroom  
Providing real-world outlook and imparting life-long skills*

*Rooted in Indian context  
Yet global in nature*

*An experiential journey  
A lifelong association*

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# A message from the Vice-Chancellor

*Dear All,*

*I am delighted to present to you the 5th edition of the FLAME University newsletter. As always, our objective is to give you an all-around perspective of all that takes place at the university.*

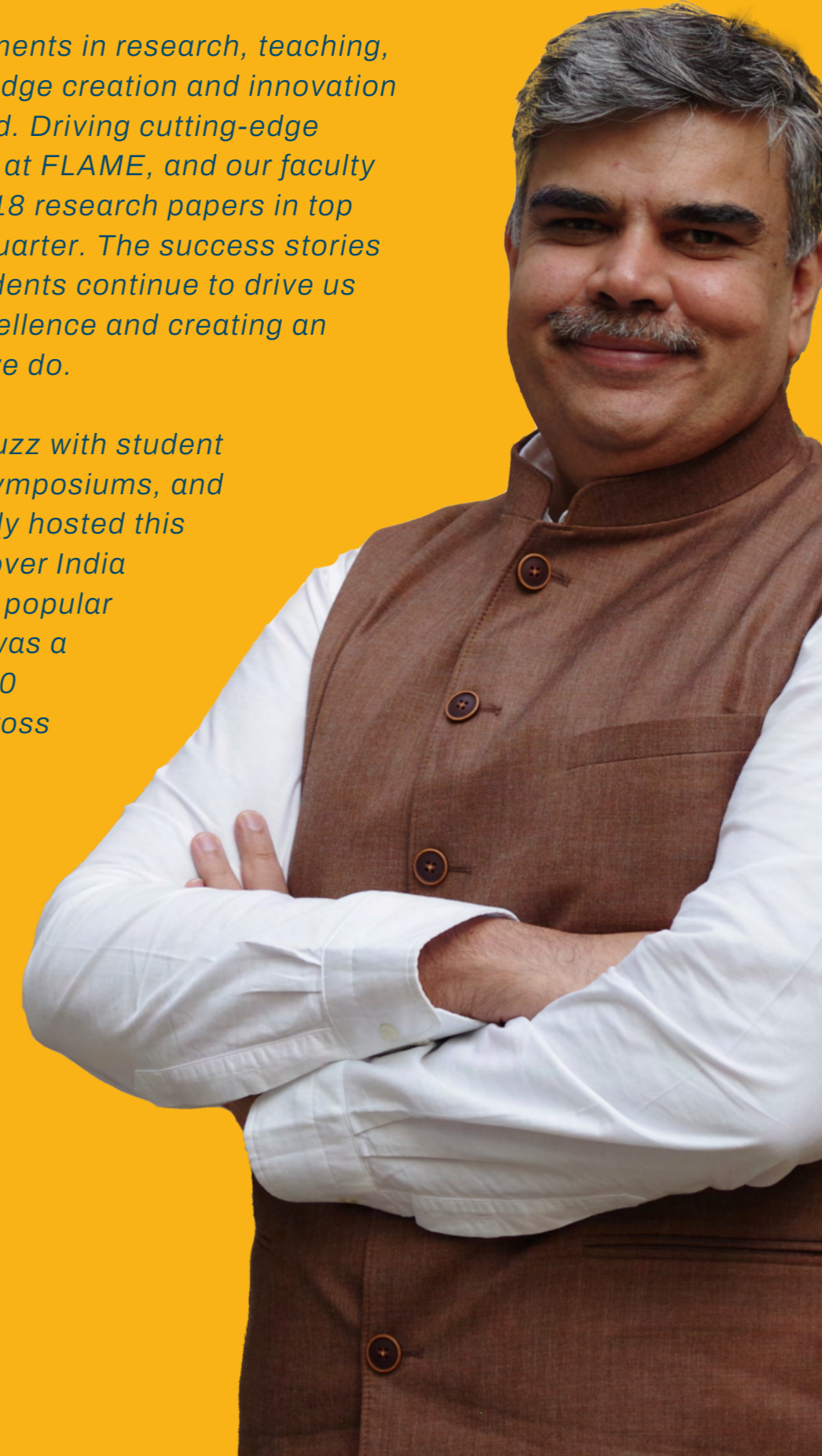
*Our faculty's accomplishments in research, teaching, and other areas of knowledge creation and innovation continue to make us proud. Driving cutting-edge research is a cornerstone at FLAME, and our faculty have published a total of 18 research papers in top Q1-ranked journals this quarter. The success stories of our alumni and our students continue to drive us all towards upholding excellence and creating an everlasting impact in all we do.*

*The campus is always abuzz with student activities, conferences, symposiums, and guest lectures. We recently hosted this year's edition of the Discover India Program, one of our most popular student activities, which was a remarkable journey for 480 students who traveled across 15 states and 2 union territories, resulting in 38 amazing projects that reflected their learning and experiences of India's rich traditions, cultural practices, art, architecture, and environment.*

*Scroll down to see what we have been up to.*

*Happy reading!*

**Dr. Dishan Kamdar**  
Vice-Chancellor



# AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



*FLAME University's MBA Program has received an A\*(National) and A\*\* (State level) grading from CRISIL*

*FLAME University has been awarded a Platinum rating under the IGBC Green Existing Campus rating*



*FLAME University has been certified as a Great Place to Work for the year 2022-23*



# OUR FACULTY COMMUNITY

## RESEARCH



**Prof. Sunil Rajpal**  
Faculty of Economics

Patterns in the prevalence of unvaccinated children across 36 states and union territories in India, 1993–2021

*Published in JAMA Network Open*

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Consumers' willingness to pay for corporate social responsibility:  
Theory and evidence

*Published in International Journal of Consumer Studies*

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**Prof. Sajith Narayanan**  
Faculty of Digital Marketing & Communications



## Multi-fault diagnosis of industrial rotating machines using data-driven approach: A review of two decades of research

*Published in Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence*

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**Prof. Ajith Abraham**  
Faculty of Computing and Data Sciences

## Online reviews towards reducing risk

*Published in Journal of Tourism Futures*

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**Prof. Neha Yadav**  
Faculty of Marketing

## Examining Indian consumer pro-environment purchase intention of electric vehicles: Perspective of stimulus-organism-response

*Published in Technological Forecasting and Social Change*

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**Prof. Aakash Kamble**  
Faculty of Marketing



**Prof. Yamini Krishna**  
Faculty of Communication Studies

## Film and caste anxieties in early twentieth-century India

*Published in South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*

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**Prof. Devendra Kumar Jain**  
Faculty of Finance

## Currencies of greater interest for central Asian economies: an analysis of exchange market pressure amid global and regional interdependence

