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A Newsletter from the Vice-Chancellor's Desk

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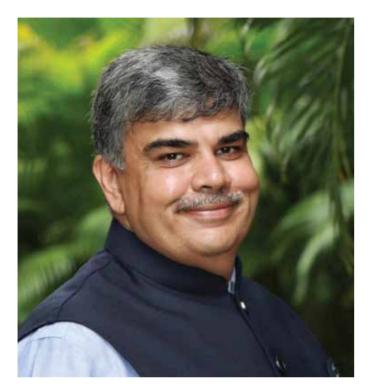
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# Message from the Vice-Chancellor

### Dear Reader,

It brings me immense joy to present to you the ninth edition of our newsletter dedicated to sharing the latest happenings at FLAME University.

In this edition, we celebrate the pursuit of knowledge and innovative research that continues to illuminate the academic landscape. Our esteemed faculty is not only dedicated to enriching the minds of our students but also significantly contributes to their holistic development. The accomplishments of our students, faculty, and alumni stand as testaments to the excellence that defines FLAME University.

This quarter, our faculty thought leaders have achieved new standards of scholarly excellence with more than 20 academic papers published in Q1-ranked journals and a multitude of stimulating articles. Our students continue to excel in a wide range of areas such as sports, extracurricular activities, and academics, demonstrating their steadfast dedication to achieving greatness. By embracing study abroad opportunities and securing offers for higher education from various international universities, our students have displayed their unwavering determination to succeed academically across borders

As we welcome new members into our FLAME community, we reaffirm our dedication to fostering a culture that nurtures learning, critical thinking, and intellectual curiosity. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the entire community for their unwavering support and for being integral to the thriving environment at FLAME.

Dr. Dishan Kamdar

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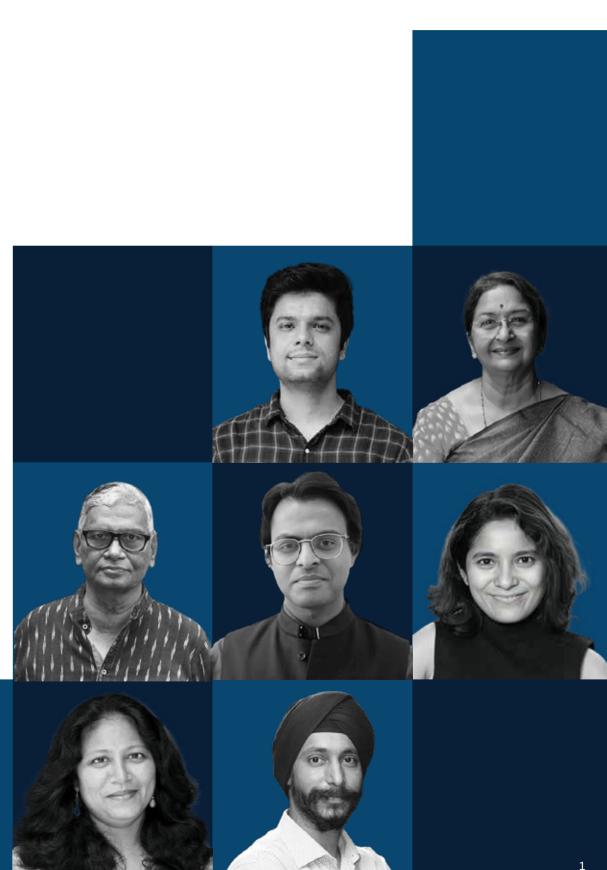
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# Research

FLAME faculty is a vibrant community of accomplished scholars who actively engage in cutting-edge research. As thought leaders, they constantly strive to push the boundaries of knowledge. The remarkable achievement of publishing over 20 research papers in Q1-ranked journals this quarter emphasizes the intellectual rigor and scholarly accomplishments of our FLAME faculty.



