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Multicultural MAHE: Internationalization through Global Classrooms & Perspectives



Hello readers,
Seasons Greetings!

I am delighted to be writing the message for this issue of Aula Magna. This is the 5(4) issue of the newsletter. A team of hardworking students and staff ensure that the newsletter is brought out regularly. Not just that, we are also able to document most of the activities under the internationalization vertical of MAHE through this. We hope you like the content. Happy reading!

I have been the international Program Coordinator at Manipal Institute of Communication since 2010, but we have had incoming international exchange students from Hochschule Bremen sitting in our classes and taking our courses from early 2000's. The presence of even one international student in a classroom can lead to interesting discussions on topics, further leading to other students benefiting from newer knowledge and understanding. So I would say that the term 'Internationalization' for MAHE'ites is not really newfound.

In an era defined by interconnectedness, the role of internationalization cannot be overstated. It is imperative to embrace a global perspective, for which, the future beckons us to set new benchmarks in fostering a truly internationalized academic environment.

At MAHE we have been celebrating diverse cultures through events, exhibitions, and festivals that foster a sense of belonging and respect for different perspectives among students and staff. As we know that cultural integration is important to a thriving international environment, organizing cultural programs, immersion programs, global awareness seminars, language exchange initiatives, intercultural workshops and such other activities creates a multicultural hub. Encouraging student-led international clubs or societies can further promote cross-cultural dialogue and understanding within the MAHE community.

One of the cornerstones of internationalization is the exchange of knowledge, ideas, and experiences. At MAHE we have always had a vast and growing number of student and faculty exchanges. Student exchanges, many a times, become life changing experiences, opening up an array of opportunities for personal and professional growth. While an international student learns things differently in the academic landscape, the tutor/teacher also experiences a diverse classroom setting. We can surely build up a network of all our former incoming exchange students to expand our cross border connections magnificently. These are people who embraced cultural diversity in our multicultural campus, who would surely have enlivening stories to share. Such a platform can amplify our students' academic prowess and prepare them to thrive in a globally connected professional landscape.

We take pride in nurturing a generation of global citizens – individuals who are not just proficient in their field but also empathetic, adaptable, and culturally aware. Having said that, Internationalization at MAHE is not just a pathway to academic advancement but a commitment to shaping well-rounded individuals equipped to thrive in an interconnected world. As we embark on this journey towards a more interconnected future, let us embrace diversity, foster collaboration, and pave the way for a truly global community.

Dr. Shubha H S

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New Partnerships for this quarter



USC University of Southern California



World Wide Manipal

Going Global at Manipal Academy of Higher Education

UTIKS Portal Launch: Illuminating the Global Spectrum with Traditional Indian Wisdom

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) is delighted to introduce a digital treasure trove that encapsulates India's intellectual heritage and millennia-old knowledge traditions. The Universalization of Traditional Indian Knowledge Systems (UTIKS) Portal is an online platform launched by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) for specialized courses, in collaboration with Savitribai Phule Pune University and MAHE serving as the event host. The grand launch event, held on 5 October 2023, witnessed the presence of eminent speakers and dignitaries, along with foreign students who shared their profound insights and enthusiasm for this monumental endeavor.

Dr. Narayana Sabhahit, Pro Vice Chancellor (T & S) at MAHE, Manipal, delivered a warm welcome, underscoring the paramount importance of preserving and sharing India's intellectual heritage.

Shri Abhay Kumar DDG (C&S/SP) introduced UTIKS, emphasizing its role as a single-window source for introductory knowledge across a wide array of subjects. This initiative seeks not only to introduce Indian culture to newcomers but also to provide a deeper understanding to those already familiar with its diverse traditions.

Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, President of ICCR, officially inaugurated the UTIKS Portal. Speaking about the launch, he stated, "UTIKS represents a significant stride in preserving and sharing the wealth of traditional Indian knowledge with the world. It perfectly aligns with our mission to foster cultural exchange and promote a nuanced understanding of India's rich heritage."

Shri Kumar Tuhin, Director General of ICCR, extended heartfelt gratitude in his vote of thanks to all those who played pivotal roles in making this initiative a reality.