*Published in Financial Innovation*

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## Explainable misinformation detection across multiple social media platforms

*Published in IEEE Access*

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## Multi-semantic discriminative feature learning for sign gesture recognition using hybrid deep neural architecture

*Published in IEEE Access*

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**Prof. Ajith Abraham**  
Faculty of Computing and Data Sciences



## Enhancing the breast histopathology image analysis for cancer detection using variational autoencoder

*Published in International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*

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## Roadmap on artificial intelligence and big data techniques for superconductivity

*Published in Super Conductor Science and Technology*

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**Prof. Ajith Abraham**  
Faculty of Computing and Data Sciences



**Prof. Barun Kumar Thakur**  
Faculty of Economics

## Developing a model for residential water demand in the Indian Himalayan Region of Ravangla, South Sikkim, India

*Published in Groundwater for Sustainable Development*

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## Attribute-based choice model and willingness to pay for industrial services

*Published in Benchmarking: An International Journal*

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**Prof. Preetha Menon**  
Faculty of Advertising and Branding

## Noise induced bistability in a fluctuating environment

*Published in Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications*

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**Prof. Santosh Kumar Kudtarkar**  
Faculty of Applied Mathematics

## Corporate entrepreneurship champions: mapping the past and present states of the field for future advancements

*Published in International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behavior & Research*

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**Prof. Amarpreet Singh Ghura**  
Faculty of Entrepreneurship



**Prof. Pawan Kumar**  
Faculty of Finance

## Does the substitution effect lead to feedback effect linkage between ethanol, crude oil, and soft agricultural commodities?

*Published in Energy Economics*

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# GRANTS AND AWARDS



**Prof. Tannistha Samanta**  
Faculty of Sociology

## Research Grant from 'The Great Lakes College Association' (GLCA)

*Received a research grant for her project on caregiving emotions, studying caregivers in Pune and Ohio, through the New Directions in Global Scholarship.*

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## Young Biologist Award from Naturemates

*Received the Young Biologist Award from Naturemates, an NGO focused on wildlife conservation.*

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**Prof. Anuradha Batabyal**  
Faculty of Environmental Sciences

## Appointed as the academic editor of PLOS Global Public Health

*Prof. Chattopadhyay has been appointed as the academic editor of PLOS Global Public Health.*

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**Prof. Sreeparna Chattopadhyay**  
Faculty of Sociology

# IN THE MEDIA



**Prof. Moitrayee Das**  
Faculty of Psychology

## Feeling lonely at work? You are not alone

*Published in Business Manager*

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## Green ports are key to Green Hydrogen Mission

*Published in Daily Pioneer*

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**Prof. Yashobanta Parida**  
Faculty of Economics



**Riva Sheth**  
Undergraduate Student

## Opinion: Craving coffee? Listen to it

*Published in Telangana Today*

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**Prof. Moitrayee Das**  
Faculty of Psychology





## Ways of seeing: Atul Dodiya and the cinema

*Published in Hindustan Times*

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**Prof. Kunal Ray**  
Faculty of English Literature



## How to boost, measure and improve HR effectiveness

*Published in Live Mint*

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**Prof. Smita Chaudhry**  
Faculty of Human Resources

## 15 ways to manage your mental health during a recession

*Published in Live Mint*

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**Prof. Moulika Mandal**  
Faculty of Psychology

## Opinion: Marx and unpaid internships

*Published in Telangana Today*

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**Swara Shah**  
Undergraduate Student

**Prof. Moitrayee Das**  
Faculty of Psychology

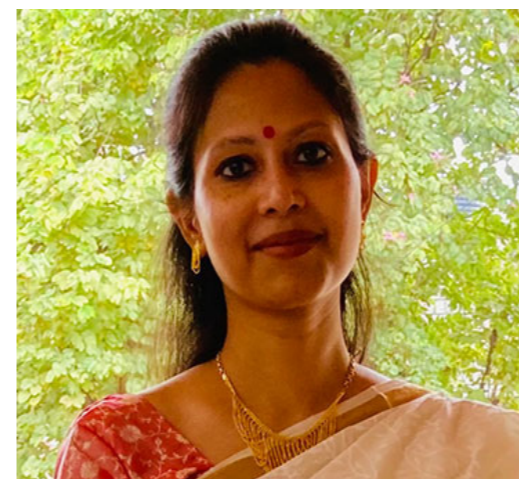


## Effectiveness of HR function: Potential and possibilities

*Published in Sights In Plus*

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**Prof. Smita Chaudhry**  
Faculty of Human Resources



## Mrs Chatterjee v/s Norway: The film should provoke wider conversations on plugging gaps in childcare

*Published in Indian Express*

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**Prof. Sreeparna Chattopadhyay**  
Faculty of Sociology





## Where are the leaders in Europe?

*Published in Daily Hunt*

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**Prof. Ramnath Narayanaswamy**  
Faculty of Social Sciences



## Growing importance of user-generated content in influencing destination marketing

*Published in Market Business News*

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**Prof. Neha Yadav**  
Faculty of Marketing

## Climate crisis is becoming a health crisis

*Published in Asian Age*

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**Prof. Chaitanya Ravi**  
Faculty of Public Policy

## Food for thought: Fat's not all bad

*Published in Deccan Herald*

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**Liz George**  
Undergraduate Student



**Prof. Moitrayee Das**  
Faculty of Psychology



## Indian treasures in US museum: Western institutions must move beyond talk of decolonisation

*Published in Indian Express*

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**Prof. Kunal Ray**  
Faculty of English Literature



## WOW – Wonders of Wellness – the power of silence

*Published in News Patrolling*

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**Prof. Suniti Vadalkar**  
Faculty of Design, Art and Performance





## Knowledge cannot exist in isolation, just like how the real world functions

*Published in Media Brief*

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**Prof. Ravikiran Naik**  
Faculty of Economics



## Printing tales: Why is a full-scape sheet called a full-scape?

*Published in Art News Portal*

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**Prof. Suniti Vadalkar**  
Faculty of Design, Art and Performance

## The class of tomorrow

*Published in Open*

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**Prof. Kunal Ray**  
Faculty of English Literature

## Hindi vs Kannada in Bengaluru viral video: What the liberal defence of the auto driver misses

*Published in Indian Express*

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**Prof. Sreeparna Chattopadhyay**  
Faculty of Sociology



## Inequalities in childhood vaccination across India: understanding the root causes and potential solutions

*Published in The Health Site*

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**Prof. Sunil Rajpal**  
Faculty of Economics



## Breaking barriers: Women entrepreneurs in India who will inspire you in 2023

*Published in Mumbai Uncensored*

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**Prof. Neha Yadav**  
Faculty of Marketing





