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## Rekhi Centre

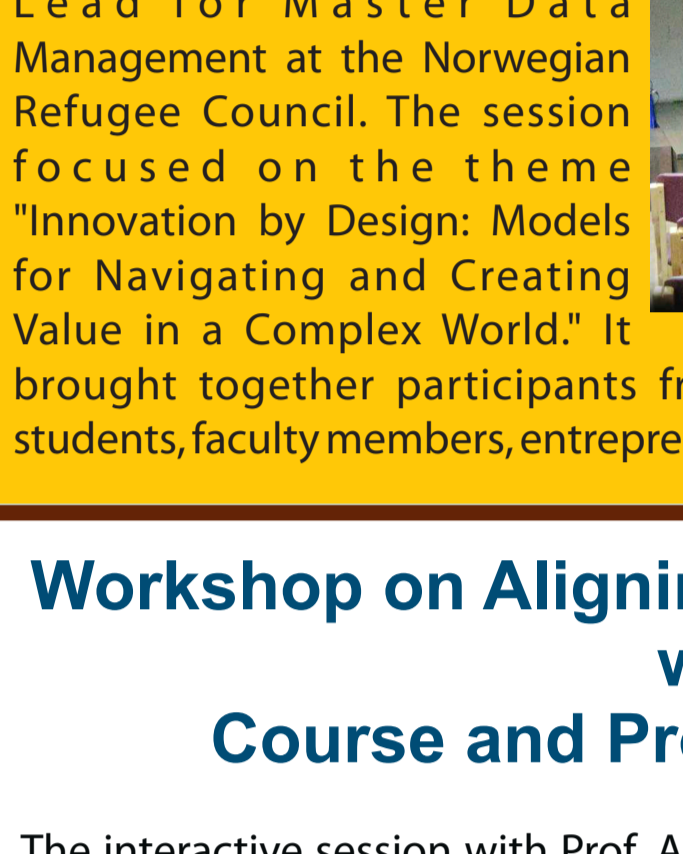


IIS (Deemed to be University) Partners with Rekhi Foundation of Happiness launched the First Rekhi Centre of Excellence for the Science of Happiness in Rajasthan. The centre is funded by the Rekhi Foundation for Happiness started by Dr. Satinder Singh Rekhi and his wife. The centre was formally inaugurated on January 9 in the presence of Honourable Chancellor, Dr. Ashok Gupta and by the esteemed Dr. (Prof.) Saamdu Chetri, Director of the Yoganada School of Spirituality and Happiness, representative of Rekhi Foundation. The centre will expand the practice and knowledge of "Happiness Science and

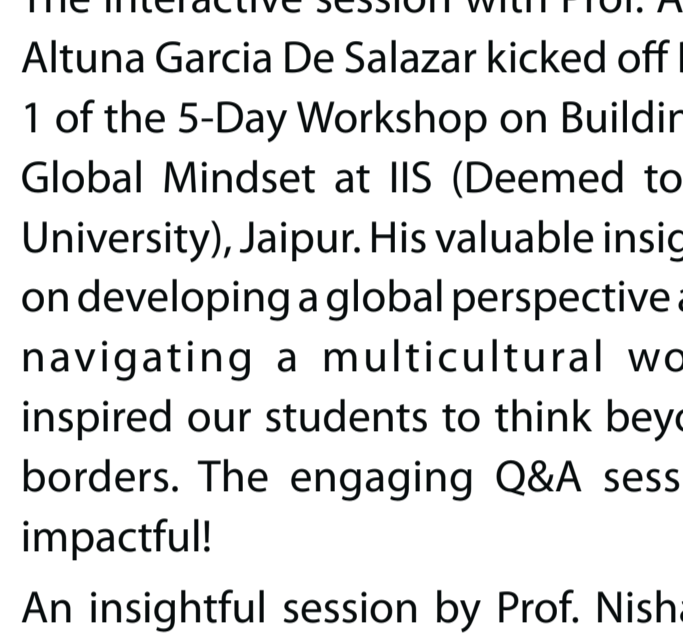
Positive Psychology" to promote research, training and education and the practice of wellbeing for students and teachers through the application of happiness and well-being.



