

# VIMARSH

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**Strategic  
Interaction  
with CEO,  
ANRF  
Strengthens  
Research  
Vision**



**Vice  
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Kumaun  
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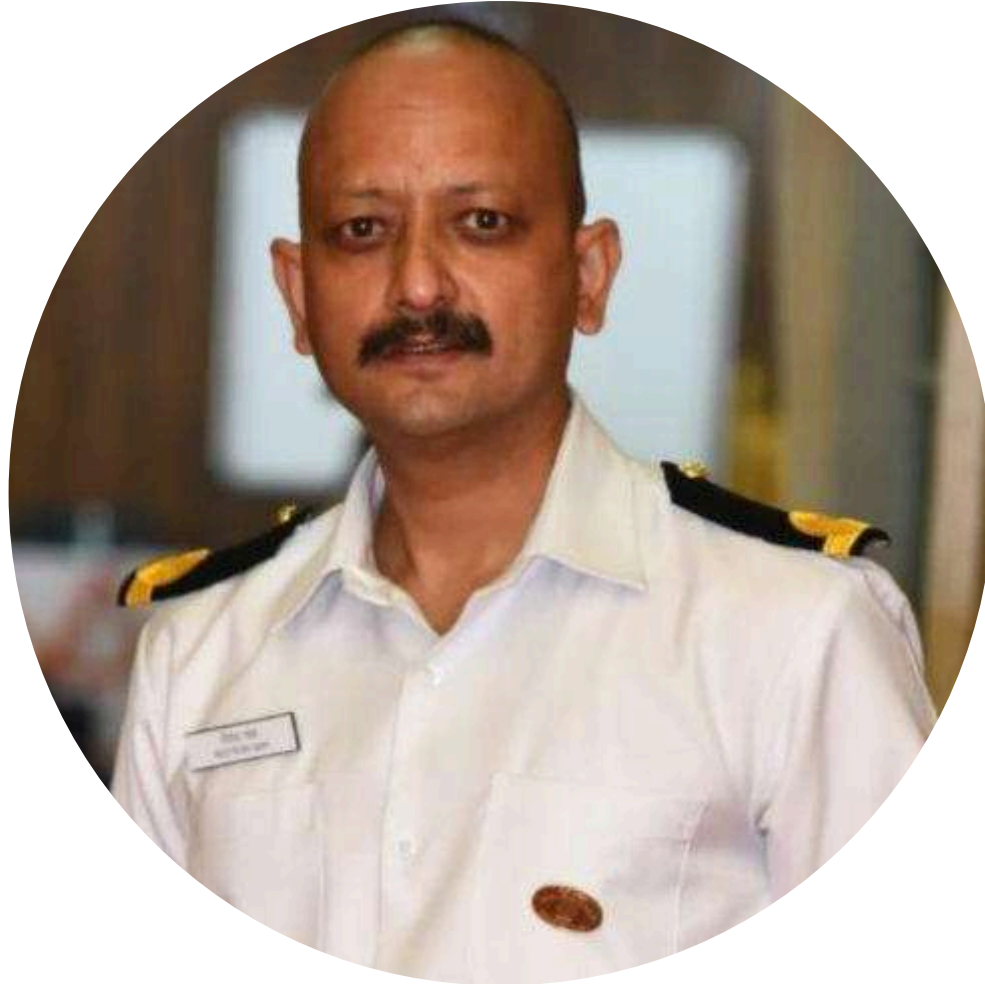
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School  
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Initiative,  
Padma  
shree  
Prof. H.  
C. Verma**

**Special  
Edition of  
20th  
Convocation  
of Kumaun  
University,  
Nainital  
Hon'ble  
President of  
India as  
Chief Guest**



**Eminent  
Padma  
Shri  
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Inspires  
Students  
at KU**





## EDITOR 'S NOTE

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The months of October and November stood as a meaningful confluence of reflection, pride, and forward momentum. They reminded us of the importance of staying connected to our roots while actively shaping a path toward growth and development.

This period was marked by significant milestones for the University—celebrating achievements that reflect collective effort, perseverance, and academic excellence. Such moments not only honour past accomplishments but also reaffirm our commitment to building an institution grounded in values, integrity, and inclusive progress.

A moment of profound pride during this time was the gracious visit of the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu. Her presence was not merely ceremonial; it was an honour that reinforced the spirit of democracy, resilience, and inspiration. It served as a reminder that our roots—social, cultural, and constitutional—remain central to our journey of development.

As this issue unfolds, it also signals a promising horizon. New opportunities—academic, professional, and experiential—are steadily lining up for students. These opportunities are bridges between tradition and transformation, enabling learners to draw strength from their roots while confidently stepping into evolving spaces of innovation and leadership.

This edition, therefore, captures more than events; it reflects a journey—of connection, growth, and readiness for what lies ahead. It invites students to remain anchored in their foundations while embracing the possibilities that await them.

**Best regards,**  
**Dr. Reetesh Sah**  
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# EDITORIAL TEAM



## A LETTER FROM THE STUDENT EDITORS

Dear Readers,

With every edition of Vimarsh, we make a conscious effort to bring something new—something that informs, inspires, and connects us more deeply with our shared culture and collective journey. This issue is no exception.