## Two encounters with memory...

*Published in Indian Cultural Forum*

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**Prof. Kunal Ray**  
Faculty of English Literature

## Opinion: Make room for single women

*Published in Telangana Today*

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**Prof. Anup Tripathi**  
Faculty of Sociology



**Prof. Moitrayee Das**  
Faculty of Psychology

## Steps to inculcate an innovative and entrepreneurial mindset in students

*Published in EduAdvice*

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**Prof. Bharat Damani**  
Faculty of Entrepreneurship

## Is e-Rupee need of the hour?

*Published in Telangana Today*

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**Prof. Arpan Ganguly**  
Faculty of Economics



## The physical and mental health benefits of silence

*Published in Only My Health*

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**Prof. Suniti Vadalkar**  
Faculty of Design, Art and Performance



**Prof. Yashobanta Parida**  
Faculty of Economics



**Kasi Donepalli**  
FLAME Scholars Program Student





**Prof. Santosh Kudtarkar**  
Faculty of Applied Mathematics

*“There is evidence that liberal arts and humanities graduates can thrive in a rapidly changing job market that values creativity, innovation, and cultural competence. According to a recent report by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, liberal arts and humanities majors have higher rates of employment and satisfaction than some popular majors, such as business and communications.”*

*Published in Millennium Post for a quote*

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*“There is no ‘one size fits all’ solution in investments. Working women should invest in a mix of National Pension Scheme (NPS), Mutual Funds and Bank Fixed Deposits (FDs) based on their financial goals. The investment can be chosen based on their financial goals, risk-taking ability, amount available for investment, the expected returns and the mix of equity or debt.”*

*Published in Live Mint for a quote*

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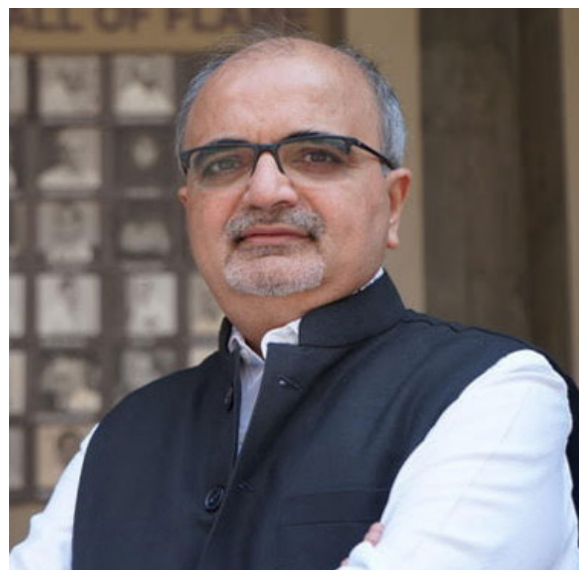


**Prof. Jaslene Bawa**  
Faculty of Finance

*“Finally, work towards applying the learning from the course on the job. Remember, courses do not make you employable, they help you develop those skills that make you employable. In your resume, focus on how the courses helped you in your job.”*

*Published in Business Insider for a quote*

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**Prof. Niraj Mankad**  
Faculty of Operations

## Opinion: HEIs and student suicides

*Published in Telangana Today*

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**Prathyusha Madhu**  
Undergraduate Student

## Human-driven speciation: Did we cause the Red Fox to evolve itself?

*Published in Earth.org*

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**Prof. Shweta Rana**  
Faculty of Environmental Studies



**Prof. Anup Tripathi**  
Faculty of Sociology



**Prof. Moitrayee Das**  
Faculty of Psychology



**Arushi Arora**  
Undergraduate Student



# NEW FACULTY JOIN THE FLAME COMMUNITY



**PROF. CHAITANYA CHANDRASHEKHAR GIRI**

*Faculty of Environmental Studies*

**PhD, Astro Chemistry, Université Côte d'Azur, France**

**PROF. AAKASH ASHOK KAMBLE**

*Faculty of Marketing*

**PhD, Marketing, Savitribai Phule Pune University, India**



**PROF. SHEEVA DUBEY**

*Faculty of Media & Journalism*

**PhD, Communication, University of Miami, USA**



**PROF. SAMRIDDHA SANYAL**

*Faculty of Computing and Data Sciences*

**PhD, Computer Science, Indian Statistical Institute, India**





# OUR STUDENT COMMUNITY

## PAVING THE PATH TO SUCCESS FLAME PLACEMENTS 2023

Placed in Hindustan Unilever with  
the highest salary package of  
INR 18.8 LPA

**Ishita Vora**  
Undergraduate Student



**Ashay Kamdar**  
Postgraduate Student



**Piyush Savkar**  
Postgraduate Student

Placed in Vedanta with the highest  
salary package of INR 20.5 LPA

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## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE FLAME STUDENTS OFFERED ADMISSIONS IN GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES



Shubhangi Sharma offered a place  
at University of Oxford for MSc. in  
Mathematics and Foundations of  
Computer Science course.

**Shubhangi Sharma**  
Undergraduate Student

Mahika Gandhi has received offers from  
Johns Hopkins, New York University,  
and Georgetown University for graduate  
programs in economics and finance.

**Mahika Gandhi**  
FLAME Scholars Program Student



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# ACHIEVEMENTS



**Unnati Shah**  
Postgraduate Student

To examine the impact of customers' implicit and explicit knowledge on their purchasing behaviour

*Research published in The International Journal of Research in Engineering, Science and Management (IJRESM)*

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Does minimum support improve farm households' welfare?

*Paper presented at the 63rd Indian Society of Labour Economics Conference*



**Mahika Gandhi**  
FLAME Scholars Program Student

How India's economic growth remains a key performer even amid global uncertainty

*Published in The Quint*

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**Ujvin Nevatia**  
Doctoral Student

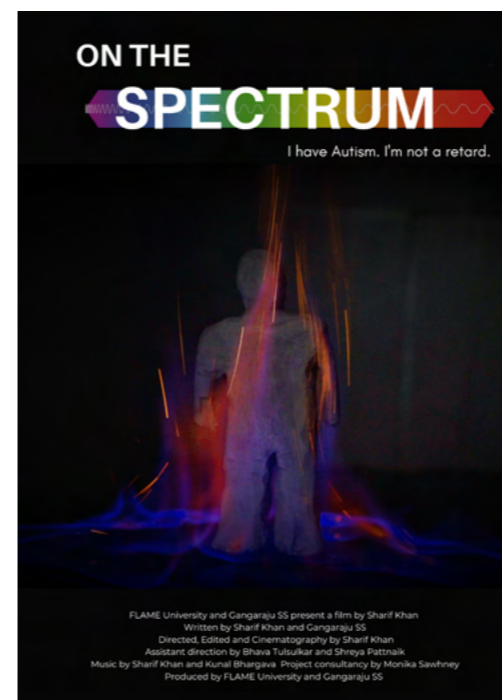


**Life Unfiltered**

*Book published by JEC Publications*



**Yash Mohta**  
Postgraduate Student



On The Spectrum - An Autism awareness film produced by FLAME University made it to World Health Organization's official selection in its Health for All Film Festival

FLAME student-led short film shortlisted for the "Universal Health Coverage" category at a global film festival, competing against 15 other films worldwide.