## Viksit Bharat Young Leader

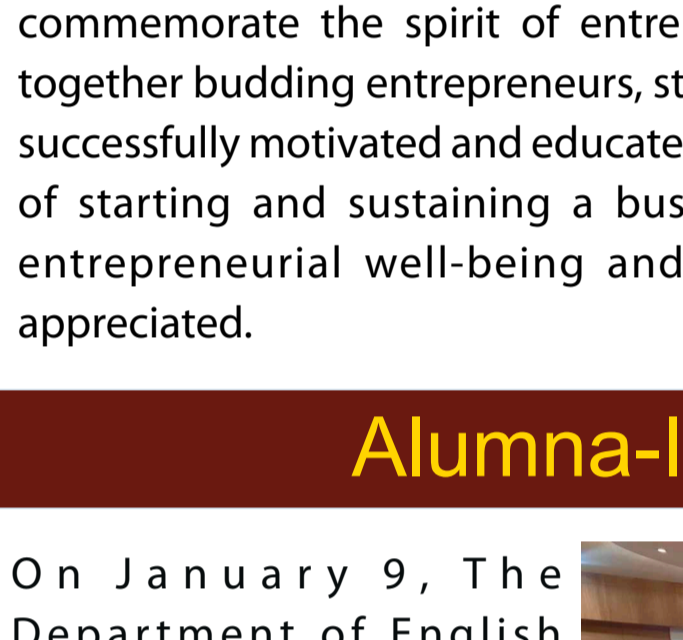
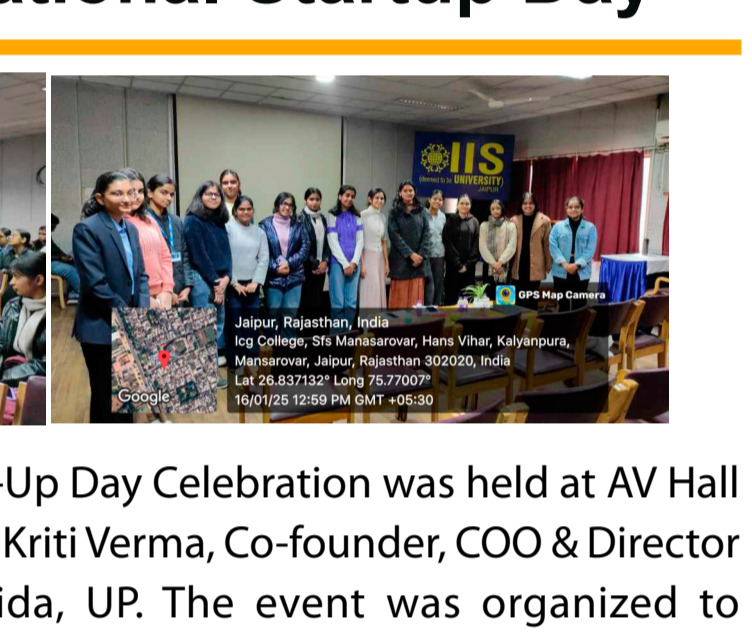


Jahanvee Sharma of M.A. (Geog.) Sem II was selected as a young leader to share her vision for Viksit Bharat in front of Hon'ble Prime Minister and other esteemed guests and national icons of the country such as Anand Mahindra, Palki Sharma Upadhyay, Ritesh Agarwal, Amitabh Kant, K Somnath, and many more at a three-day conference at the Bharat Mandapam. She was selected through a 4-stage young leaders dialogue competition involving a quiz, essay, state-level presentation and then a national-level one. She was among the 39 young and bright minds of Rajasthan. They were selected out of 30 lakh youth who participated to be in the top 3000. The CM invited them on 21 Jan to talk about their ideas in the Pre-Budget Meeting of the state and an entire page will be dedicated to their ideas in the upcoming Rajasthan Budget 2025.



