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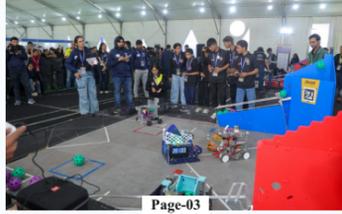
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Convocation 12: Enthusiasm, Dignity, Academic Pride Witnessed All Around



Kunal

Gurugram: SGT University organised a grand Convocation Ceremony for students across all departments, marking a significant milestone in the academic journey of thousands of graduates. Held on the university campus, the ceremony took place with enthusiasm, dignity and academic pride, bringing together students, faculty members, parents and distinguished guests.

On this Graceful occasion chief guests were Prof (Dr) Sat Prakash Bansal, Vice chancellor Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Prof (Dr) Alok Kumar Rai Director IIM Calcutta, Prof (Dr) Unnat P Pandit Controller general of DPIIT, Prof (Dr) Diwan Singh Rawat Vice chancellor Kumaun University. Special guests in the event were Prof (Dr) Vikas Dhawan Director general IMS noida, Prof (Dr) O. P Kalra former Vice chancellor of Sgt

University and Pandit B.D. Sharma University. The convocation celebrated the successful completion of academic programmes across multiple faculties, including Engineering and Technology, Medicine and Health Sciences, Dental Sciences, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Management Studies, Law, Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Design, Hotel Management, Mass Communication and Applied Sciences. Degrees were formally conferred upon undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students who successfully completed their respective programmes. The event commenced with the traditional academic procession, followed by the invocation and the lighting of the ceremonial lamp.

Senior university officials, deans of various faculties and heads of departments graced the dais, reflecting the institution's inclusive and multidisciplinary academic environment. The university leadership welcomed the graduating students and congratulated them on their perseverance, dedication and academic commitment. Addressing the gathering, university authorities highlighted the institution's commitment to academic excellence, research innovation and holistic education.



NCC Cadet Earns Honour at Kartavya Path



Gurugram: SGT University witnessed a moment of immense pride as Ritul Kumar, a dedicated and disciplined NCC cadet, made history by being selected as the only Senior Division cadet from 5 Haryana Battalion, NCC (2026) to attend the prestigious Republic Day Camp. This remarkable achievement stands as a testament to his perseverance, hard work and unwavering commitment to service. Marching on the iconic Kartavya Path during the 77th Republic Day Parade, Ritul represented not only his battalion but also the core values of discipline, unity and patriotism upheld by the National Cadet Corps. With every step, he reflected the spirit of a nation and the strength of youth dedicated to building a stronger future. Ritul's journey is a proud reflection of the nurturing academic and co-curricular environment at SGT University.

SGTU Alumnus Appointed Director at Australia-Based Firm



Gurugram: Sachin Rana, an alumnus of the School of Commerce and Management, SGT University, from the 2014 - 18 batch, has been appointed as Director at Lightfast Network Private Limited in Sydney, Australia. His achievement marks a significant professional milestone and reflects his growth in the global corporate sector. The appointment underscores Sachin's strong academic foundation and industry-oriented learning during his time at the university.

Expert Session Guides Dental Scholars to Impactful Research



Shivam

Gurugram: In an era when dentistry is expanding beyond clinics into laboratories and global research journals, SGT University is ensuring that its students are prepared for both domains. The Faculty of Dental Sciences at SGT University recently hosted an insightful guest lecture titled "Executing Dental Research Right: From Ideas to Impact," transforming a routine academic session into an engaging discussion on the value of meaningful research. Organised by the Postgraduates' Dissertation Committee, the session sought to bridge the often-perceived gap between textbook knowledge and real-world scientific contribution. Rather than focusing solely on rules and formats, the event encouraged

students to view research as a tool for innovation, problem-solving and long-term impact in oral healthcare. The lecture featured two eminent speakers - Dr. Panchali Batra, Professor at Jamia Millia Islamia, and Dr. Anika Dawar, Associate Professor at the Centre for Dental Education, AIIMS, New Delhi. Drawing on their extensive academic and clinical experience, the speakers offered practical insights into the research journey, ranging from framing a strong research question to conducting ethical studies and presenting impactful findings. The real-world perspectives shared by the speakers resonated strongly with postgraduate students. They addressed common challenges faced by early-stage researchers, including uncertainty at the idea-generation stage, data overload and apprehension about publication, while offering clear and achievable strategies to overcome these hurdles. Their guidance reframed research from a compulsory academic requirement into an opportunity to make meaningful contributions to the dental fraternity. The atmosphere in the lecture hall reflected this shift, with students actively participating, raising thoughtful questions and engaging in open discussions.