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# SPORTS



## 01

Janvi Chordia, an undergraduate student, made it to the Indian National Ice Speed Skating Team. She won silver medals in the 500m, 1000m, and 1500m distances and a bronze in the relay event. Additionally, she qualified for the Southeast Asian (SEA) Open.

## 02

The girls' volleyball team won the tournament at BITS, Goa, while the FLAME boys' team reached the Quarter Finals in the intercollegiate tournament.



## 03

Ved Sardesai, an undergraduate student, won the table tennis tournament at Symbiosis Law School.



## 04

Dhrupad Varambally and Dhruv Jetty, undergraduate students, won silver and bronze medals at the Kickboxing Championship in Shirdi, organized by the Ahmednagar District Sports Kickboxing Association.



## 06

Misha Sharma, an undergraduate student, won the women's category of the chess championship at DY Patil College of Engineering.

## 05

Arya Shah, Khushi Desai, and their team Ambush UC, won the Ultimate Players Association of India (UPAI) Mixed Nationals Championship for Ultimate Frisbee, as undergraduate students.



## 07

Srushti Joshi, Jui Kotak, and Ananya Mahadevan, formed the winning team in the Satej Karandak event at DY Patil College of Engineering for women's table tennis.

## 08

Akshara Bhoje, a FLAME Scholars Program student, won the 63 kg women's category Pune District Powerlifting Championship.



## 09

The girls' volleyball team got second place at the Vishwanath Sports Meet hosted by MIT - ADT University.





# EVENTS AT FLAME



## NGO MELA 2023

DAP's NGO Mela featured 24 organizations selling products and raising awareness about their social initiatives.



## FLAME ARTISTS' RESIDENCY 2023

The month-long 4th edition of FLAME Artists' Residency nurtured and supported young Indian artists to explore and create their imaginative practice.

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## FLAME FEST '23

'FLAME Fest' held for 3 days with various competitions including gaming, poetry, writing, public speaking, advertising, art marathons, singing, photography, dance, and drama.



## DETRITUS, HOSTED BY THE FLAME SCHOOL OF DESIGN, ART AND PERFORMANCE

Detritus, a contemporary performance, encouraged reflection on shared space, time, and environmental impact with living and non-living elements.



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

FLAME University celebrated International Women's Day for 3 days with a French classic screening, health camp for breast cancer awareness, and a panel discussion on critical issues affecting women's lives.



# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

## FIELD-BASED LEARNING



### DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

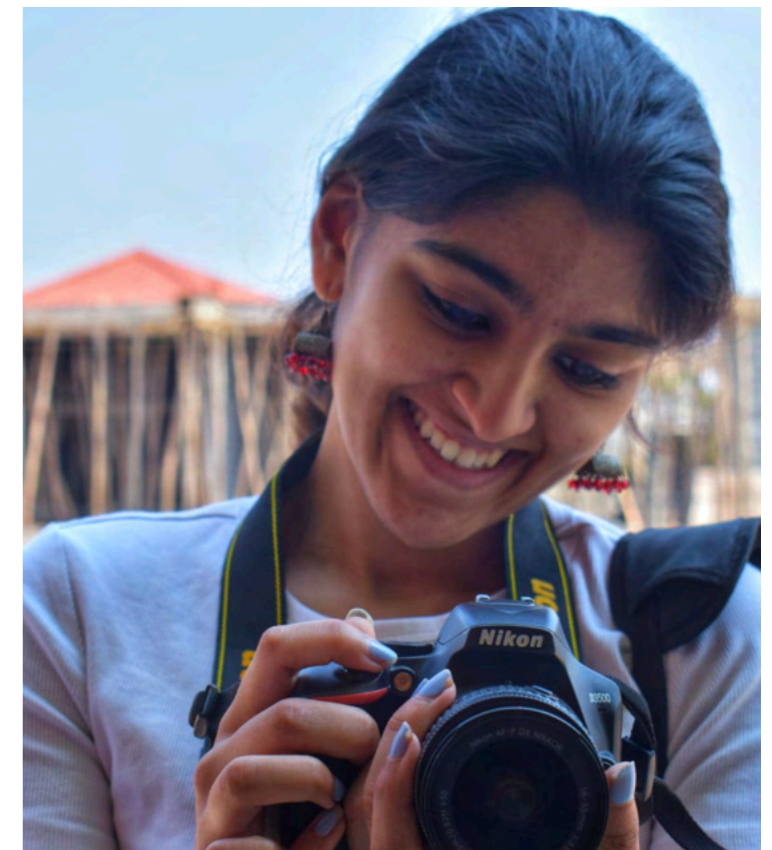
FLAME students partnered with iVolunteer India to spread mental health awareness through a wall-painting event in Pune. The undergraduates painted inspiring messages and interacted with locals at Rakshak Chowk, PCMC. The event received support from faculty and staff.

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### DISCOVER INDIA PROGRAM 2023

FLAME University's Discover India Program (DIP) is an experiential learning initiative that helps students explore the country's cultural wealth, reflect, research, and put their learning into action. 480 students traveled across 15 states and 2 union territories this year, resulting in 38 projects that showcased their learning and experiences.