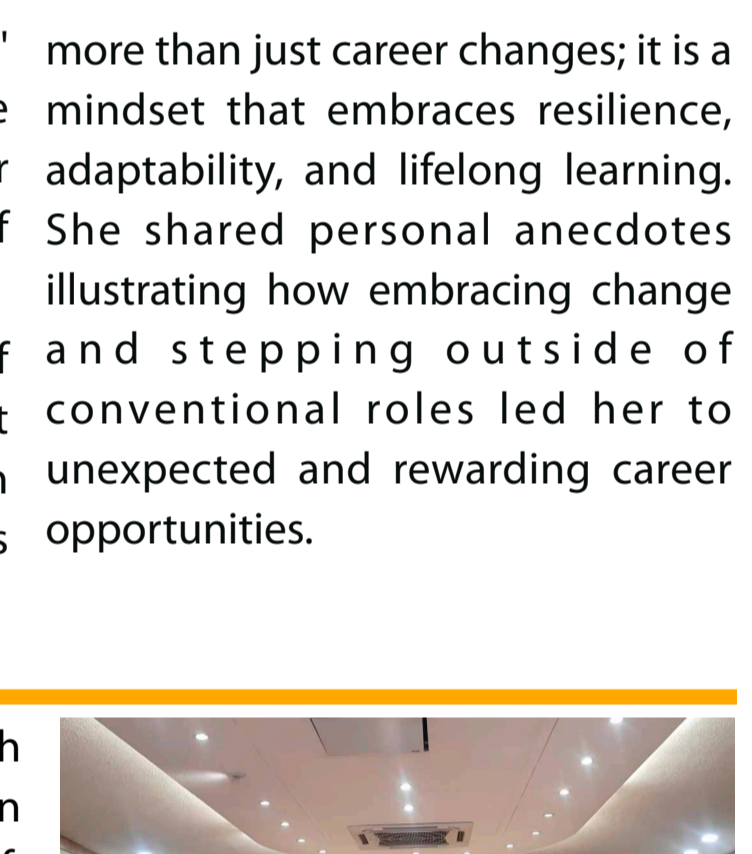
## Workshop on Hydroponics: Future of Vertical Farming

On 10th January, a Hydroponics Workshop was conducted by Mr. Rajendra Kumar, an expert from Harvest Haven Pvt. Ltd., Jaipur. The workshop aimed to introduce attendees to soil-less farming techniques, their benefits, and practical applications in modern agriculture. The workshop provided valuable insights into hydroponic farming and its potential for revolutionizing agriculture. Mr. Rajendra Kumar shared practical knowledge and case studies, making the session highly engaging and informative.



## Workshop on Innovation by Design

On 7th January, an insightful workshop was conducted by Mr. Himanshu Ardawatia, Global Lead for Master Data Management at the Norwegian Refugee Council. The session focused on the theme "Innovation by Design: Models for Navigating and Creating Value in a Complex World." It brought together participants from diverse backgrounds, including students, faculty members, entrepreneurs, and innovation enthusiasts.



## Workshop on Aligning Teaching Strategies with Course and Program Outcomes

The interactive session with Prof. Asier Altuna Garcia De Salazar worked on Building a Global Mindset at IIS (Deemed to be University), Jaipur. His valuable insights on developing a global perspective and navigating a multicultural world inspired our students to think beyond borders. The engaging Q&A session made the experience even more impactful!



An insightful session by Prof. Nisha Yadav, Controller of Examinations, IIS (Deemed to be University), Jaipur, focused on understanding and implementing Outcome-Based Education (OBE) to enhance learning, assessment, and evaluation processes. The session emphasized the importance of aligning learning outcomes with assessments to ensure students achieve measurable goals and improve academic excellence.