The event was further enriched by enlightening sessions delving into the theme of "Indian Knowledge System in Global Context," led by distinguished academics. Among them were Prof. Chinnappa Gowda, an illustrious figure in folklore research and a retired professor from Mangalore University, and Prof. Shivani V, serving as the Professor and Head of the Department of Vyakarana at Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bangalore.

For a deeper exploration of the captivating realm of Traditional Indian Knowledge Systems, visit the UTIKS Portal: <https://iccr.gov.in/utiks>



Faculty from Health Professions leads International Hand Splinting Workshop in Dubai

Occupational therapists from Jordan, Egypt, the Philippines, and the United Arab Emirates participated in a two-day international workshop on hand splinting in Dubai on 14-15 October 2023, which was led by Dr. Shovan Saha, Associate Professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy, Manipal Centre for Health Professions. The workshop's main topic was clinical hand splinting procedures.

On 13 October 2023, a number of Occupational Therapy Department alumni who are employed in the United Arab Emirates hosted Dr. Shovan Saha for an alumni get-together. During the gathering, they reminisce about their time in Manipal and Dr. Saha—who also serves as the Chairperson of the Institutional Alumni Committee—shared updates about the department and the institution and urged them to participate in the department's numerous clinical, academic, and research initiatives.

He was also invited to speak on 16 October 2023, about assistive technology in pediatric diseases by the largest rehabilitation center, Al Noor Training Centre for Persons with Disabilities.



Department of Languages celebrates Hispanic Heritage



The Department of Languages (DoL), supported by Office of International Affairs and Collaborations, hosted a series of events to celebrate Hispanic Heritage from 31 October 2023 to 3 November 2023, focusing on the Mexican tradition of *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead). Partnering with Universidad de Guanajuato to promote cultural exchange and understanding, the staff and students of the Mexican university made an animated presentation for the students of DoL on this ancient tradition.

They shared rich insights into diverse aspects of the multi-day holiday like *ofrendas*, *calaveras literarias*, *alebrijes* and *alfñiques* used to honour the departed. Celebrations included screening of the popular animated film 'Coco' (2017) and culminated with "La Fiesta", an evening filled with fun activities, language games, live music, open mic sessions, and traditional Mexican snacks! The event was coordinated by Ms. Meghana Mangalvedhe who teaches Spanish language and Hispanic cultures at DoL, Manipal.



Shaping futures: Australian Professor delivers Vice Chancellor's Oration



In what can be described as a red-letter day in the annals of MAHE Bengaluru, the institution was abuzz with excitement as it played host to an esteemed delegation from the University of Queensland (UQ), Australia on 11 October 2023. The visiting contingent was spearheaded by Mr. Peter Varghese, Chancellor and the erudite Professor Deborah Terry, Vice-Chancellor. Their presence at the Bangalore campus was a manifestation of the enduring camaraderie and collaboration between the two globally renowned educational institutions.

This year's Vice Chancellor's Oration at MAHE Bengaluru was delivered by Professor Deborah Terry. Through her address, she underscored the invaluable contribution of universities in grappling with the intricate challenges that the world faces and steering a nation's trajectory towards progress and prosperity. She delineated the multifaceted roles of universities from championing skill development to ensuring that students are primed for top-tier job opportunities, and acting as crucibles of innovation that provide solutions to looming challenges. Professor Terry also commended India's robust educational paradigm, emphasizing its potency in nurturing holistic growth in students.

MCHP forges academic partnership with Bahrain Specialist Hospital



Manipal College Of Health Professions (MCHP) has partnered with Bahrain Specialist Hospital, Kingdom of Bahrain for academic collaborations. MCHP is involved in capacity building for the implementation of academic collaboration and training of student-focused allied health programs in Bahrain.

Deakin University School of Nursing explores Healthcare Practices in MAHE

By: Dr Virginia Louise Hagger, Senior lecturer in Nursing, Course Director of Graduate Certificate of Diabetes, Deakin University

In November 2023, eight undergraduate nursing students visited Manipal Academy of Higher Education for a two-week study tour hosted by the Manipal College of Nursing. The students came to learn about international contexts of nursing and midwifery and to enhance their understanding of cross-cultural health care, and health systems.