In this edition, we invite you to explore the rich cultural heritage of the Kumaoni Ramleela, a tradition that reflects the region's values, storytelling legacy, and community spirit. Alongside this, the issue carries a special coverage of the 20th Convocation, marking an important milestone for the University and celebrating years of dedication, achievement, and academic excellence.

Vimarsh is more than a publication; it is a growing platform shaped by ideas, voices, and meaningful participation. We look forward to thoughtful contributions from students, faculty, and readers alike, as we continue building a larger, more engaged community that believes in dialogue, creativity, and reflection.

Together, let us keep Vimarsh evolving—one idea, one story, and one voice at a time.

Warm regards,  
Student Editors  
Vimarsh



happy reading,  
*Nandini, padma*  
&  
*aastha*

# UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS



## Strategic Interaction with CEO, ANRF Strengthens Research Vision

During his visit to CSIR-IICB, the Vice Chancellor held an insightful interaction with Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman, CEO of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), focusing on strengthening research collaboration and innovation in Indian science.



## Eminent Padma Shri Awardee Inspires Students at KU

Padma Shri Prof. G.D. Yadav, former Vice Chancellor of ICT Mumbai, delivered an inspiring lecture at Kumaun University on career opportunities, emerging skills, and industry-academia integration.



## Vice Chancellor Represents Kumaun University at CSIR Foundation Day

The Vice Chancellor of Kumaun University participated in the 84th CSIR Foundation Day celebrations at CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata, where he interacted with eminent scientists and academicians and highlighted the university's growing contributions in scientific research and drug development.

## Vice Chancellor Conferred Prestigious INSA Fellowship

The Vice Chancellor was honoured with the prestigious INSA Fellowship by the Indian Chemical Society, recognizing his exceptional contributions to chemical sciences and research leadership.



## Administrative Review Ensures Smooth Convocation Arrangements

Officials from intelligence and district administration conducted an inspection of preparations for the upcoming university convocation, ensuring safety, coordination, and smooth execution of the event.



# UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS



## Connect School to University

The program started with non other than Padma Shri Prof HC VERMA. Over 900 students from different schools attended the program. University established outreach laboratory so that the program becomes a regular activity.

## Major Financial Reforms Lead to Strong Research Corpus

Through administrative reforms and curtailment of unnecessary expenditure, Kumaun University saved over ₹5 crore, which was redirected towards research and development, leading to the creation of a ₹10 crore research corpus fund with a long-term target of ₹25 crore.

## Executive Council Takes Key Academic Decisions

The 155th Executive Council meeting of Kumaun University, chaired by the Vice Chancellor, approved Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) promotions for 31 faculty members, marking a significant milestone in academic progression and faculty welfare

**विज्ञान कोई कठिन विषय नहीं बल्कि प्रकृति को समझने की एक सुंदर प्रक्रिया है**

कोले : प्रख्यात भौतिक वैज्ञानिक व शिक्षाविद् प्रो.एच.सी.वर्मा ने नैनीताल के डीएसबी परिसर के भौतिक विभाग में दिया व्याख्यान

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## Landmark Achievement: Land Secured for University Expansion

**कवायद** पटवाडांगर में यह भूमि, राजस्व बंदोबस्त की सभी प्रक्रिया हुई पूरी

### कुविवि के तीसरे कैंपस के लिए 26.4 एकड़ भूमि का हस्तांतरण

नैनीताल, 15 अक्टूबर (नवोदय टाइम्स) : कुमाऊँ विश्वविद्यालय ने अपने विस्तार की दिशा में एक अहम कामयाबी हासिल की है। सरकार ने पटवाडांगर में 26.4 एकड़ भूमि विश्वविद्यालय को हस्तांतरित कर दी है। राजस्व बंदोबस्त की सभी कार्यवाही पूर्ण हो चुकी है और यह भूमि अब राज्य के राजस्व विभाजन के कुमाऊँ विश्वविद्यालय के नाम दर्ज हो चुकी है।

मामले में कुविवि के कुलपति प्रो. दीवान सिंह रावत ने बहाल की कुविवि के तीसरे कैंपस की स्थापना जल्द ही शुरू होने वाली है। उन्होंने यह भी बहाल की कि मेरु योजना के तहत इस कैंपस में विभागों को स्थापित और विकसित किया जाएगा। यह विश्वविद्यालय के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण और विस्तार के अवसर प्रदान करता है।

**मेरु योजना के तहत नए विभाग होंगे स्थापित**

बड़ी कामयाबी है जो उच्च गुणवत्ता वाली शिक्षा और अनुसंधान को बढ़ावा देगा। दूसरी ओर कुलपति प्रो. रावत ने सूबे के सीएम पंचर सिंह धामी का विशेष रूप से आभार व्यक्त किया।