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

A translational and multidisciplinary approach to studying the Garcia effect, a higher form of learning with deep evolutionary roots

Published in: Journal of Experimental Biology





**Prof. Sunil Rajpal** Faculty of Economics

Early-neonatal, late-neonatal, postneonatal, and child mortality rates across India, 1993-2021 Published in: JAMA Network Open

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Prof. Debasis Rooj<br/>Faculty of EconomicsProf. Reshmi Sengupta<br/>Faculty of EconomicsContributory pension scheme and formal<br/>retirement savings: is there a trade-off? -<br/>Evidence from India's Atal Pension Yojna<br/>using copula regression methodology<br/>Published in:Review of Economics of the Household

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Prof. Pallavi Ramanathan Faculty of Psychology 'Don't forget Tibet': Understanding the discursive construction of Tibetan national identity through the identity entrepreneurship of the Dalai Lama Published in: European Journal of Social Psychology

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**Prof. Amarpreet Singh Ghura** Faculty of Entrepreneurship A process model of social enterprise scaling using the legitimacy lens Published in: Journal of Social Entrepreneurship

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Prof. Sairaj M. PatkiProf. Poonam GandhiAnukriti A. GoyalFaculty of PsychologyFaculty of SociologyAlumnaPerceived social support, self-esteem, and depression<br/>among Indian trans men with and without sex<br/>reassignment surgery

Published in: Humanities and Social Sciences Communications

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 Prof. Reshmi Sengupta
 Prof. Prasad Pathak

 Faculty of Economics
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 Shedding light on consumer sentiments: Evidence from India
 Published in:Spatial Economic Analysis





### **Prof. Mayurakshi Chaudhuri** Faculty of Sociology Intersectionalities and im/mobilities in family and marriage: A comparative study of Germany and India

Published in: Humanities and Social Sciences Communications

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### Prof. Barun Kumar Thakur Faculty of Economics Investigation of groundwater fluoride

dynamics in the lower gangetic plain including natural influences with economic and health issues

Published in: ACS ES&T Water

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Prof. Balaji Kalluri **Prof. Prajish Prasad** Faculty of Environmental Studies Faculty of Computer Science

Developing Future Computational Thinking in Foundational CS Education: A Case Study From a Liberal Education University in India Published in: IEEE Transactions on Education

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Prof. Suniti Vadalkar Faculty of Design, Art and Performance

Role of Industry 4.0 technologies and human-machine interaction for de-carbonization of food supply chains Published in: Journal of Cleaner Production

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Prof. Sucharita Belavadi Faculty of Psychology 'You are not Sikkimese enough': Understanding collective action tendencies of old settlers in Sikkim using SIMCA Published in: Asian Journal of Social Psychology

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**Prof. Shweta Rana** Faculty of Environmental Studies Carrier-based delivery system of phytohormones in plants: stepping outside of the ordinary Published in: Physiologia Plantarum

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Prof. Jayaraman Valadi Prof. Aamod Sane Prof. Renu Dhadwal Faculty of Computer Science | Faculty of Applied Mathematics Chair Professor of Computing and Data Sciences Protein feature engineering framework for AMPylation site prediction Published in: Scientific Reports

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Faculty of Economics Growth and distribution regimes under global value chains: Diversification, integration, and uneven development

Published in:Structural Change and Economic Dynamics

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# In the Media

FLAME faculty's expertise extends beyond academia, as they actively contribute to media publications, sharing their knowledge and insights with a broader audience. Regular engagement with the media allows the faculty to disseminate their perspectives, making a significant impact on public discourse and shaping the narratives surrounding critical issues.



 Prof. Rituparna Kaushik
 Prof. Rajitha Venugopal

 Faculty of Economics
 Faculty of Literary & Cultural Studies

 Rewind: Let languages thrive
 Published in: Telangana Today

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Prof. Divya Balan Faculty of International Studies Opinion: Kuwait Al-Mangaf blaze: Agony in Kerala as lives housed in labour camp reduced to ashes Published in: The Indian Express

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Prof. Dishan Kamdar Vice-Chancellor Technological advancement and its impact on education system Published in: The Times of India

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**Prof. Pankaj Jain** Faculty of Philosophy and Religious Studies

 Dr. Sanchari Basu

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 Fellow at The India Centre,

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 FLAME University

Bollywood and paternal love: Lessons in audience taste Published in: The Times of India

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Prof. Kaushik Gopalan Faculty of Computer Science Opinion: AI: A must-have skill for every student, any field Arts, humanities, and commerce students can become more versatile at work by mixing their skills with AI knowledge