The tour offered many outstanding experiences including the IMPRINTZ festival, which introduced the students to traditional music and dance and thought-provoking performances in the modern dance and fashion parades.

The students learned about wilderness medicine, along with ayurvedic and complementary therapies. The anatomy museum and interprofessional workshop on “home-based self-management of diabetes” were further opportunities for learning and sharing knowledge. Visiting the beautiful wildlife sanctuary, Endpoint gardens, temples, Heritage Village, shopping around Udupi and delicious Indian food were also highlights.

Deakin School of Nursing and Midwifery expressed their gratitude to their hosts Dr Judith Norohna and Dr Elsa Sanatombi Devi, MCON staff and the student buddies, for a warm welcome, exceptional hospitality, and fascinating study tour. For the students, this first visit to India gave them insight into a different culture and healthcare system.



World Occupational Therapy Day: International Workshop at Vietnam

Dr. Sumita Rege, Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, Manipal College of Health Professions, conducted a talk with students of Hai Duong Medical Technical University, Vietnam, on October 20th, 2023, to commemorate World Occupational Therapy Day. The talk was titled ‘Occupational therapy avenues for pediatric practice’. This talk aimed to improve awareness about what occupational therapy can offer for children and their families in different settings.



Rediscovering Humanity: UNESCO Dialogue for Peace at MAHE

Under the UNESCO Chair for Peace and Non-Violence led by Dr. M. D. Nalapat, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) curated the 'Rediscovering Humanity in the Present World' dialogue on 9 November 2023. The event, involving MAHE's departments - the Department of Geopolitics and International Relations (DGIR), Gandhian Centre for Philosophical Arts and Science (GCPAS), Manipal Centre for European Studies (MCES), Manipal Institute of Communication (MIC), and Manipal Centre for Humanities (MCH) – showcased a student poster exhibition exploring humanity, sustainable development, and UNESCO's initiatives. This dialogue coincided with UNESCO's 42nd General Conference in Paris themed "Rethinking the Commons, Acting Together." Dr. Dhanasree Jayaram, Assistant Professor at DGIR and event coordinator, welcomed attendees. Vice-Chancellor Lt. Gen. (Dr.) M. D. Venkatesh emphasized MAHE's commitment to Sustainable Development Goals and its community ecosystem. Ms. Sarita Jadav from UNESCO's New Delhi Office highlighted India's role in hosting the regional dialogue. The panel included Prof. Vardesh Hiregange, Director, GCPAS; Prof. Neeta Inamdar, Head, MCES; Prof. Nikhil Govind, Head, MCH; and Prof. Padma Rani, Director, MIC.



Topics encompassed tolerance, justice, formal education's importance, moral literacy, empathy, and inclusivity in institutional processes. Students from diverse nationalities posed queries about the international community's role in conflict-affected regions, and fostering inclusive institutional practices. The 'Rediscovering Humanity in the Present World' dialogue stimulated discussions on 21st-century challenges and opportunities in promoting global humanity.

Prioritizing Healthcare: Student from Netherlands interns at Prasanna School of Public Health

Ms. Nora Teuma, a master's student from the University of Groningen, The Netherlands, was in Manipal during September-November 2023, for a research internship at the Centre for Health Demography, Department of Health Information, Prasanna School of Public Health. During her internship, she conducted a review on South Asian migrants' care and support for their ageing parents and conducted interviews with stakeholders who worked with the older adults. This project was a part of her master's thesis, which she will complete in January 2024.



Enhancing Culinary Finesse: Paris chef conducts Pâtisserie workshop in MAHE

A Pâtisserie workshop by chef Richard Lecoq from Le Cordon Bleu Paris was held for culinary arts students of Welcomgroup Graduate School of Hotel Administration (WGSHA). Students had an invaluable opportunity to acquire practical, hands-on experience under an expert and made French delicacies such as passion fruit jellies, passion fruit and coconut lollipops Brittany shortbread-style tart.

The significance of the workshop extended beyond honing culinary skills; it provided students with profound insights into the rich culinary heritage upheld by Le Cordon Bleu. Emphasizing precision, creativity, and the utilization of top-quality ingredients, the workshop underscored the essential elements within the realm of pastry arts.