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Mannthan International MUN Concludes with Spirit of Global Leadership



Gurugram: A vibrant spirit of diplomacy, dialogue and global leadership marked the successful conclusion of Mannthan International Model United Nations (MUN) 2026, hosted at SGT University. Over the course of the conference, the campus transformed into a dynamic global forum where young minds assumed the roles of international diplomats, addressing pressing world issues with confidence and clarity. Delegates from diverse institutions

and backgrounds came together to deliberate on complex global challenges, including geopolitics, human rights, sustainable development and international cooperation. Committee rooms resonated with passionate speeches, sharp negotiations and well-researched arguments, reflecting the depth of preparation and commitment demonstrated by the participants. Notably, the intensity of debate was matched by mutual respect and openness, as differing viewpoints were exchanged constructively.

The success of Mannthan International MUN 2026 was driven by the collective efforts of dedicated chairs, mentors and organisers, whose guidance ensured that discussions remained

structured, inclusive and impactful. Their leadership enabled delegates to channel diverse perspectives into meaningful dialogue and constructive resolutions, reinforcing the core values of diplomacy, consensus-building and ethical decision-making. Beyond the formal committee sessions, the conference fostered camaraderie, networking and a shared sense of purpose among participants.



Hospitality Management Graduate Selected in France



Gurugram: Jatin, an alumnus of the School of Hotel and Tourism Management, SGT University, from the 2017 - 21 batch, has been selected as Manager at Rue de La Fruitier in France, marking a notable achievement in the international placement.

The selection reflects the strong academic foundation and practical training Jatin received during his studies in hospitality management. His appointment to a managerial position at an international hospitality establishment highlights the global relevance of the skills and professional competencies developed at the university.

Masterclass Inspires to Transform Creativity into Compelling Narratives



Gurugram: The School of Design and vision. In today's competitive creative industry, a portfolio is not merely a collection of projects; it is a personal narrative. Ms. Santambrogio reinforced this perspective throughout the session, encouraging students to move beyond showcasing polished visuals or neatly arranged slides. She urged them to view their portfolios as dynamic documents

that communicate process, intent, experimentation and growth.

Drawing from her international academic and professional experience, Ms. Santambrogio shared practical insights on curating projects thoughtfully - emphasising quality over quantity, understanding the audience and presenting work with clarity and confidence. She highlighted the importance of context, including why a project was created, the problem it aimed to address and the approach adopted by the designer. These elements, she noted, are often as significant as the final outcome. The interactive session resonated strongly with students, many of whom are preparing for internships, higher studies or professional practice.

Saraswati Puja Celebrated with Devotion



Gurugram: The campus of SGT University resonated with spiritual fervor and cultural vibrance as students, faculty, and staff came together to celebrate Saraswati Puja with great devotion and enthusiasm. Vice chancellor also showed their presence in saraswati puja .The



event was organized to seek the blessings of Goddess Saraswati, the symbol of wisdom, knowledge, music, and arts. The celebration began with the ceremonial installation of the beautifully adorned idol of Goddess Saraswati, followed by traditional rituals and chanting of Vedic mantras. Priests conducted the puja in accordance with rituals, while students participated wholeheartedly in offering flowers and prayers.

Lohri Night Celebrated with Cultural Fervour and Community Spirit



Gurugram: The college grounds at SGT University came alive with colour, rhythm and warmth as students and faculty gathered to celebrate Lohri, one of North India's most cherished harvest festivals. What began as an evening event soon transformed into a vibrant cultural celebration, reflecting the spirit of togetherness and tradition that Lohri represents.

At the heart of the celebration was a glowing bonfire around which students assembled, symbolising gratitude, renewal and the welcoming of abundance. As the flames danced against the winter sky, the beats of the dhol echoed across the campus, instantly lifting spirits. Students dressed in traditional Punjabi attire participated in energetic bhangra and giddha performances, transforming the university grounds into a joyful spectacle of music and movement.

The celebration extended beyond dance and festivity, offering an opportunity to reconnect with cultural roots.

Gurpurab Celebration Fosters Devotion, Unity



Gurugram: An atmosphere of serenity and spiritual warmth enveloped the campus as Gurpurab was celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj. The observance at SGT University

went beyond ceremonial tradition, serving as a heartfelt reflection on the timeless values embodied by Guru Gobind Singh Ji—courage in adversity, compassion for humanity and an unwavering commitment to righteousness.

