



Vice Chancellor Prof. D S Rawat conferred honorary colonel rank

Vice Chancellor Prof. D.S. Rawat has been honored with the rank of Honorary Colonel by NCC for his outstanding leadership. This recognition brings pride to the entire Kumaun University community and marks a milestone in academic and social service excellence

ATHLETIC MEET 2025:

A celebration of spirit and
sportsmanship

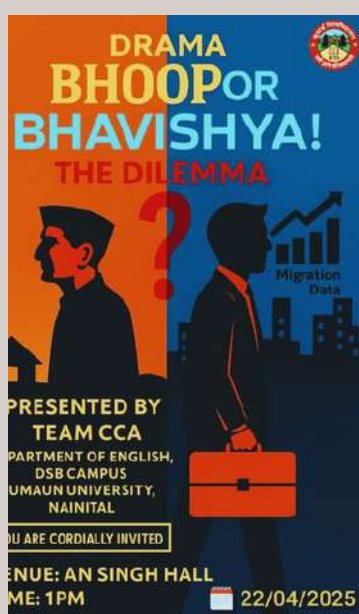


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With Shri. Bhaskar Khulbe (IAS Retd.)
An Exclusive Conversation with a Luminary
Alumnus of the Kumaun University



Victory for Innovation: DSB
Campus Team Secures 1st Place
at Graphic Era Hill University



Students' perspective on the drama:

BHOOP OR BHAVISHYA
presented by team CCA

Kumaun University's VC presented herbal tea research
to Governor Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh at Raj Bhavan.

VIMARSH

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The Official Newsletter of Kumaun University



From the Vice Chancellor's Desk



“A university is not just a place, but a living, breathing symphony of ideas, dreams, and voices.”

It is with great pleasure that I present the inaugural edition of Vimarsh, the official newsletter of Kumaun University. This platform is a testament to the vibrant spirit of our academic community, offering a window into the many events, achievements, opportunities, and creative expressions that define us. Through features such as the Pen Podcast, Vimarsh aims to be a space where student voices are heard and celebrated.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the editorial team for their hard work in bringing this vision to life. May Vimarsh evolve into a dynamic and engaging platform that inspires, informs, and fosters a sense of unity among all members of our university.

My best wishes,
Prof. Diwan Singh Rawat
Vice Chancellor
Kumaun University, Nainital
Patron, Student Club

Director's Note

पर्वत-शिखरों के उर में
छुपे हुए हैं गीत अमर |
वन-स्थली की नीरवता में
बजते रहते स्वर अंतर।"
— सुमित्रानंदनपंत



The mountains do not speak, yet within their quiet hearts lie eternal songs. It is with that spirit of calm strength and creative depth that I welcome you all to “Vimarsh”, a space that marks a thoughtful and energetic new beginning for our campus community.

‘Vimarsh’ is more than just a newsletter. It is a platform for ideas, reflections, and shared expression — where voices from every corner of our academic family can come together, collaborate, and shine. This is our step forward into a more connected and creatively charged tomorrow.

I deeply appreciate the effort of the team in bringing this initiative to life and look forward to the heights it will help us reach — together.

Warm wishes,
Prof. Neeta Bora
Director, DSB Campus, Nainital
Editor-in-chief, Vimarsh

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Welcome Message from the Editor

A New Dawn of Thought and Expression

Dear Readers,

With immense pride and a profound sense of accomplishment, we present to you the inaugural issue of our campus newsletter, Vimarsh, published from the DSB Campus of Kumaun University, Nainital. This historic moment marks the beginning of a vibrant platform where ideas come alive, creativity finds a voice, and dreams take shape. Vimarsh is more than just a publication, it is the heartbeat of our campus, where intellect meets passion and innovation blends with tradition.

Vimarsh is envisioned as a dynamic space that reflects the spirit of curiosity and intellectual

pursuit inherent in our campus community. It aims to nurture creativity, critical thinking, and innovation, serving as a bridge between personal aspirations and collective goals. Through Vimarsh, we seek to inspire meaningful dialogue, foster new ideas, and create a thriving exchange of thoughts. This newsletter will showcase academic achievements, cultural insights, and social initiatives, bringing together diverse voices to build a more inclusive campus community.