Bridging Cultures and Building Partnerships: Department of Languages visits Spain-India forum

Ms. Meghana Mangalvedhe, working in the domain of Spanish, Hispanic Cultures, and Cross-cultural studies with a focus on India-Spain at the Department of Languages (DoL), recently represented MAHE at the “Spain-India Forum” and ‘Study in Spain Fair’ held in New Delhi with a team of two students.

On 22 November, the third Spain-India Forum at Instituto Cervantes, New Delhi, brought diplomats, experts, and enthusiasts together, facilitating impactful conversations on G20 presidencies, higher education collaboration, and the evolving role of Spanish globally.

The Study in Spain Fair on 23 November at The Lalit, New Delhi, featured a delegation of 10 prestigious Spanish universities, offering valuable opportunities for collaboration. The team further explored research collaborations, academic partnerships, student and staff exchanges, and international faculty recruitment. This experience, beyond the Forum and into the Fair, lays the groundwork for collaborations, contributing to MAHE's ongoing internationalization goals.



Building MAHE

Faculty news and milestones

MAHE wins Prestigious FICCI award under the category "Excellence in Globalization".

In a significant success, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) has been honored with the esteemed FICCI Higher Education Excellence Award 2023 under the award category "Excellence in Globalization" during the 18th FICCI Higher Education Summit held at New Delhi on 29 November 2023. The award was received by Dr. Christopher Sudhakar, Director Quality, MAHE, in an award ceremony at Dr. Ambedkar International Center, New Delhi.

MAHE's visionary strides in globalization were acknowledged by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in this competition, where it was competing against other prestigious institutions from across the country.

This recognition is a testimony to MAHE's untiring dedication to providing world-class education and embracing a global outlook. MAHE believes in preparing its students to excel not only in the local context but also on the international stage. The FICCI Higher Education Excellence Award adds one more accolade to MAHE's illustrious journey, recognizing its impact on shaping the future of education in India and beyond. This award is a motivation for MAHE to continue the pursuit of excellence in education and to further strengthen its global footprint.

MAHE extends its gratitude to FICCI for this prestigious honor and reaffirms its commitment to advancing the frontiers of education with a global outlook.



Dean of Nursing School bags International Fellowship

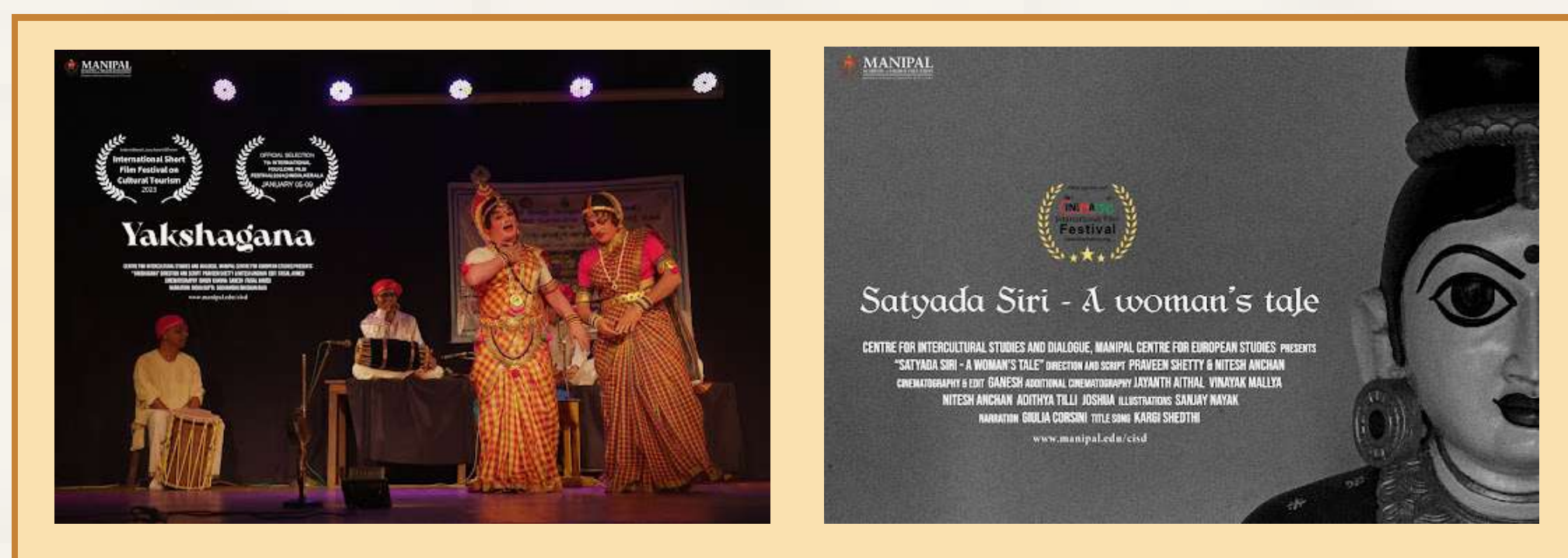
Dr. Judith A. Noronha, Dean, Manipal College of Nursing, MAHE, Manipal, is awarded the prestigious Fellowship of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland on 4 December 2023. This fellowship is in recognition of outstanding work and exceptional leadership in the profession of nursing/midwifery.