## Workshop on National Startup Day

On 16th January, the National Start-Up Day Celebration was held at AV Hall with an insightful session led by Ms. Kriti Verma, Co-founder, COO & Director of Manashta Online Therapy, Mrida, UP. The event was organized to commemorate the spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation, bringing together budding entrepreneurs, students, and industry experts. The event successfully motivated and educated aspiring entrepreneurs on the realities of starting and sustaining a business. Ms. Kriti Verma's insights into entrepreneurial well-being and innovation strategies were highly appreciated.



## Alumna-Interaction

On January 9, The Department of English Literature and Language organized an insightful and engaging Alumna Interaction featuring a talk by Ms. Chitra Singh. The session, titled "Pivoting as a Life Skill and Business Skill: Journey from Lit. to Branding and Beyond," provided attendees with valuable perspectives on adaptability, career transitions, and the intersection of literature and branding.

She shared personal anecdotes illustrating how embracing change and stepping outside of conventional roles led her to unexpected and rewarding career opportunities.

Chitra's talk centered on the idea of "pivoting"—the ability to shift direction in life and career when necessary. She described pivoting as

more than just career changes; it is a mindset that embraces resilience, adaptability, and lifelong learning.

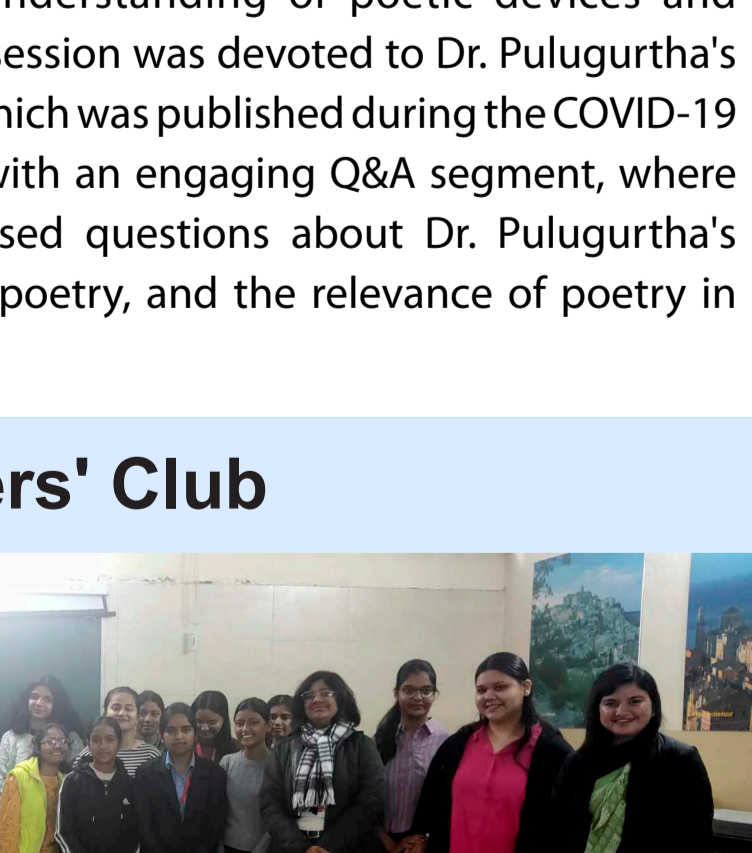
## Guest lecture

The Department of English Literature and Language, hosted an enlightening guest lecture by Prof. Asier Altuna-García de Salazar on January 15. Prof. Altuna, the Chairperson of the Spanish Association for Irish Studies and an Associate Professor in English and Irish Studies at the University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain, delivered a thought-provoking talk titled "New Directions in Irish Literary Studies." The lecture was attended by an audience comprising students, faculty members, and literary enthusiasts eager to delve into the evolving landscape of Irish literature.