Published in: Millennium Post





Prof. Chaitanya Giri Faculty of Environmental Sciences The future of lunar exploration Published in: News9 KNOW MORE



Prof. Divya Balan Faculty of International Studies Opinion: Barely any 'Nyay' or 'Guarantee' for NRIs Published in: Telangana Today

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Prof. Aileen Blaney Faculty of Film Studies The new experience economy Published in: Press Reader

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Prof. Yugank Goyal Faculty of Public Policy Election wins and losses Published in: Live Mint

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**Prof. Sheeva Dubey** Faculty of Media and Journalism

**Prof. Prasad Pathak** Faculty of Environmental Studies

Extreme Weather Events: Why Outdoor Workers' Rights Are a Matter of Climate Justice Published in: News Click

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# Achievements

FLAME faculty garner international recognition and act as significant contributors and esteemed professionals in their disciplines. Their expertise, insights, and editorial contributions help shape the direction of research, influence scholarly debates, and foster collaborations among experts worldwide.



### New Gecko Species Discovered: Cnemaspis anuradhae

A new gecko species from the 'Cnemaspis genus'. named 'Cnemaspis anuradhae'. was discovered in Mangalamkombu in the Palani Hills of Tamil Nadu. It is named after Prof. Batabyal in recognition of her contributions to herpetology.

Faculty of Environmental Studies



### New Book Release: Advanced Machine Learning Techniques

Prof. Jayaraman's co-edited book published by Springer, explores the practical implementation of evolutionary and metaheuristic algorithms. It aims to enhance machine learning capabilities by optimizing learning algorithms for maximum efficiency.

Prof. Javaraman V.K Chair Professor of Computing and Data Sciences



### Commemorating Yeats: Talk at the National Library of Ireland

Prof. Mohite was invited to discuss William Butler Yeats and his South Asian interlocutors at the National Library of Ireland. This talk was part of the commemorations marking 100 years since Yeats won the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Faculty of Literary & Cultural Studies

### **Futureproofing Education: Webinar at BITS Pilani**

Prof. Balaii Kalluri Faculty of Environmental Studies

Prof. Kalluri presented an engaging webinar titled 'How to Futureproof Education and Stay Relevant in the Digital Age? Lessons for Educators' as part of the Centre for Education Research and Innovation (CERI). He shared visionary insights into the future of education, unveiling the groundbreaking 6T model for computational thinking and computer science on a global scale.

### Gamifying Water Matters: Talk at WednesdaysForWater

Prof. Kalluri conducted a talk on 'Gamifying Water Matters' with, a flagship initiative by the WforW Foundation. The initiative aims to address water management through collective action and wisdom sharing, promoting the message that making water everybody's business is vital for sustainable solutions.



Prof. Pankai Jain Faculty of Philosophy and Religious Studies

### **Exploring Ancient Ecological Wisdom at National Seminar**

Prof. Jain was invited as a panelist at the national seminar organized by the Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems in New Delhi. He presented on 'Ecological Consciousness in Ancient India: Life Then and Now', sharing his research on Jainism and the ecological wisdom of ancient Indian and indigenous traditions. His insights illuminated the enduring relevance of ancient ecological practices in contemporary times.



Prof. Shamit Shrivastav

Faculty of Design

**Empowering Entrepreneurs: Business** Model Canvas Session with i-Hub Gujarat

Prof. Shrivastav conducted an insightful session on the 'Business Model Canvas' for a cohort of entrepreneurs affiliated with i-Hub Gujarat. The session aimed to help founders identify the optimal timing for developing a business model and understanding its essential components, providing them with critical tools for business success.



### Advancing Education: Faculty Development Program at IIHMR University

Prof. Ghura was invited to a Faculty Development Program which aimed at enhancing the professional growth of 31 faculty members. The participants gained valuable insights from experts, empowering them with the knowledge and skills needed for effective case-based management education.