Centre for Intercultural Studies and Dialogue garners International recognition for films on regional culture

Centre for Intercultural Studies and Dialogue (CISD), housed in Manipal Centre for European Studies, MAHE is a platform for learning and research on communication across cultures. The ongoing project 'Discerning India- Living Cultures of Tulunadu', a two credit online course is conceived under the centre with the aim to explore the rich source of indigenous knowledge. It attempts to showcase the richness of the regional culture in terms of its outlook to life, society, and environment. The project aims to delve into the interconnectedness of social practices within the community and their contemporary significance, contributing to a repository of local cultural knowledge. Documentaries of various art forms have been produced under the project- *Yakshagana*, *Kambala*, *Bhutaradhane* & *Siriaradhane* to name a few.

The short film "Yakshagana" created by CISD, MAHE, as a part of the project 'Discerning India: Living Cultures of Tulunadu' has won the International Jury Award in International Short Film Festival on Cultural Tourism on 3 December 2023. On the other hand, the documentary film "Satyada Siri: A Woman's Tale" has been officially selected for the Fourth Cinemaking International Film Festival on 27 December 2023 in Dhaka, Bangladesh!



MAHE Postgrad Wins Best Presenter for Tele-ECG Study in Singapore Cardiology Symposium



Ms. Fida Nizar, final year postgraduate student at Department of Cardiovascular Technology, MCHP, Manipal Academy of Higher Education participated in Singapore Prevention and Cardiac Rehabilitation Symposium 2023- A New Era of Preventive Cardiology and Personalization in Cardiac Rehabilitation on 28 October and 29 October 2023, at Orchard Hotel, Singapore and presented on the topic "Impact of Tele-ECG recorded from Rural areas in India in the Management of Acute Myocardial Infarction". She was awarded Best Presenting Author (Poster) under the category: Telehealth/Post-Covid Cardiac Issues.

MAHE department head elected as a Fellow of the Institute of Physics

Professor Sajan Daniel George, Head of the Department of Atomic and Molecular Physics at the Manipal Academy of Higher Education, has been elected as a Fellow of the Institute of Physics (IoP), an award that marks the highest level of membership attainable within the Institute. The title of Fellow recognizes those who have made a significant contribution to their profession through their work or their support of the development and promotion of physics. Professor George is internationally recognized for having contributed important advances in the fields of spectroscopy, nanoscale surface engineering for photonics and biomedical applications, and photothermal methods. His pioneering contributions have led to him receiving multiple professional awards, including a fellowship from the Royal Society of Chemistry, UK and Indian Chemical Society.



Experience MAHE

Expanding professional horizons: Tvisha & Disha, MAHE

As a part of a six-month internship at the Department of Occupational Therapy, Ms. Tvisha and Ms. Disha got an opportunity to pursue their one-month placement at Barwon Health, the largest regional healthcare service in Victoria, Australia.



“At the end of October, my classmate Tvisha and I had the privilege of interning in Australia. I am extremely grateful to MCHP for providing me with this opportunity which has deepened my passion for Occupational Therapy!”