Adding to this spirit of transformation, we proudly introduce our new student club, 'Sankranti', a movement dedicated to fostering leadership, community involvement, and personal growth. Sankranti is not just an association; it symbolizes change, enthusiasm, and commitment. Through diverse academic, cultural, social, and recreational activities, Sankranti will cultivate confidence and creativity among students. The publication of Vimarsh is an integral part of Sankranti's vision, reflecting its mission to engage and empower the student body.

Vimarsh is not just a record of campus events; it is a space where hidden talents, vibrant ideas, and the resilient spirit of our students are brought to light. From university news and creative expressions to thought-provoking articles and insightful interviews, Vimarsh will portray the intellectual, cultural, and social dynamism of our campus. It is not only about celebrating achievements but also about recognizing potential and encouraging voices that need to be heard.

We dedicate this inaugural issue to the collective spirit of learning, collaboration, and creativity that flourishes within our university. Vimarsh would not have been possible without the unwavering dedication, creativity, and passion of our students. Your hard work and vision have laid the foundation for what we believe will become a tradition of intellectual engagement and artistic expression.

We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Diwan S. Rawat for his visionary leadership and continued support, which made this initiative possible. Our sincere thanks also go to the Prof. Neeta Bora Sharma, Director of DSB Campus for her constant encouragement. We deeply value the insightful guidance and motivation provided by our esteemed faculty members. Special recognition goes to our dedicated student editorial team, whose passion and perseverance have brought Vimarsh to life.

This inaugural issue is not just a beginning, it is an invitation to be a part of a transformative journey. We warmly encourage each of you to participate, share your ideas, and contribute creatively. Let your thoughts and stories enrich this platform, and let your experiences breathe new energy into our collective dialogue.

Welcome to Vimarsh, your space, your voice, your journey. Let us work together to create a legacy of knowledge, innovation, and inspiration, reflecting the spirit and brilliance of Kumaun University.

Best regards,

Dr. Reetesh Sah

Editor, Vimarsh

DSB Campus, Kumaun University, Nainital



UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS



Kumaun University Develops Medicinal Herbal Tea from Uttarakhand's Traditional herbs

Under the 'One University-One Research' program, Kumaun University is developing medicinal herbal teas using 30+ traditional herbs and flowers from Uttarakhand. The teas are scientifically formulated to offer anti-diabetic, immunity-boosting, and anti-viral benefits. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Diwan Singh Rawat presented the project to Governor Lt. Gen. Gurmeet Singh (Retd), who appreciated its public health impact and potential to support local farmers and entrepreneurs. He urged efforts to promote Uttarakhand's herbal heritage globally.



Prof. Diwan Singh Rawat Honored with Honorary Colonel Rank by NCC

Kumaun University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Diwan Singh Rawat has been awarded the prestigious honorary rank of Colonel by the National Cadet Corps (NCC). He has also been appointed as the Colonel Commandant of the NCC unit of Kumaun University. This recognition celebrates his efforts to strengthen NCC activities, promote patriotism, discipline, and leadership qualities among the youth. The university family and KUTA expressed great pride and congratulated Prof. Rawat on this remarkable honor.

Kumaun University Selected for ₹100 Crore DST PAIR Programme

Kumaun University has been selected as one of just seven institutions in India for the prestigious ₹100 crore Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR) programme by the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

Led by IISc Bengaluru, the programme aims to transform research ecosystems in public universities. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Diwan Singh Rawat expressed pride in the university's selection from 17 applicants, marking it as a key centre for research and innovation in the region.

Kumaun University's Historic Move: Degrees Without Application

For the first time, Kumaun University Nainital has distributed over 18,000 degrees for the 2024 batch without requiring separate applications. Led by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Diwan Singh Rawat, the degrees will be sent directly to students' institutions or homes — eliminating delays and backlog.

This landmark initiative simplifies the process, saves time, and sets a new standard in academic administration, marking Kumaun University as a leader in student-friendly reforms.

Kumaun University Inaugurates NCC Indoor Firing Range

The Kumaun University inaugurated a state-of-the-art NCC Indoor Firing Range at the 'Sleepy Hollow' campus. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Diwan S. Rawat unveiled the facility, aiming to enhance cadets' shooting skills for national and international competitions. The event featured cadet demonstrations, a rowing simulator, and was coordinated by cadet Preeti Rana, with a vote of thanks by Sub-Lieutenant Dr. Reetesh Sah.