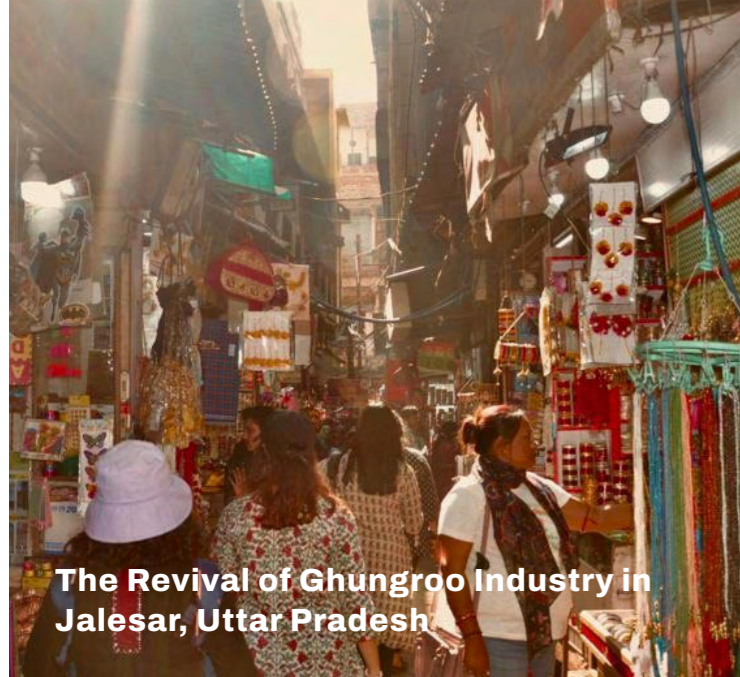
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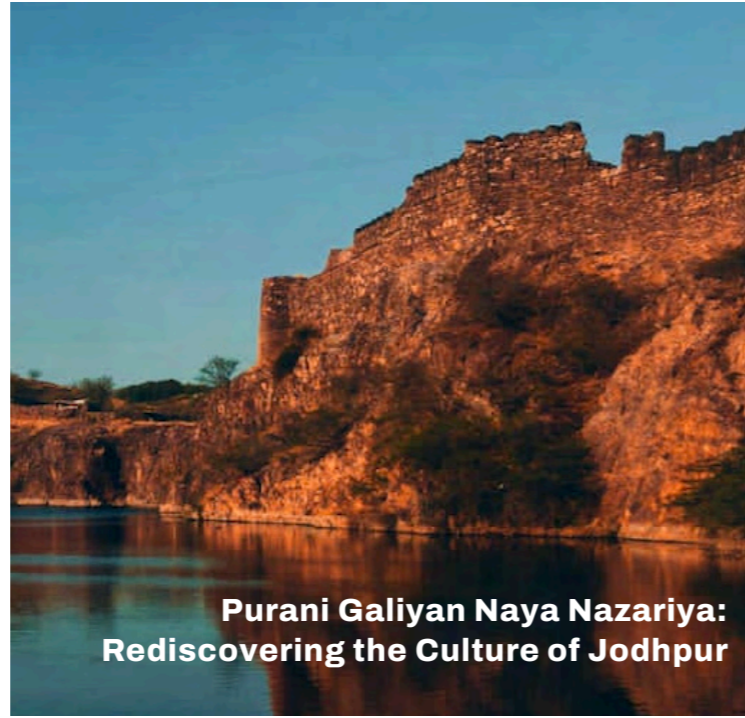
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# GLIMPSES OF DISCOVER INDIA PROGRAM 2023



The Revival of Ghungroo Industry in Jalesar, Uttar Pradesh



Purani Galiyan Naya Nazariya: Rediscovering the Culture of Jodhpur



A Conflict of Coffee and Culture: Kodagu, Karnataka



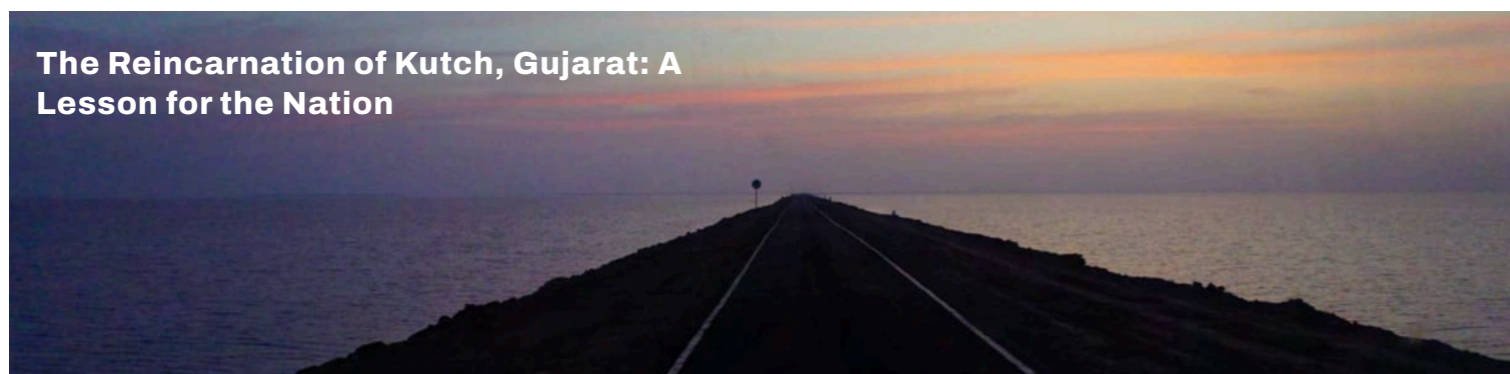
Tibetan Migration and Cultural Practices in Bylakuppe, Karnataka



From Trough to Crest: The Waves of Daman's Tourism Department



Decrypting Hampi: Beyond the Layers of Architecture and Heritage, Karnataka



The Reincarnation of Kutch, Gujarat: A Lesson for the Nation



Prevalence of the Handicraft Textile Industry in Jaipur, Rajasthan



The Demise of Bombay's Single Screen Cinemas



# FIELD VISITS

## VISIT TO THE HISTORICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES OF PUNE

FLAME University undergraduates, under the guidance of Prof. Shivakumar Jolad, recently visited several historical educational institutions in Pune as part of the Education Policy course. They explored the rich history of education in Western India, visiting Gopal Krishna Gokhale's house, archives from the 18th and 19th centuries, and the timeworn school of Savitribai Phule and Fatima Shaikh. The highlight of the visit was the Dhananjayrao Gadgil Library at the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics.



## FIELD TRIP TO EXPLORE MUMBAI'S ARTISTIC LANDSCAPE

FLAME University students took a field trip to explore Mumbai's art landscape, visiting various art venues accompanied by Prof. Poonam Gandhi, as part of the Sociology of Art course. The students gained a deeper understanding of visitors' views and reactions to the exhibits, making it a rich learning experience.



## RURAL MARKETING THROUGH EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

MBA students visited Pali, Maharashtra, interacted with self-help groups, visited a healthcare center, an adivasi school, and learned about rural consumers' aspirations and lifestyles for insight into rural marketing.

## STUDENT-CURATED FOOD WALK TO EXPLORE LOCAL FOOD CULTURE

FLAME University undergraduate students curated a food walk as part of the 'Contemporary Sociological Discourses' course. They explored local food culture and contrasted it with the uniformity of fast-food culture, gaining insights into how socio-cultural and occupational factors influence food preparations and eating patterns.