-Disha, MCHP MAHE

Newer Perspectives to Healthcare: Molly Daley, Australia

“My time in Manipal was an experience I will never forget. It gave me a new perspective when looking at the Australian Healthcare system. Thank you to MAHE for giving me this experience!”

-Molly Daley, Melbourne, Australia

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Propelling Change at Student Energy Summit: Mervin Rahul Jathana

I am delighted to share my participation in the Student Energy Summit 2023 (SES 2023), a groundbreaking event that has already left an indelible mark on the global energy landscape. Held in Abu Dhabi and Dubai, SES 2023 is the world's largest youth-led energy event, providing an unprecedented platform for collaboration and innovation in sustainable energy.

This transformative summit, hosted by New York University Abu Dhabi in collaboration with Student Energy, brought together over 650 young individuals from more than 150 countries. The Leadership Dialogue on “Infrastructure and Technology : Key to the Energy System” featured influential speakers and dignitaries. The dialogue delved into discussions on how the development of the current energy system and transformations are needed for a resilient and sustainable future. The Leadership Dialogue on "Cities of Tomorrow, Myth or Reality?" featured insightful speakers, including Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo, and explored the attainability of visions for sustainable future cities and transforming current urban centers into resilient hubs leading climate actions.

The Plenary Session on "Private Sector Action and ESG", held on 1 December 2023, at the COP28 Venue in Dubai, critically examined the private sector's role in expediting the energy transition. Discussions encompassed shedding light on the multifaceted contributions of businesses to sustainable and environmentally conscious practices. The Plenary Sessions on “The System Change Lab” and “Energy Security: Supply Chains and Critical Minerals” critically examined the opportunities and threats related to the energy sector and emphasized on the significance of positive steering towards a sustainable future.



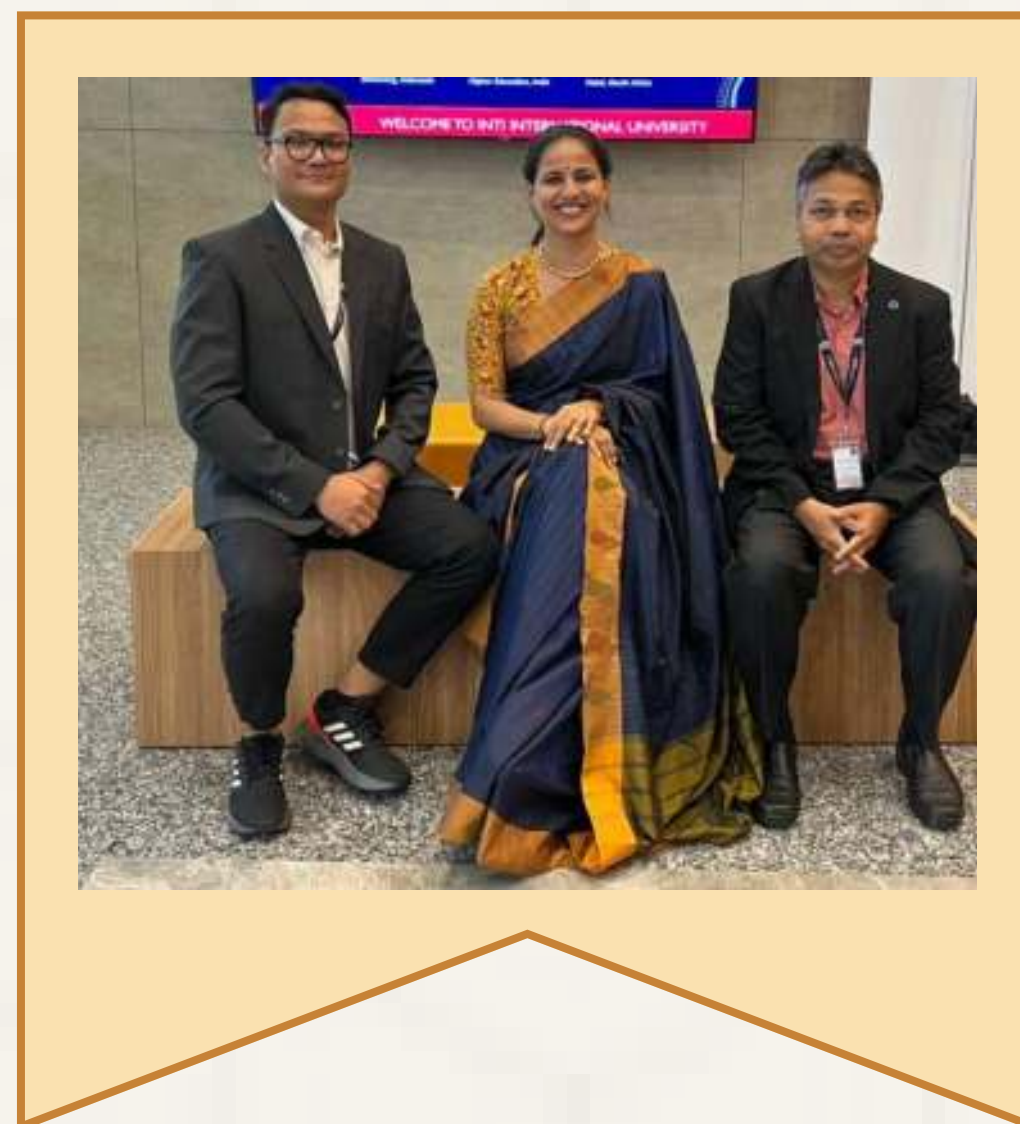
A doorstep into a collaborative future : Dr. Ankita Shetty's visit to Malaysian University