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Kumaun University's DSB Campus has launched Sankranti – a student club aimed at fostering leadership, creativity, cultural exchange, and academic growth. The club provides a vibrant platform for students to engage in meaningful dialogue, host events, and develop essential life skills. With a focus on holistic development, Sankranti aspires to nurture the next generation of thinkers and leaders from Kumaun.

संक्रांति छात्र क्लब कई मायनों में होगा बहुआयामी

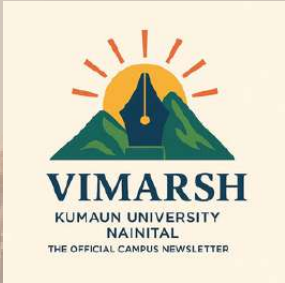
छात्रों को मिलेगा नेतृत्व, रचनात्मकता और संवाद का मंच
कुमाऊँ विवि के डीएसबी परिसर नैनीताल की अनूठी पहल



विश्वविद्यालय प्रशासन द्वारा क्लब के अध्यक्ष के रूप में डॉ. रोहित सहज को मनोनित किया गया है जो छात्रों के बीच रचनात्मकता और अकादमिक संवाद को प्रोत्साहित करने में सक्रिय भूमिका निभाएंगे। क्लब की गतिविधियों में शैक्षणिक व्याख्यान, विशेषज्ञ राय, कार्यशालाएँ तथा कैरियर परामर्श, मुक़ाबल, बहिष्कार तथा अन्य आयोजन जैसे कार्यक्रमों के साथ-साथ विभिन्न नामक मासिक समाचार पत्र का प्रकाशन भी सम्मिलित है। यह द्विभाषीय न्यूजलेटर संस्कृति और योगिता गिरि संस्कृत में

इसका प्रथम अंक शीघ्र प्रकाशित होने की प्रतीक्षा में है। संस्कृतिक गतिविधियों की विविधता के अलावा छात्रों को क्लब में क्लब संक्रांति के जन्मपात्र में मौखिक नाटक, नाचगान, अनाथाल को विशेष सहायता प्राप्त हुई। यह नाट्य प्रस्तुति नारी अस्मिता, अल्पवय और सामाजिक विस्मयों को प्रभावशाली रूप में प्रस्तुत करती है जिसे दर्शकों ने अत्यंत संवेदनशीलता और सराहना के साथ स्वीकार किया। दर्शकों की माँग पर इस नाटक का पुनः संचलन शीघ्र ही किया जाएगा। संक्रांति की सदस्यता प्रक्रिया सभी डीएसबी परिसर के विद्यार्थियों के लिए खुली है। इसका लाभ न्यायमय कर्मों के माध्यम से सम्मिलित हो सकते हैं। प्रत्येक सदस्य से अपेक्षा की जाएगी कि वह प्रति सेमेस्टर कम से कम दो आयोजनों में सक्रिय रूप से भाग ले। क्लब के सभी सदस्यों को मासिक समाचार पत्र के माध्यम से नैनीताल के लिए अधिक बसुला जा रहा है किराया नैनीताल (आज समाचार सेवा)। भवानी से नैनीताल टिकटों में आने पर टिकटों की कीमत 50 रुपये

UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS



Proposal for Population Research Centre at Kumaun University, Nainital
Kumaun University Vice-Chancellor Prof. D.S. Rawat met Health Ministry Director General (Statistics) Kal Singh in Delhi and proposed the establishment of a Population Research Centre at the university.

Prof. Rawat highlighted the urgent need for such a centre in Uttarakhand due to its unique population, geography, and health challenges. He emphasized that this initiative would support government schemes, expand academic and research capabilities, and help in understanding demographic trends, data-driven planning, and local health issues.

The proposal was appreciated by Mr. Kal Singh, who assured that it would be seriously considered. A detailed project report will be submitted to the Ministry for further action.

Naathvati Anaathavat" Cultural Drama Enthralls Audience at DSB Campus

A compelling stage drama titled Naathvati Anaathavat was presented under the aegis of the Student Club "Sankranti" at DSB Campus, Kumaun University, Nainital. More than a dozen student artists played pivotal roles in this powerful production.

The play highlighted Indian philosophical and cultural traditions, exploring the inner strength and struggles of women like Sita and Ahilya. It addressed themes of womanhood, abandonment, and societal challenges through thought-provoking dialogue and symbolic stagecraft.