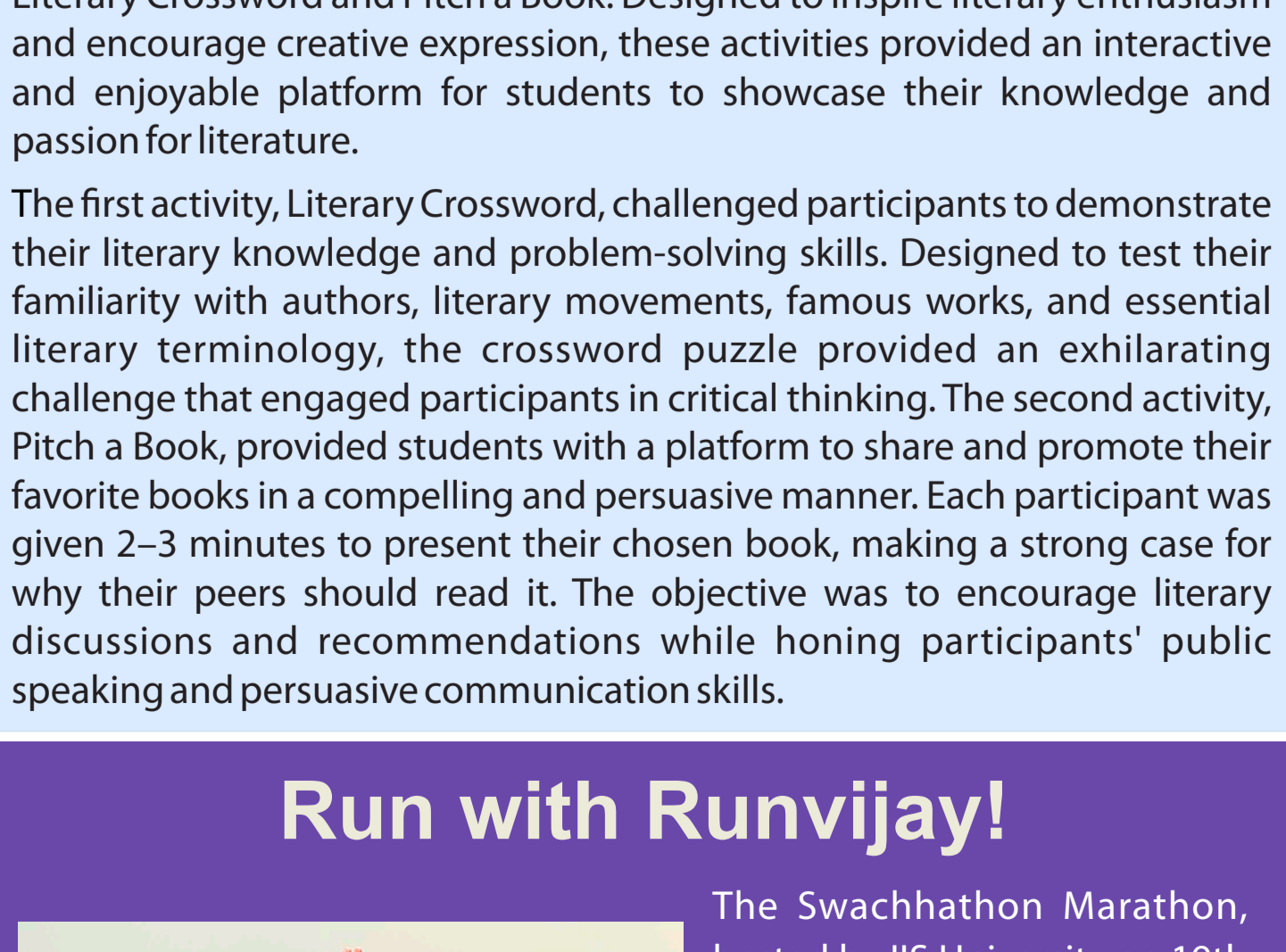
He highlighted the growing global significance of Irish literature and the increasing focus on interdisciplinary approaches that integrate themes of multiculturalism, religious diversity, and identity. His discourse underscored how contemporary Irish literature is shaped by socio-political developments, reflecting Ireland's complex and ever-changing cultural fabric.