From the early hours of the day, the campus resonated with the divine vibrations of shabad kirtan. As hymns echoed through the surroundings, students, faculty members and staff paused from their daily routines to engage in prayer and reflection. The soulful kirtan fostered a sense of calm and purpose, enabling participants to reconnect with the deeper meaning of life beyond academic responsibilities.

Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj, the tenth Sikh Guru, was not only a spiritual leader but also a visionary who inspired people to stand against injustice and live with dignity and fearlessness.

Tastepreneur Celebrates Culinary Innovation and Entrepreneurial Vision



Gurugram: The university recently witnessed an extraordinary celebration of food, innovation and entrepreneurship with the grand roof. Organised by AGSKI 360 in

collaboration with the School of Hotel and Tourism Management, SGT University, the event emerged as a vibrant platform for aspiring chefs, hospitality students and emerging food entrepreneurs to learn, connect and grow. Tastepreneur was not merely a culinary event; it was a powerful convergence of ideas and experiences from across the food and hospitality ecosystem. The day unfolded with energy and enthusiasm as culinary visionaries, industry leaders and mentors shared their journeys, insights and challenges, offering participants a realistic and inspiring view of the industry.

The event was formally inaugurated by Chef Vivek Sagar, General Secretary of the Indian Culinary Forum, whose presence added both credibility and inspiration to the occasion. In his address, he highlighted the evolving nature of the culinary profession and the growing importance of innovation, discipline and entrepreneurial thinking in today's food industry. One of the major attractions of Tastepreneur was the Culinary Innovation Showcase and the HomeChef Competition, where budding chefs demonstrated creativity, technical skills and originality. These segments provided young talent with an

opportunity to present their ideas to experts, receive constructive feedback and build confidence—an essential step for those aspiring to transform their passion into a profession. The event also featured insightful interactions with representatives from leading industry brands, including Catch, Pansari Group and Roop Mahal Rice.



Young Innovators Take Center Stage as ATL Sarthi Debuts



Ashish John

Gurugram: In a landmark moment for India's growing innovation ecosystem, the ACIC - SGTU Community Innovation Centre inaugurated ATL Sarthi, a pioneering initiative aimed at mentoring, guiding, and enabling young innovators across the country. The launch marked a decisive step toward strengthening India's entrepreneurial and technological landscape by providing structured support to

students and early-stage innovators. The inauguration was followed by the prestigious FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) India Championship 2025-26, transforming SGT University into a vibrant hub of robotics, strategy, and student-led engineering excellence. A Strategic Push for Innovation ATL Sarthi has been conceptualized as a high-impact mentorship and enablement platform aligned with national missions such as Atal Innovation

Mission and India's broader vision of becoming a global innovation powerhouse. The initiative is designed to bridge the gap between ideation and execution by offering mentoring, access to infrastructure, industry connect, and guidance in innovation management. Through ATL Sarthi, young innovators will receive structured exposure to entrepreneurship, research orientation, and technology-driven problem-solving. The initiative aims to cultivate not only technical capabilities but also leadership skills, ethical responsibility, and long-term innovation thinking. The ceremony was graced with messages from distinguished national leaders. Dr. Jitendra Singh Ji, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Science & Technology, emphasized the importance of fostering scientific temper and nurturing young minds capable of solving national and global challenges.

University Hosts Employability Summit 2026 on Future-Ready Skills



Gurugram: SGT University successfully organized the Employability Summit 2026 at its campus, bringing together leading HR professionals and industry experts to deliberate on the future of skills and evolving employer expectations. The summit centered on the theme "What Employers Expect From Graduates in 2026 & Beyond," offering students valuable insights into the changing corporate landscape. Esteemed panelists from renowned organizations shared their perspectives on emerging workplace trends, digital transformation, leadership and Devinder Sharma, VP & Head HR at Parijat Industries.

adaptability in a rapidly evolving job market. Speakers emphasized that beyond academic excellence, employers are increasingly seeking candidates equipped with communication skills, problem-solving ability, emotional intelligence, and technological proficiency. The discussion also highlighted the growing demand for interdisciplinary knowledge and continuous learning to remain competitive. Students actively engaged with the panel during the interactive Q&A session, gaining clarity on career planning, internships, and industry readiness. The distinguished panel included Simin Askari, Senior VP HR & Business Excellence at D.S. Group; Sheetal Jerath Sharma, AD People & Culture at Grant Thornton; Mr. Sugato Palit, Managing Director of Absolute Spark; Ashu Sharma, AVP Corporate HR at RSWM Limited; and Devinder Sharma, VP & Head HR at Parijat Industries.