## VISIT TO THE TIMES OF INDIA'S PUNE NEWSROOM

FLAME University's Media and Journalism students met with section heads and senior journalists from Times of India Pune to watch a presentation on high-impact local and national stories. They were also able to ask questions and learn about the editing and page design process before going to print.





# GUESTS AT FLAME

## INFLUENCE SERIES: MARKETING COMMUNICATION SEMINAR SERIES

FLAME School of Communication organized a seminar series where senior marketers shared recent advancements in Marketing Communications with students to understand techniques and strategies for influencing target audiences.

### EXPLORING EMERGING TRENDS AND TECHNOLOGIES IN DIGITAL PR AND MARKETING COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

**Honey Singh**  
Co-founder and CEO of #ARM  
Worldwide (2013-2021)



### HOW TO BE AN INFLUENCER?

**Mangesh Shinde**  
CEO of WillStar Media



### DIGITAL MEDIA PLANNING USING TECH, PLATFORMS AND DATA

**Sandeep Balani**  
Vice President, JioAds

## PARTICIPATING IN PUBLIC POLICY: PATH AHEAD FOR THE YOUTH

The lecture aimed to inspire FLAME University students to participate in public policy and shape the nation's future.

**Varun Gandhi**  
Member of Parliament, Pilibhit



### DISASTERS, PRO TEM DEVELOPMENT AND 'HAFTA' DEMOCRACY

The guest lecture at FLAME University explored connections between disasters, development projects, and 'hafta' democracy.

**Prof. Harish Naraindas**  
Prof. of Sociology at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Centre for the Study of Social Systems (CSSS) and Honorary Professor at Alfred Deakin Institute, Deakin University

### DEVELOPING MARKETING STRATEGIES

Rajeev Malik shared practical marketing strategies with FLAME University's MBA students, including insights on how smaller companies can compete with established brands using the concept of "Eating the Big Fish" by Adam Morgan.

**Rajeev Malik**  
Vice President of Marketing at Mahindra & Mahindra





## HOW DO REPEATED GOVERNMENT INFUSIONS AFFECT BANK RISKS?

Lecture on government-led bank capital infusions in India, which occur regularly to stabilize public sector banks' weak balance sheets.

### Prof. Madhu Kalimipalli

Full Professor (Finance), Lazaridis School of Business & Economics, Wilfrid Laurier University



## PANEL DISCUSSION ON BREAKING BARRIERS

Panel discussed inspiring stories of women fighting for equality and justice in male-dominated spaces, exploring gender gap's impact on economic and social inequalities, promoting a more gender-sensitive approach for equity in education, health, technology, and business.



### Neha Dixit

Independent Journalist



### Shrayana Bhattacharya

Author and Economist

## THE THIRD EYE OF INDIAN ART, AESTHETICS AS VEDANTA

Harsha V. Dehejia talked about decolonizing minds and the evolution of art history.

### Harsha V. Dehejia

Practising Physician and Professor of Hindu Studies at the College of the Humanities of Carleton University - Ottawa, Canada



## WORKSHOP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Workshop introduced human rights in global and Indian contexts. Ravi Nair spoke about his work with organizations like Amnesty International and the People's Union for Civil Liberties.

### Ravi Nair

Executive Director of the South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre (SAHRDC)



## LECTURE SERIES ON WEATHER FORECASTING AND CLIMATE MODELIN

Dr. Pal delivered lectures on weather forecasting and climate modeling for FLAME University students from Environmental Sciences, Applied Mathematics, and Computer Science.

### Dr. Pradip Pal

Former Deputy Director at the Space Applications Centre at ISRO, Ahmedabad







**Simon Strobel**  
Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of Geography at the University of Hamburg



**Michèle Jacqueline von Kocemba**  
Master's in the Department of Geography at the University of Hamburg

## FLAME CENTRE FOR ECONOMICS & PUBLIC POLICY (CEPP): GUEST LECTURE SESSIONS

CEPP's guest lectures promoted research, training, and dialogue on various topics through eminent speakers.

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**Dr. Subhasish Dugar**  
Associate Professor, University of Utah, USA



**Dr. William Joe**  
Public Health Researcher, Assistant Professor at the Population Research Centre (PRC), Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi



**Dr. Bheemeshwar Reddy A**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Finance, Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani

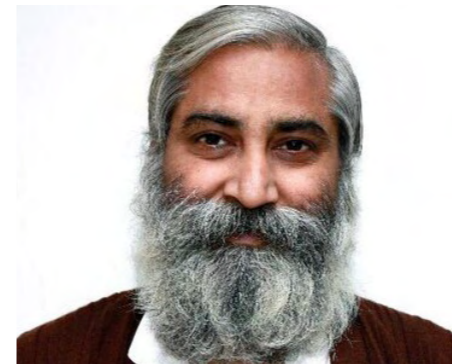
## IMPLICATIONS OF BIOSPHERE RESERVE MANAGEMENT

FLAME University's Department of Physical and Natural Sciences hosted a talk on "Implications of Biosphere Reserve Management on Biodiversity Conservation and Socioeconomic Development in Uganda" which discussed a case study conducted by Simon Strobel and Michèle Jacqueline on the Mt. Elgon Biosphere Reserve in Uganda. The talk addressed issues related to the livelihood and safety of the local population and the region's peace.



## HOW INDIA CAN TAKE OVER THE GLOBAL EXPORT MARKET

**Joshua Felman**  
Former Head of the International Monetary Fund, India



**Dr. Sandeep Pandey**  
Renowned social activist, academic and Magsaysay Award recipient



**Dr. Monika Sawhney**  
Associate Professor at The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA

## FASHION MASTERCLASS ON DECONSTRUCTING ICONIC MOVIE LOOKS

**Shruti Patole**  
The first Indian to win Mrs. Universe Confident





# WEBINARS, CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

**ConneXions**  
Connecting the dots with an interdisciplinary approach

A series by thought leaders and industry experts that helps FLAME University students to discover the value of interdisciplinary thinking in today's demanding world.