नाथवती अनाथवत नाट्य प्रस्तुति को दर्शकों ने सराहा

❑ डीएसबी परिसर में नवगठित छात्र क्लब संक्रांति के तत्वावधान में हुआ आयोजन
❑ दर्जनभर से अधिक कलाकारों ने निभायी नाटक में अहम भूमिका

आज समाचार सेवा
नैनीताल। कुमाऊँ विश्व के दोसरी परिसर में संगठन को नव गठित छात्र क्लब संक्रांति के तत्वावधान में एक अत्यंत संवेदनशील, विचारोत्प्रेरक एवं कलात्मक नाट्य प्रस्तुति नाथवती अनाथवत को प्रस्तुत किया गया। बता दें कि इस नाटक को मूल आधार नाथवत के सभ चर्च में आने के कारण ही बनाया गया है।



नाटक में भारतीय पौराणिक साहित्य को नव विश्वों जैसे अनाथा और शोका के जीवन प्रदर्शनों को भी सम्मिलित किया गया जिसकी विपरीत समाज की संक्रांति सौध और पुनर्स्थापनात्मक अवस्था का विकास करी। यह प्रस्तुति नाट्य की अविद्या, अनाथवत और नाथवती के विपरीत, यह एक भीषण संक्रांति प्रस्तुत कर रही थी। संक्रांति के समय में नाथवती ने समाज में आने विभिन्न जगह रही जो अनाथों ने उनके निर्वासन के अधिकार तथा समाज को अवस्थागत को प्रभावशाली ढंग से दर्शाया। नाटक में दर्शकों को भीतर तक झकझोते हुए यह सोचने पर विचार किया कि सदियों से पत्नी और पति के बीच में जीवन है और इसे समाज करने के लिए, केवल सादरपुत्री नहीं आने संवेदन और साक्षात्कार को अवस्थागत है।

करते हुए जो किसी भी विश्वविद्यालय को अकादमिक गुणवत्ता का संकेत होते हैं। इस मौके पर क्लब के अध्यक्ष डॉ. रोहित साह ने संक्रांति क्लब के उद्देश्यों पर प्रकाश डालते हुए बताया कि संक्रांति कुमाऊँ विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपति प्रो. दीवान सिंह रावत की दूरदर्शी सोच और प्रेरणादायक नेतृत्व में प्रथम किया गया एक बहुआयामी, स्वतंत्र क्लब है जिसका प्रमुख उद्देश्य विद्यार्थियों के सामाजिक विकास को सुनिश्चित करने है। उनमें नेतृत्व, कौशल, सृजन, संचार, सहयोग, और सामाजिक उत्तरदायित्व का भाव विकसित करना है। उन्होंने कहे कि इस क्लब के विशेष पहल विचार-व्यक्ततात्मक विकास के माध्यम से प्रसार और गतिविधियों तथा प्रभावशाली प्रदर्शन किया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन डॉ. रोहित साह ने संवेदन व विवेक और दृष्टि तथा। प्रमुख अतिथि के रूप में समाजवादी नेता व समाजसेवा के रूप में प्रभावशाली डॉ. दीवान सिंह रावत ने अपने कार्यक्रम विद्यार्थियों विद्यार्थियों को नए अवसरों प्रदान

असाध्य केवल एक सांस्कृतिक प्रस्तुति नहीं, बल्कि एक सामाजिक संदेश है। यह प्रथम ही वह सोचने पर विचार करता है कि हम एक अत्यंत समाज में रहकर भी किस संस्थाओं और चुनौतियों से बचे हुए हैं। प्रभावशाली को इस कलात्मक अवस्थागत एवं ऊर्जा में परिपूर्ण कर दिया गया। प्रमुख अतिथि के रूप में समाजवादी नेता व समाजसेवा के रूप में प्रभावशाली डॉ. दीवान सिंह रावत ने अपने कार्यक्रम विद्यार्थियों विद्यार्थियों को नए अवसरों प्रदान

Grand Inauguration of NCC Indoor Firing Range at Kumaun University, Nainital

A new chapter in NCC training began with the inauguration of an Indoor Firing Range at Kumaun University, Nainital. Vice Chancellor Prof. Rawat stated that the facility will be a milestone for cadets, enhancing their training and discipline.