Non-Teaching Staff Light Up SGTU Campus with "Funzania" Celebration



Gurugram: In a refreshing break from routine administrative responsibilities, the non-teaching staff of SGT University came together to organise "Funzania," a lively and engaging event that celebrated teamwork, creativity, and camaraderie across departments. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from staff

members and added a vibrant spark to campus life. The programme featured a variety of cultural performances, including dance, singing, and light-hearted skits that highlighted the hidden talents of staff members. Fun games and interactive activities were organised to encourage bonding and stress relief.

Advanced SEM Masterclass Strengthens Research Capabilities

Gurugram: Through its SGT Global Business School, SGT University successfully organised an advanced Faculty Development Programme (FDP) aimed at strengthening research capabilities in quantitative and qualitative methodologies. As part of this initiative, an intensive, hands-on masterclass on Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) was conducted on 7 January 2026, drawing enthusiastic participation from faculty members across disciplines. The session was led by Dr. Vibhash Kumar, Associate Professor (Senior Grade), Faculty of Management, South Asian University, a noted academic with extensive expertise



in advanced research methods. Designed to bridge the gap between theoretical understanding and practical application, the masterclass covered concepts ranging from the fundamentals of SEM to advanced analytical techniques, with special emphasis on mediation and moderation

analysis. A defining feature of the session was its strong practical orientation. Using Smart PLS, a widely used software application for Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modelling (PLS-SEM), Dr. Kumar guided participants step by step through real-world research scenarios.

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat: Strengthening Unity Through Cultural Integration



Gurugram: India is a land of immense diversity, shaped by a rich tapestry of languages, traditions, cuisines, festivals and lifestyles. Despite these differences, the idea of unity has always remained central to the nation's identity. To further strengthen this bond and promote deeper understanding among citizens, the Government of India launched the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) initiative in 2015. The programme aims to enhance interaction and mutual respect among people of different states and Union Territories, thereby reinforcing the spirit of national integration. The core concept of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat lies in creating structured engagement between states and Union Territories by pairing them. These paired regions collaborate through cultural exchanges, educational activities, tourism promotion and people-to-

people interactions. Students, artists, writers and professionals are given opportunities to learn about the language, heritage and traditions of their partner state. Such systematic exchanges help break stereotypes and foster emotional connections across regions. One of the most significant aspects

STRONG FOCUS ON YOUTH AND EDUCATION.

of the EBSB initiative is its strong focus on youth and education. University students actively participate by organising language-learning programmes, cultural festivals, debates, quizzes and essay competitions centred on partner states. Students are encouraged to learn basic phrases of another Indian language, enabling them to appreciate linguistic diversity while

promoting multilingualism. Exposure at this stage nurtures tolerance, curiosity and respect for different cultures.

Tourism forms another important pillar of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. The initiative highlights lesser-known tourist destinations of partner states, motivating citizens to explore India beyond conventional travel circuits. Through cultural festivals, food fairs and exhibitions, people gain insights into traditional art forms, handicrafts, music, dance and cuisine from various regions. This not only strengthens domestic tourism but also supports local artisans and cultural practitioners. The programme also extends to administrative and professional exchanges. Civil servants, teachers and officials from paired states share best practices, governance models and innovative solutions to common challenges. Such knowledge-sharing contributes to improved policymaking and more effective public service delivery.



Students Visit British Council for Academic and Cultural Exposure



Gurugram: As part of an academic and experiential learning initiative aimed at enhancing global exposure and cultural understanding, students of SGT University recently visited the British Council. The educational visit offered valuable insights into international education opportunities, English language development and cross-cultural exchange, making it a highly enriching experience. During the visit, students were warmly received by officials of the British Council, who introduced them to the organisation's role in strengthening cultural relations and educational cooperation between India and the United Kingdom. Students were briefed on various programmes offered by the British Council, including English

language training, study abroad guidance, scholarships, international examinations such as IELTS and professional development initiatives. A key highlight of the visit was an interactive session focusing on global education trends and emerging career opportunities. Experts explained how international collaborations, student exchange programmes and global certifications can help students build competitive careers in an increasingly interconnected world. Special emphasis was placed on the development of communication skills, critical thinking and cultural sensitivity - competencies considered essential for success at the global level.

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