## STORYTELLING HAS BEEN STRIPPED OF MEANING

**Prof. Michael Burns**  
Faculty of Academic Writing

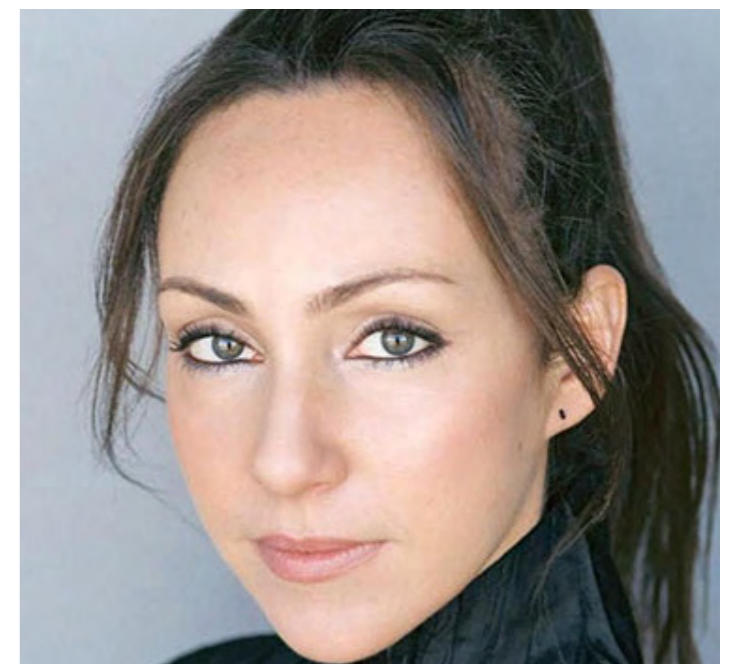


## BUILDING PSYCHOLOGICAL READINESS FOR LIFE AMIDST THE METAVERSE

**Prof. Sairaj Patki**  
Faculty of Psychology

## THE IMPORTANCE OF EPICS FOR CULTURAL COHESION: A CASE STUDY OF ITALY, ARGENTINA AND INDIA

**Prof. Heather Sottong**  
Faculty of Literary & Cultural Studies



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# EDUCATORS CONFLUENCE

The event covered various topics, including critical thinking, negotiation, counseling, environment, and language processing. Dr. Dishan Kamdar, the Vice-Chancellor, initiated the confluence with a talk on negotiation and decision-making skills.



# BOOK DISCUSSION EVENT

Panelists discussed “The Routledge Handbook of Refugees in India” in a book discussion organized by Prof. Divya Balan from the Faculty of International Studies. The panelists were experts in human rights protection, migration, and refugee studies.



**Mr. Ravi Nair**  
Executive Director of South Asia  
Human Rights Documentation Centre  
(SAHRDC), New Delhi



**Dr. K. M. Parivelan**  
Chair of the Centre for Statelessness  
and Refugee Studies, Tata Institute of  
Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai



**Dr. Sajaudeen N. Chapparban**  
Assistant Professor, Centre for  
Diaspora Studies, Central University of  
Gujarat, Gandhinagar



## SYMPOSIUM ON DATA SCIENCE FOR SMART INFRASTRUCTURE

The FLAME Centre for Mathematical Modeling organized a two-day symposium with researchers, academics, and practitioners who discussed their research work and case studies of national and international projects in the field of infrastructure systems and urban development.

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### RECENT ADVANCES IN DATA SCIENCE OF SMART INFRASTRUCTURE

**Dr. OP Vyas**  
IIIT-Allahabad

### ARE SMART INFRASTRUCTURES DESIGNED TO BE REALLY SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT?



**Dr. Balaji Kalluri**  
Faculty of Computer Science, FLAME University

## GENERATIVE ADVERSARIAL NETWORKS: ALGORITHM AND APPLICATIONS



**Divye Singh**  
**Geetansh Kalra**  
ThoughtWorks Technologies, Pune



### DATA-DRIVEN SUPPLY CHAIN NETWORK FACILITY DESIGN DECISIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN INDUSTRY 4.0 ERA

**Dr. Surya Prakash**  
IIHMR University, Jaipur

### APPLICATIONS OF COMPUTER VISION IN SMART INFRASTRUCTURE



**Dr. Aniruddha Pant**  
Faculty of Computer Science, FLAME University



# COMPUTING AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES: A DISTINGUISHED SEMINAR SERIES

Seminar series covered diverse topics including GPS applications in weather monitoring, Cybernetics for understanding societal changes and basics of AI and data science to uncover actionable insights.

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**Prof. Kaushik Gopalan**  
Faculty of Computer Science,  
FLAME University



**Prof. Balaji Kalluri**  
Faculty of Computer Science,  
FLAME University



**Prof. Ajith Abraham**  
Faculty of Computing and Data Sciences,  
FLAME University



**Dr. Manish Gupta**  
Principal Applied Scientist,  
Microsoft, India

# MOCK PARLIAMENT

100 students participated in a mock parliament organized by FLAME Centre for Legislative Education and Research and PRS Legislative Research. The session aimed to provide a platform for students to better understand the legislative process while simulating parliamentary sessions and equip them with essential skills like debating, creating laws, and understanding the parliamentary process. The students discussed socially significant topics such as Krishi Udan, NREGA, Universal Basic Income, and Digital Personal Data Protection.

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The India Centre organizes academic events such as conferences and workshops, bringing scholars from all over the world to engage with each other and disseminate knowledge. The India Studies Seminar is one such event.

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## SCIENCE IN ANCIENT INDIA

**Prof. Pankaj Jain**

Head of Department - Humanities & Languages,  
and Chair, The India Centre, FLAME University



SPEAKER

**Prof. Subhash Kak**

Padma Shri Awardee, Regents Professor,  
Oklahoma State University, USA

## THE THIRD EYE OF INDIAN ART, AESTHETICS AS VEDANTA.

**Prof. Pankaj Jain**

Head of Department - Humanities & Languages,  
and Chair, The India Centre, FLAME University



HOST

**Harsha V. Dehejia**

Practising Physician and Professor of Hindu  
Studies at the College of the Humanities of  
Carleton University - Ottawa, Canada



SPEAKER

## GENDER AND WOMEN'S MONASTIC AUTHORITY IN HINDU SOCIETY: THE ROLE OF CHARISMATIC FEMALE GURUS IN CONTEMPORARY SOUTH ASIA



HOST

**Prof. Pankaj Jain**

Head of Department  
- Humanities &  
Languages,  
and Chair, The India  
Centre, FLAME  
University



SPEAKER

**Dr. Antoinette E.  
DeNapoli**

Associate Professor  
of Religion,  
Department of  
Religion, Texas  
Christian University,  
USA

## FLAME UNIVERSITY ALUMNI INTERACTION SERIES

In this one-of-a-kind interaction series, organized by the Alumni Relations Office, FLAME alumni, and students participated in conversations that lead to an exchange of exciting ideas and experiences.