## Guest Lecture- Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry at IIS (Deemed to be University), Jaipur, organized a guest lecture on January 8 featuring distinguished alumna Dr. Shweta Choudhary, a postdoctoral fellow at the University of York, UK. Dr. Choudhary delivered an insightful talk on "Research Opportunities in Foreign Universities." During her lecture, she shared her experiences of working at the University of Manchester, UK, with students, faculty, and research scholars. She provided valuable guidance on selecting research fields, understanding research articles, and exploring academic opportunities, including funding options. Emphasizing the significance of interdisciplinary approaches, she encouraged budding scientists to venture into innovative research areas. Dr. Choudhary also highlighted key aspects of her PhD research, underscoring the impact of groundbreaking and inspired the audience to pursue both theoretical and applied scientific endeavors.



## IISU Kiosk Display: "Millet-Based Products"



The Department of Home Science successfully organized a promotional activity showcasing a variety of millet-based products under the DST-funded Project SHRI on 17th & 18th January, at the IIS Incubation Centre. The event aimed to promote the nutritional benefits and commercial viability of millet-based food items while encouraging sustainable and healthy eating habits. A wide range of millet-based products were exhibited during the event, which included: Namakpare, Cookies, Cakes and Namkeen. The products were carefully developed to highlight the versatility and health benefits of millets, which are rich in essential nutrients and have gained popularity as a superfood.

The initiative was well-received and appreciated by all attendees, including faculty members, non-teaching staff members and students. The audience showed keen interest in the nutritional value, taste, and potential marketability of these millet-based products. The event also provided a platform for knowledge sharing and discussion on millet-based innovations in the food industry.

## Miscellany

On January 21, the Department of English Literature and Language hosted an enriching online Dr. Pulugurtha titled "The Academician as Poet." The session featured Dr. Nishi Pulugurtha, a distinguished academic and poet from Brahma Ananda College, Kolkata. Known for her extensive research in diaspora studies, Indian literature in English, Shakespeare in Indian cinema, travel writing, and Alzheimer's disease, Dr. Pulugurtha offered profound insights into the intersection of academia and creative writing.

One of the central themes of Dr. Pulugurtha's discussion was the creative process in poetry. She explained that poetry allows for boundless expression, enabling writers to experiment with language, form, and emotions. Dr. Pulugurtha shared how extensive reading helped her develop a distinctive poetic style. She encouraged participants to immerse themselves in various literary genres to expand their understanding of poetic devices and structures. A significant part of the session was devoted to Dr. Pulugurtha's poetry collection, Real and Unreal, which was published during the COVID-19 pandemic. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A segment, where students and faculty members posed questions about Dr. Pulugurtha's writing process, the themes in her poetry, and the relevance of poetry in contemporary literature.

## Readers' Club



The Department of English Literature and Language in collaboration with Ellipsis – the Literary and Debating Society, hosted an intellectually stimulating event titled "The Lit Lounge" on January 23. This engaging literary activity featured two primary competitions: the Literary Crossword and Pitch a Book. Designed to inspire literary enthusiasm and encourage creative expression, these activities provided an interactive and enjoyable platform for students to showcase their knowledge and passion for literature.

The first activity, Literary Crossword, challenged participants to demonstrate their literary knowledge and problem-solving skills. Designed to test their familiarity with authors, literary movements, famous works, and essential literary terminology, the crossword puzzle provided an exhilarating challenge that engaged participants in critical thinking. The second activity, Pitch a Book, provided students with a platform to share and promote their favorite books in a compelling and persuasive manner. Each participant was given 2-3 minutes to present their chosen book, making a strong case for why their peers should read it. The objective was to encourage literary discussions and recommendations while honing participants' public speaking and persuasive communication skills.

## Run with Runvijay!



The Swachhathon Marathon, hosted by IIS University on 19th January, was an incredible success. Through this, we celebrated fitness, cleanliness, and community spirit with smiles, determination, and a lot of energy.

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