It is with great pleasure that I share the outcomes of my visit as a visiting scholar at INTI International University from 10 December to 16 December 2023. Our discussions were multifaceted, covering several areas of potential collaboration and academic and research exchange for the Department of Commerce (DOC), Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE). My host was Dr. Cheng Kai Wah, INTI International University Malaysia.

Firstly, the Guest Lecture Exchange enhanced the academic experience by bringing in experts from both institutions, enriching the learning environment in business and strengthening the global academic visibility of both institutions.

We delved into the process of co-guide approval for our PhD scholars, facilitating collaborative research supervision. Encouraging faculty from both institutions to visit each other's campuses was a key point of discussion, to foster a deeper understanding of teaching methodologies and academic practices.

Lastly, we also explored the availability of full scholarship programs for Masters and PhD programs. This is aimed at attracting high-caliber students and promoting diversity in the student body.



Empowering African Youth: MAHE's Endeavors in Pan-African Education

In a significant stride towards global education outreach, the Directorate of Online Education at Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) inked a groundbreaking agreement with the Ministry of External Affairs in 2020 through the eVidyaBharati-PanAfrican Scholarship Project. MAHE has since successfully enrolled students from 12 African countries, including Ghana, Uganda, Malawi and Sierra Leone. The institution offered its esteemed online MBA program to this diverse cohort. MAHE's dedicated educators rose to the occasion, whose commitment to fostering a conducive learning environment resulted in remarkably high levels of student satisfaction.



The culmination of this endeavor was celebrated during the 31st Convocation in November 2023. An impressive total of 190 students received their degrees in absentia, symbolizing the successful completion of their academic journey with MAHE. Additionally, five students from Uganda, Ghana, and Malawi had the unique privilege of receiving their degrees in person, marking a momentous occasion that exemplified the tangible impact of MAHE's global outreach initiatives.