The event was inaugurated by NCC officers and dignitaries, including Col. Teotia and Prof. Rawat. The range will allow cadets to practice shooting indoors, improving their marksmanship and readiness for competitions.

नैनीताल में एनसीसी इंडोर फायरिंग रेंज का हुआ भव्य शुभारंभ

❑ एनसीसी संगठन और प्रशिक्षण का नया अध्याय शुरू
❑ इंडोर फायरिंग रेंज कुमाऊँ विश्वविद्यालय के कैडेटों के लिए एक मील का पथर साबित होगी:
कुलपति प्रो.रावत



आज समाचार सेवा
नैनीताल। कुमाऊँ विश्वविद्यालय नैनीताल के दोसरी परिसर में संगठन को नव गठित छात्र क्लब संक्रांति के तत्वावधान में एक अत्यंत संवेदनशील, विचारोत्प्रेरक एवं कलात्मक नाट्य प्रस्तुति नाथवती अनाथवत को प्रस्तुत किया गया। बता दें कि इस नाटक को मूल आधार नाथवत के सभ चर्च में आने के कारण ही बनाया गया है।

एनसीसी अधिकारियों एवं कर्माचारियों, परिसर में हो अवसर को सफल बनाने के लिए एक कार्यक्रम को ऐतिहासिक बना दिया। और संसाधन दोनों बंधे। यह पहल का रॉयल रेंज के उद्घाटन के पश्चात् विश्वविद्यालय के समग्र विकास एवं रक्षा सेवा के प्रति विद्यार्थियों में जागरूकता बढ़ाने की दिशा में महत्वपूर्ण कदम है।

प्रो.रावत ने इस परियोजना के सफल विद्यालय के कैडेटों के लिए एक मील का पथर साबित होगी। अपने अधिकारी कैप्टन चंद विजय नेगी व केवल उनके निगमनामी कोशल में सुधार होगा बल्कि राष्ट्र और अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर प्रतिस्पर्धाओं में सफल प्रदर्शन को संभावना को विश्वविद्यालय शरीर में भी



एनसीसी गतिविधियों को पूर्ण सफलता के साथ ही संचालित किया जाएगा। यह इंडोर फायरिंग रेंज विश्वविद्यालय के एनसीसी कैप्टन के लिए एक मील का पथर साबित होगी। अपने अधिकारी कैप्टन चंद विजय नेगी व केवल उनके निगमनामी कोशल में सुधार होगा बल्कि राष्ट्र और अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर प्रतिस्पर्धाओं में सफल प्रदर्शन को संभावना को विश्वविद्यालय शरीर में भी

दश करने में मददगार होगी। यह फायरिंग रेंज न केवल कैडेट्स के अभ्यास का साधन बनेगी, बल्कि उनको प्रतिस्पर्धी क्षमताओं को भी बढ़ाने में मददगार होगी। कुमाऊँ विश्वविद्यालय के एनसीसी अधिकारी सच, सीप्टेन चंद, डॉ. रोहित साह ने कार्यक्रम के अवसर पर प्रकाश डालते हुए कहा कि एनसीसी प्रशिक्षण का एक महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा शारीरिक और मानसिक कौशल विकास है। यह इंडोर फायरिंग रेंज न केवल निगमनामी को सफल बनाएगी, बल्कि कैडेटों में अनुशासन, आत्मविश्वास और टीम भावना भी विकसित करेगी। यह सुविधा कुमाऊँ विश्वविद्यालय के एनसीसी कैडेट्स को विश्वीय स्तर पर प्रतिस्पर्धा में सफल बनाने में मददगार होगी।

कुविवि के कुलपति प्रो.रावत ने किया डीएसबी परिसर का औचक निरीक्षण



❑ सेमस्टर परीक्षाओं का लिया जायजा
❑ नकल रहित परीक्षा प्रणाली की विशेष रूप से की सराहना

आज समाचार सेवा
नैनीताल। कुमाऊँ विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपति प्रो. दीवान सिंह रावत ने शुक्रवार को विवि के डीएसबी परिसर नैनीताल में चल रही सेमेस्टर परीक्षाओं का औचक निरीक्षण किया गया। इस दौरान प्रो.रावत ने विभिन्न