प्रो.रावत के मुताबिक सीएम धामी ने विश्वविद्यालय के शैक्षणिक विकास और विस्तार में निरंतर सहयोग और समर्थन प्रदान किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि सीएम को दृढ़दर्शी नीतियों और शैक्षणिक दृष्टिकोण के कारण ही विश्वविद्यालय को यह नई पहचान और प्रतिष्ठा का अवसर प्राप्त हुआ है।

**नए कैंपस में चार प्रमुख विभाग खोलने की योजना**

कुलपति प्रो. रावत ने बताया कि विश्वविद्यालय इस नए कैंपस में शैक्षणिक स्तर पर चार प्रमुख विभाग खोलने की योजना बना रहा है। इसमें शामिल है हिमालयी औद्योगिक पौधों में उत्कृष्टता केंद्र (सेटर फॉर एक्सलेंस इन हिमालयन मीडिसिनल प्लांट्स) जो क्षेत्रीय और राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर अनुसंधान और विकास को बढ़ावा देगा। बायोमैडिकल साइंस संकाय (फैकल्टी ऑफ बायोमैडिकल साइंस) जो आधुनिक चिकित्सा विज्ञान और अनुसंधान में छात्रों को प्रशिक्षण देगा जैविक नैनो टेक्नोलॉजी विभाग (डिपार्टमेंट ऑफ नैनोटेक्नोलॉजी) जो अत्याधुनिक अनुसंधान और विकास के लिए समर्पित होगा और उन्नत कंप्यूटिंग तथा केंद्रीकृत उपकरण सुविधा केंद्र (सीआईएफ सेटर फॉर एडवांस्ड कंप्यूटिंग एंड सेंट्रलाइज्ड इंस्ट्रुमेंटल फैसिलिटी) जो तकनीकी और वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान के लिए आधुनिक उपकरण प्रदान करेगा। कुमाऊँ विश्वविद्यालय का तीसरा कैंपस मेरु योजना के तहत स्थापित किया जा रहा है और यह हिमालयी औद्योगिक पौधों, बायोमैडिकल साइंस, नैनो टेक्नोलॉजी और उन्नत कंप्यूटिंग के क्षेत्रों में छात्रों और शोधकर्तियों के लिए नए अवसर खोलेगा। विश्वविद्यालय की शिक्षा और अनुसंधान के क्षेत्र में एक बड़ी कामयाबी है।

## Hospitality Skill Centre Launched Under Public-Private Partnership

Kumaun University inaugurated a Hospitality Skill Centre in collaboration with Setu Aayog, Tata STRIVE, Indian Hotels Private Limited (Taj Group), and the Skill Council of Uttarakhand, aiming to train over 500 youth in hospitality skills over the next three years.

After sustained efforts, Kumaun University officially acquired land at Patwadangar in its name, a major milestone that enables the establishment of the MERU campus and strengthens the university's infrastructure expansion plans.

## Innovative KU Research Converts Waste into Advanced Materials

A pioneering research initiative at Kumaun University successfully developed a catalytic system that converts plastic and agricultural waste into graphene oxide, demonstrating the university's commitment to sustainable, waste-to-wealth innovation. Kumaun University collaborated with Noble Laureate Prof KS Novoselov, and finally first joint publication from the collaboration has recently been published in high impact journal.

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# READ & REMEMBER



## Kumaoni Ramleela — Uttarakhand's UNESCO- Recognised Living Legacy



The Kumaoni Ramleela of Uttarakhand is a rare cultural treasure recognised by UNESCO as part of the World Cultural Heritage and acknowledged as the world's oldest continuously running opera, with a history spanning over 150 years.

First performed in 1860 at Almora's Badreshwar Temple, also known as Nanda Devi Ramleela, this tradition has been preserved through oral transmission, community participation, and unwavering devotion across generations.

Unlike conventional Ramleela performances, the Kumaoni Ramleela is entirely musical. The Ramayana is sung rather than acted, accompanied by instruments like the harmonium, tabla, and dholak, making it a unique fusion of devotion and classical artistry.

The focus remains on musical excellence, blending Hindustani classical ragas with regional folk styles, ensuring both authenticity and innovation.

A remarkable aspect of this tradition is its progressive spirit.

Performed across towns such as Almora, Nainital, Bageshwar, Bhimtal, Pithoragarh, and Dehradun, the Kumaoni Ramleela stands as a living reminder that Uttarakhand's heritage is not preserved in silence—but celebrated in song.

## Grammar Bite

**Affect vs. Effect — Small Words, Big Confusion**

If grammar had a hall of fame for confusion, “affect” and “effect” would easily make the list. These two words often appear in academic writing, speeches, and formal communication—and using them incorrectly can subtly change the meaning of your sentence.

Let's break it down.

### 🔍 The Key Difference

- Affect (verb) — to influence or impact something
- Effect (noun) — the result or outcome of an action

### 👉 Correct Usage

#### ✓ Affect (Verb):

Poor time management can affect academic performance.

#### ✓ Effect (Noun):

The effect of regular revision is better retention.

📌 However, in everyday academic writing, remember:

Affect = Verb | Effect = Noun

### 🧠 Easy Memory Trick

Affect = Action

Effect = End result

If something is being done → Affect  
If something has happened → Effect

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