Prof. Amarpreet Singh Ghura Faculty of Entrepreneurship



 Prof. Yugank Goyal
 Vrinda Mandovra
 Tanya Chandra

 Faculty of Public Policy
 Undergraduate Student
 Former Research Assistant, The Centre for Knowledge Alternatives, FLAME University

### **Development of Electoral Health Index**

Prof. Goyal, along with Vrinda and Tanya, has developed an Electoral Health Index to assess the quality of democracy across Maharashtra's Lok Sabha constituencies. This index combines indicators such as voter turnout, women's participation, candidates' criminal backgrounds, and victory margins from recent elections. The index provides a data-driven approach to measuring democratic strength at the constituency level, offering insights into electoral dynamics beyond urban centers.

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# FLAME Community Welcomes New Faculty Members



Prof. Amit Jena Faculty of Design Pursuing a Joint Doctorate Degree in Data Visualisation from Indian Institute of Technology Bombay - Monash Research Academy



Prof. Pranav Ambardekar Faculty of Philosophy and Criticall Thinking Doctorate Degree in Philosophy from The Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio



Prof. Ninad Patwardhan Faculty of Psychology Doctorate Degree in Psychology from Indian Institute of Technology Bombay



**Prof. Abhishek Kumar** Faculty of Economics Doctorate Degree in Economics from Central University of Gujarat



Prof. Rishi Jha Faculty of Public Policy Doctorate Degree in Social Work from Lund University, Sweden



Prof. Tanuj Negi Faculty of Human Resources Doctorate Degree in Transformative Learning from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore



Prof. Swapnil Tawde Faculty of Marketing Fellow Program in Management (Marketing) from S.P. Jain Institute of Management & Research, Mumbai



Prof. Manoranjan Dash Faculty of Computing and Data Sciences Doctorate Degree in Computer Science from National University of Singapore



Prof. Damini Goyal Gupta Faculty of Digital Marketing and Communications Fellow in Management (Marketing) from MICA, Ahmedabad



Prof. Bhavya Pande Faculty of Operations Doctorate Degree in Operations Management from Shaliesh J. Mehta School of Management, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay



Prof. Vinod Kumar Faculty of Digital Marketing & Communications Doctorate Degree in Marketing from Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee



Prof. Snehal Shekatkar Faculty of Computing and Data Sciences Doctorate Degree in Physics from the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune



Prof. Rahul Kumar Ray Faculty of Computing and Data Sciences Master's Degree in Biomedical Engineering from National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra



Prof. Shiwani Singh Faculty of Applied Mathematics Doctorate Degree in Engineering Mechanics Unit from Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Banglore



# Sports & Extracurricular Activities

**Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony** 

Vice-Chancellor, and Dr. M.A. Ventakramanan, Pro Vice-Chancellor.



Category: Best Student in Co-Curricular Activities

Winner (Female): Radhika Pande Undergraduate Student

Category: Best Student in Co-Curricular Activities

Winner (Male): Amaan Abbasi Undergraduate Student

Category: Sports Person of the Year

and extracurricular activities. The winners were felicitated by Dr. Dishan Kamdar,

FLAME University celebrated the remarkable achievements of students in the area of sports

Winner (Female): Janvi Chordia **Undergraduate Student** 



Category: Sports Person of the Year

Winner (Male): Krishna Venkatesh Undergraduate Student



Category: Inter House Sports Champion & Inter-House Overall Champion

Winner (Male): Vivekananda (House) Captain: Ishaan Sapru, Undergraduate Student



Category: Inter House Co-Curricular Champion

Winner (Female): Kalidas (House) Captain: Geethika Jammula, Undergraduate Student

# Academics

### **Students Shine in Academics**

FLAME students' dedication and perseverance earned them well-deserved awards and a spot on the Dean's Roll of Honor.

### **Undergraduate Program**



Vandana Bhaskar Gold Medal (BA)



Parth Basankar Silver Medal (BA)



Shanaya Dastoor Bronze Medal (BA)



Charu Agarwal Gold Medal (BSc)



Mrityunjaya Lala Gold Medal (BBA)



Sai Ananya Mallapragada Silver Medal (BBA)



**Pratardan Agarwal** Bronze Medal (BBA)



Sachi Dhuped Gold Medal (BBA(CM))



Aavat Aziz Silver Medal (BBA(CM))



Ishaan Sharda Bronze Medal (BBA(CM))

### **Master of Business Administration**



Chiranjeevi Purandara Gold Medal (MBA)