परीक्षा कक्षाओं का भ्रमण किया और परीक्षा हट्टी पर तेजाव परीक्षाओं से प्रत्यक्ष संवाद करते हुए परीक्षा की परदर्शिता, अनुशासन और गोपनीयता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए जरूरी दिशानिर्देश दिए। उन्होंने उत्तर पुस्तिकाओं के विवरण, समय पालन तथा शांतिपूर्ण वातावरण और विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा निर्धारित समस्त मानकों के अनुपालन को गंभीरता से समझी की। निरीक्षण के दौरान यह सुनिश्चित किया गया कि परीक्षा निर्धारित समय पर प्रारंभ हो रही है, सभी विद्यार्थियों को पर्याप्त और उत्तर पुस्तिकाएं सही रूप से उपलब्ध कराई जा रही हैं, किसी भी प्रकार की अनुचित गतिविधि या नकल की संभावनाओं पर कड़ी निगरानी रखी जा रही है तथा महिला परीक्षार्थियों के लिए आवश्यक

सुविधाएँ सुलभ हैं या नहीं। कुलपति प्रो. रावत ने नकल रहित परीक्षा प्रणाली की विशेष रूप से सराहना करते हुए इसे विद्यार्थियों में आत्मविश्वास तथा संस्थान में और सफलता की प्रशंसा की।

निर्माण कार्यों में गुणवत्ता व समय सीमा पर हो पूरा फोकस

आज समाचार सेवा
नैनीताल। कुलपति प्रो. दीवान सिंह रावत ने डीएसबी परिसर में चल रहे निर्माण एवं विकास कार्यों का भी निरीक्षण किया। उन्होंने गति, संगति एवं अन्य विभागों के लिए निर्मित किए जा रहे नए शैक्षणिक भवनों और प्रयोगशालाओं के विस्तार कार्यों की प्रगति का जायजा लिया। निर्माण एजेंसी एवं संबंधित अभियंताओं से संवाद करते हुए उन्होंने कार्य को गुणवत्ता तथा समय सीमा और सार्वजनिक के अनुपालन को स्थिति को जानकारी प्राप्त की। निरीक्षण के दौरान कुलपति प्रो रावत ने स्पष्ट किया कि निर्माण कार्यों में किसी भी प्रकार की लापरवाही स्वीकार्य नहीं होगी।



अकादमिक विश्वसनीयता सुदृढ़ करने वाली प्रक्रिया बताया। उन्होंने परीक्षा प्रभावी की विशेष रूप से सराहना प्रभावी, संकाय सदस्यों और प्रशासनिक कर्मचारियों की तत्परता को प्रशंसा की। उन्होंने यह भी सुनिश्चित करने का फैसला किया कि विकास कार्यों के दौरान किसी भी प्रकार की शैक्षणिक गतिविधि में व्यवधान उत्पन्न न हो और सभी निर्माण कार्य निर्धारित समयसीमा के भीतर गुणवत्ता के साथ पूर्ण किए जाएं।

Vice Chancellor Prof. Diwan S. Rawat Conducts Surprise Inspection at Bhimtal Exam Centre, Reviews Ongoing Construction

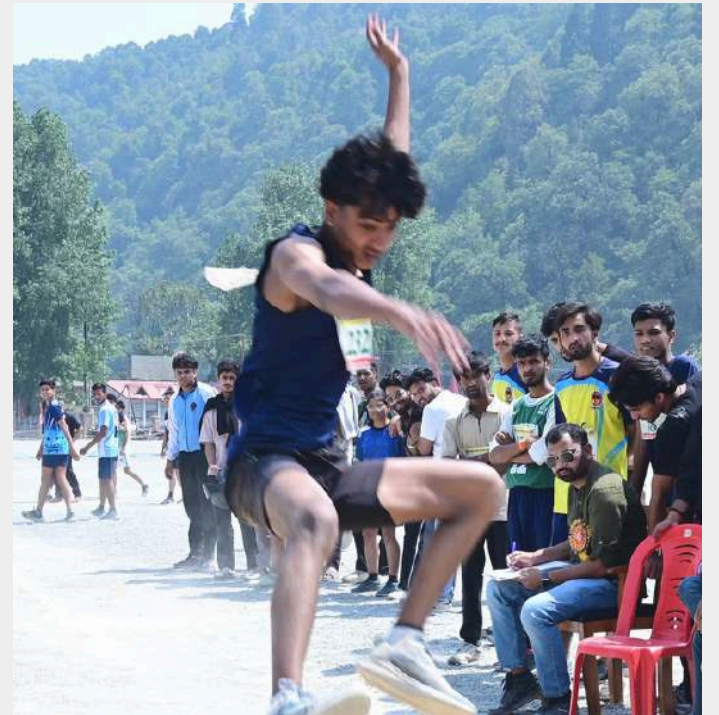
Bhimtal – Kumaun University Vice Chancellor Prof. Diwan S. Rawat paid a surprise visit to the examination centre at the Bhimtal Campus to assess examination arrangements and review ongoing construction activities. He emphasized strict measures to ensure a fair and transparent examination process, reiterating that a cheating-free examination system is a top priority for the university.