**Pranjali Kulkarni**

Senior Executive, Brand  
Management, Nykaa



**Nidhi Kulkarni**

Senior Executive, Social Media  
Marketer, FloBiz



**Yogini Chaudhari**

Lead, Learning & Development,  
Xiaomi India



**Radhika Mulay**

Researcher and Project Associate,  
Centre for Water Research and Living  
Waters Museum



**Vaidehi Bhagwat**

Research Associate & Co-ordinator,  
Landscape Environment Advancement  
Foundation



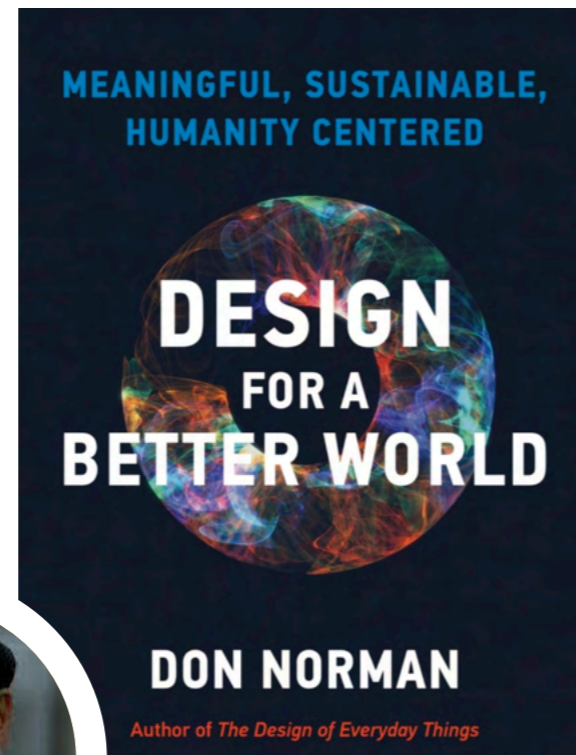
**Kajal Samdani Malwali**

Paid Social Media Manager,  
Publicis Groupe



## VIRTUAL BOOK LAUNCH BY DON NORMAN

“Design for a Better World” by Don Norman diagnoses the problems of our world, from social structures to the climate crisis, and offers a prescription for improvement.



**Don Norman**  
Founding Director of the Design Lab at the University of California, San Diego



**Dr. Supriya Subramani**  
Incoming Lecturer, University of Sydney

## DISRESPECT: A REFLECTION

The South Asian Bioethics Association organized a talk on disrespect in healthcare transactions in India. The talk used four published essays and drew from anthropology and philosophy to provide a commentary on the issue.



**Prof. Sreeparna Chattopadhyay**  
Faculty of Sociology

## MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

FLAME faculty conducted sessions to help participants across India understand business complexities, upscale efficiently, learn selling styles, increase conversions, and equip entrepreneurs with recent marketing tools and trends.

### INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



**Prof. Amarpreet Singh Ghura**  
Faculty of Entrepreneurship

### SEARCH AND DISPLAY MARKETING



**Prof. Rohit Tiwari**  
Faculty of Digital Marketing

### GTM STRATEGIES FOR YOUNG BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS



**Prof. Gitesh Chavan**  
Faculty of Marketing



# OUR ALUMNI COMMUNITY

## BUNNY LAKHMANI'S INSPIRING JOURNEY AS A SENIOR CREDIT RISK ANALYST

Bunny Lakhmani's success story highlights his journey from Kolkata to Dubai and how he became an expert in his field as a Senior Credit Risk Analyst at Coface.

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**Bunny Lakhmani**  
FLAME Alumnus



**Sumedh Mane**  
FLAME Alumnus

**Jehaan Kotwal**  
FLAME Alumnus

## HUMSAFER: A REVOLUTIONARY APP TO ENSURE DRIVER SAFETY IN INDIA

HumSafer co-founders, Jehaan Kotwal and Sumedh Mane, were recognized for their innovative app that prevents drivers from falling asleep at the wheel and was featured on BBC. The app provides engaging alerts and rewards for safe driving, making long road trips safer.

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## FROM FLAME TO GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES

Smriti has received scholarship offers from Yale, Oxford, and Duke universities for master's programs in environmental management and related fields.



**Smriti Jaliha**  
FLAME Alumna

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## FEATURED IN FEMINA

Varnika Gulati is named one of Femina's "10 Most Inspiring Women Entrepreneurs to Look Out For in 2023" for taking her family's small hand-woven silk saree store and turning it into a niche luxury handloom brand through her vision and innovation.



Varnika Gulati  
FLAME Alumna

## RESEARCH "PATHWAYS TO GENTRIFICATION IN INDIA: THE CASE OF PATAN," PUBLISHED IN OBSERVER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

FLAME Alumni published a research report on gentrification in Tier III cities, highlighting its unique dynamics and the need for further exploration.

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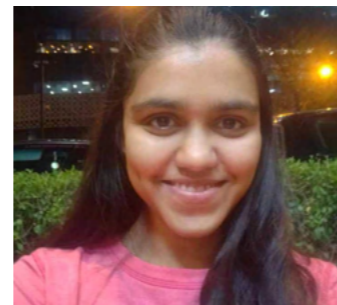
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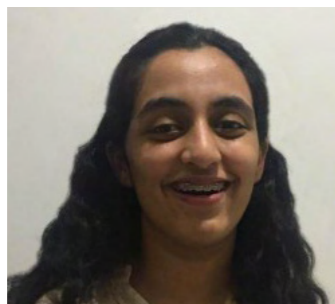
Tanmay Devi



Ovee Karwa



Prachi Agarwal



Vanshika Surana

## FLAME ALUMNI MEET: BENGALURU CHAPTER

FLAME University Alumni Bangalore Chapter Meet was a successful reunion event where alumni networked and reminisced about their college days. They also interacted with the FLAME leadership, sharing their professional pursuits and achievements since leaving the university.





# OTHER IMPACT STORIES

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH INDIAN AIR FORCE

FLAME University signed an MoU to provide education access and recognize talent by granting fee waivers for admission to deserving students from Indian Air Force families.



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH VILLAGE SQUARE

FLAME University signed an MoU to collaborate on the Developmental Activities Program (DAP), aimed at exposing students to social issues and bridging the gap between youth and rural communities. The collaboration aims to empower students to become advocates for change.

## JOINT WHITEPAPER LAUNCHED BY THE INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND FLAME UNIVERSITY

Whitepaper titled "Improving MSME Competitiveness Through Low-Carbon Economy" is a result of a seven-month-long collaborative effort between two organizations, consolidating insights from a roundtable. It focuses on global and Indian environment for MSMEs, highlighting barriers to transition to low-carbon growth, existing government schemes, required support, and the role of academia and IACC.

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Prof. Avani Sabade, played rugby for the Rugby Association of Maharashtra team and they won the Plate in Odisha's inaugural national 15s tournament.



Prof. Sameer Dublay published Raag Bhoop on AIR Pune's YouTube channel as part of "Aalaap", a classical music program.

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Prof. Smita Choudhry participated in a panel discussion on "Why Technological Skills are Important in the Future of Work" hosted by Reskill & Techvid.

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