Gold Medal (MBA(CM))

### **FLAME Scholars Program (FSP)**



Arushi Arora Gold Medal (FSP)



Swamini Narkar Silver Medal (FSP)



**Rishit Sanghvi** Silver Medal (MBA)

### **Postgraduate Program in Entrepreneurship and Innovation**



Vaitheeshwar Prakash Gold Medal (PGPEI)



**Omkar Joshi** Bronze Medal (FSP)

# Semester Abroad Experience at Kelley School of Business

"The journey of my semester abroad at Indiana University, Kelley School of Business, has been transformative and profoundly humbling. It's difficult to encapsulate in words the depth of what I've experienced, but it has undoubtedly left an indelible mark on my life.

Throughout this adventure, I've acquired invaluable life skills and have also forged genuine connections that I believe will endure the test of time. Academically, the rigorous curriculum at Kelley School of Business challenged me to think critically and approach problems from diverse perspectives. Engaging with professors and fellow students in a global setting broadened my understanding of business concepts and practices, offering insights that go beyond geographical boundaries. The collaborative learning environment fostered innovative thinking and encouraged me to push beyond my limits. Through group projects, case studies, and interactive lectures, I deepened my knowledge of business principles and honed my communication and teamwork skills. This academic journey has equipped me with a solid foundation that I am eager to apply in my future endeavors, both professionally and personally."

### Kopal Bhandari Undergraduate Student



# **Marketplace Simulation Winners**

Vivek Barchha, Rushikesh Tawade, Dibayan Dutta, Dhruv Verma, Rahilkumar Patel, Ritesh Mishra, Chiranjeevi Purandara, Mitali Kothari, Avish Bindal, Samarth Kakade, Anshul Nandwana, and Nirav Modi, MBA students at FLAME University, won the Marketplace Simulation as part of their MBA Strategic Management Course.

In this simulation, the students navigated the complexities of the new-age bike industry by conducting market surveys, designing bikes, launching products globally with investments, and seeking external funding to help their company grow. The students were mentored by Prof. Bharat Damani, Faculty of Entrepreneurship at FLAME University, who guided them along the way, nurturing their analytical and strategic skills.



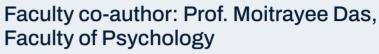
### **Ethnographic Study: Sundarbans' Challenges**, **Presented** at International Conference

Vandana Bhaskar, a FLAME Scholars Program Student, and Prof. Sinjini Mukherjee, Faculty of Sociology, presented their paper 'Jongoler Nesha: Adversity, Affliction, and 'Addiction' in the Sundarbans, West Bengal' at the 7th Annual South Asia Conference, Ireland-India Institute, Dublin City University, Ireland. Their study, part of the 'Environmental Issues and Debates Panel', explores the challenges faced by jungle dwellers in the Sundarbans through ethnographic research conducted under the Discover India Program, a comprehensive student-led learning initiative.



# In the Media









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Opinion: Gender bias in healthcare

Opinion: Paradox of empowerment



Faculty co-author: Prof. Yashobanta Parida, **Faculty of Economics** 



Faculty co-author: Prof. Balaji Kalluri, Faculty of Environmental **Studies** 



Opinion: Rise of office peacocking



Post-pandemic investing: Risk or restraint



Parth Basankar Opinion: Rice, turmeric and export duty





### Diya Madhusudan

Active Citizenship: A Vital Tool to Strengthen Cyber Surakshit Bharat Mission

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### **FLAME Students Receive Offers from Global Universities**

FLAME believes in fostering a culture of intellectual curiosity and inquiry, which encourages students to explore different perspectives and challenge conventional ideas. This commitment to academic excellence and holistic development has yielded remarkable results, with FLAME students receiving exceptional offers this year from prestigious global universities. These achievements reflect the high caliber of education and the comprehensive support system at FLAME, preparing students to excel on the international stage.