Guest Visits



Deakin University, Australia



Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand



Dr. Mohammad Jawald from University Putra Malaysia



Prof. Dr. Eng. Wim Van den bergh from University of Antwerp, Belgium



Virginia Commonwealth University, USA



Delegation from Volda University, Norway



Dr. Justin Sung, learning coach and Head of learning at iCanStudy

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MAHHE Convocation 2023



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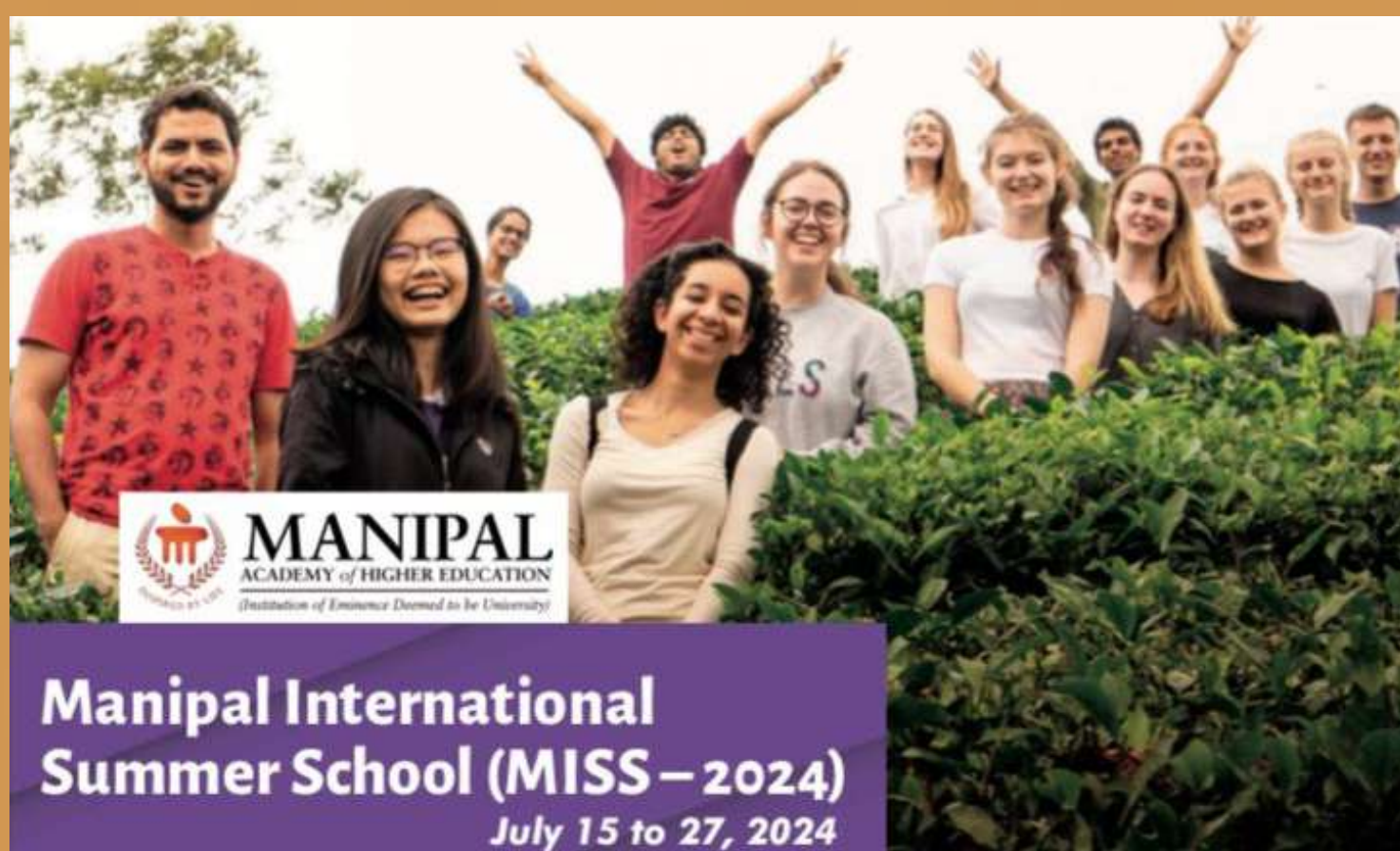
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- » Global Health Diplomacy
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- » Evidence Clinic - Tailoring the needs of policymaker

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Cultural Immersion

Visits

- » Puttige Vidyapeetha - Traditional Indian School
- » Krishna temple - Centre of Dvaita Philosophy
- » Malpe Beach-Coast and Tourism
- » Hasta Shilpa -Heritage Museum Village
- » Varanga Temple-Jain Architecture & Tradition
- » Pilikula-National Zoological Park

Interactions

- » Yoga Department-Practitioners of Yoga
- » Jasmine Farming -Farmers of Jasmine Cultivation

Participation

- » KAIROS 2023- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DAY
- » Sanskriti - Ethnic Day Celebrations

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