**Monjima Acharya** Offer Received from **Imperial College London** for M.Sc. in Economics & Strategy for Business



Namrata Jalan Offer Received from **University of Bristol** for M.Sc. in Marketing



**Akshanth Gunda** Offer Received from **Trinity College Dublin** for M.Sc. in Financial Risk Management



**Ashwini Karthik** Offer Received from **University of Edinburgh** for M.Sc. in Performance Psychology



**Isha Rajput** Offer Received from National University of Singapore for M.Sc. in Human Capital Management &

Analytics



Offer Received from University of Pennsylvania for Master of Behavioural & **Decision Sciences** 

**Omkar Joshi** 



**Oom Rawat** Offer Received from King's College London for M.Sc. in Finance



Vedika Basu Offer Received from School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London for M.A. in Social Anthropology

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# Alumni Achievement



Rahul Kamboj

# Man of Excellence Award by Indian Achievers Forum

Rahul received the Man of Excellence award from the Indian Achievers Forum. With over 15 years of experience, Rahul's success is built on his outstanding ability to blend creativity with strategy, value creation, and leadership. His journey reflects the fusion of entrepreneurial zeal and a great passion for sports and entertainment.

# Gold Lion for the Third Consecutive Year

Himanish and his team at Leo Burnett have won the prestigious Gold Lion for the third consecutive year. The team earned Gold in Creative Use of Data and Bronze in Entertainment for Sports, along with four shortlists at the renowned Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity, for their innovative project, Turf Finder.



**Himanish Ashar** 

### Asia's Top 100 Influential Women 2024

Saloni has been recognized as one of 'Asia's Top 100 Influential Women 2024' and has won the 'Iconic Food and Travel Influencer of the Year award'. Since starting her page in 2017, she has achieved remarkable success. We commend her outstanding work in this field and wish her the best in all her future endeavors.



Saloni Panda

### Papers Presented at Wellesley College



Pritha Deshpande | Swamini Narkar

Pritha and Swamini presented their papers, 'Digesting the Other: Cannibalism as a Taboo and Ritual Across Cultures' and 'Radical Care in Motion: Analysing Revathi's A Life in Trans Activism,' respectively.

Pritha's paper examines the evolution of cannibalism as a cultural practice and its perception by society and societal norms. Swamini's paper explores themes of care, community, and social work, highlighting how these elements are integral to Revathi's life as depicted in her book.

### Paper Published in Q1-Ranked Journal



Gopalan

Nandini Gandhi

Prof. Kaushik Prof. Prajish Prasad Faculty of Compute Faculty of Computer Science

Nandini recently published her thesis work, "A Support Vector Machine Approach for Plagiarism Detection in Python Code Submissions," in a Q1-ranked journal. Collaborating with Prof. Gopalan and Prof. Prasad, the study introduces customized methods using SVM and textual analysis to detect code similarity in Python programming.

# **Alumni Chapter Meets**

FLAME University organized Alumni Chapter Meets in Ahmedabad and Delhi, The atmosphere was brimming with enthusiasm as alumni connected and rekindled old friendships. Dr. Vivek Ahuja, Associate Director & In-Charge of Alumni Relations, and the FLAME University alumni team delivered captivating presentations, highlighting the latest developments and achievements of current students. The event transitioned into a lively networking session, fostering meaningful connections and discussions.



### Paper Presentation at 7th World Class Day (WCDC7) International Conference



Isha Barve | Prof. Garima Rajan Faculty of Psychology Alumna

Isha and Prof. Rajan presented their paper 'Understanding the Role of Peer Mentors in Student Well-Being: A Qualitative Inquiry' at the 7th World Class Day (WCDC7) International Conference organized by Universitas Jambi (UNJA). Their study reveals that peer mentors serve as invaluable academic role models, reducing emotional distress and uncertainty by providing relatable experiences and essential information.



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## **Reflection Papers Launched**

FLAME University and Leadership For Equity launched 'Reflection Papers: Rethinking Educational Transformation' following a research symposium. The event gathered researchers, practitioners, and thought leaders to envision education system change and strategies for enhancing public education in India, aligned with NEP 2020 goals.

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# **FLAME University Partners With IUBS For Global Climate Education**

FLAME University partnered with the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) to create a global network of environmentally conscious educators. The Centre for Sustainability, Environmental and Climate Change (CSECC) at FLAME University will provide over 800 scientifically vetted resources, a repository of over 370 lesson plans and more than 530 teaching tools across 10 disciplines.

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