SPORTS AND SUSTAINABILITY CAMPUS EVENTS



The Annual Athletic Meet was organized by DSB Campus, Kumaun University, Nainital on 28th April 2025 at NTG & DSA Ground, Mallital, Nainital. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students and faculty across a range of track and field competitions including 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m races, relays, javelin, discus, shot put, high jump, and long jump. Adding a dash of fun and recreation, games like Tug of War and Musical Chair were also conducted, drawing cheers from the audience. The event was successfully coordinated by The Department of Physical Education, promoting fitness and camaraderie among the campus community.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET - 2025



DRAMA ON MIGRATION : BHOOP OR BHAVISHYA



Nainital, April 22: The Department of English, DSB Campus, Kumaun University, organized a drama titled 'Bhoop or Bhavishya! The Dilemma' at AN Singh Hall. Presented by Team CCA, the play addressed the issue of migration from hill regions and its long-term social and economic impacts. Using data and narratives, the performance highlighted the dilemmas faced by families and youth forced to leave their native places in search of better opportunities.

WORLD ART DAY

The Department of Fine Arts celebrated World Art Day on 17th April 2025 with a vibrant Poster Making Competition that brought together creativity and expression. With themes inspired by art, nature, and social awareness, the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 50-55 students across departments.

EARTH DAY 2025 OUR POWER, OUR PLANET



The Department of Geography marked World Earth Day with a series of engaging and meaningful activities. Events like poster making, quiz, speech, and poem competitions brought out students' creativity and environmental awareness. A special cleanliness drive was also conducted, reinforcing the message of responsibility towards nature.

Campus Edge:

SEMINARS | ACHIEVEMENTS

National Workshop on Wild Edible Plants of the Kumaun Himalaya

Nainital, April 24, 2025 – A National Workshop on wild edible plants of Kumaun Himalaya was held at the DSB Campus Botany Department under the CMHERES Scheme. Experts like Dr. Kalakoti, Dr. Samant, and Dr. Negi shared insights on sustainability and traditional practices. VC Prof. Diwan Singh Rawat served as the patron of the event.



Seminars

- Expert Lecture on Herbal Medicine
- Ethics in Research for Young Scholars
- Lecture on 'America First' Impact on Global South Asian Relations
- Workshop Empowers Startups on Intellectual Property Rights
- Lecture Sheds Light on Advances in Malaria Research

Kumaun University Hosts National Seminar on Tribal Heritage; Book Launch and Women Achievers Felicited

Nainital, April 28, 2025 – A national seminar on Tribal Cultural Heritage and Indigenous Practices was inaugurated at Kumaun University by Vice-Chancellors Prof. Diwan S. Rawat and Prof. Satpal S. Bisht. Organized by the Mata Jiyarani Women's Study Center, the event included expert talks, cultural discussions, and the launch of Dr. Jagdish Pant's book on the Boksa Tribe. Women achievers were also felicitated.

ACHIEVEMENTS



First Position in the **Inter Collegiate Debate Competition** organized by Kumaun University, held at Rajkiya Mahavidyalaya, Betalghat. The winning team included **Nakul Dev Sah and Nandini Joshi**.

Best Rebuttal Award won by Nandini Joshi in **Battle of Wits - debate competition** organized by Graphic Era Hill University, Bhimtal.

Prabhat Pant and Akshay Kamboj from PRS-NSNT Centre, DSB Campus, **clinched 1st place** at the **Science Model Exhibition** held at Graphic Era Hill University on April 21, 2025.

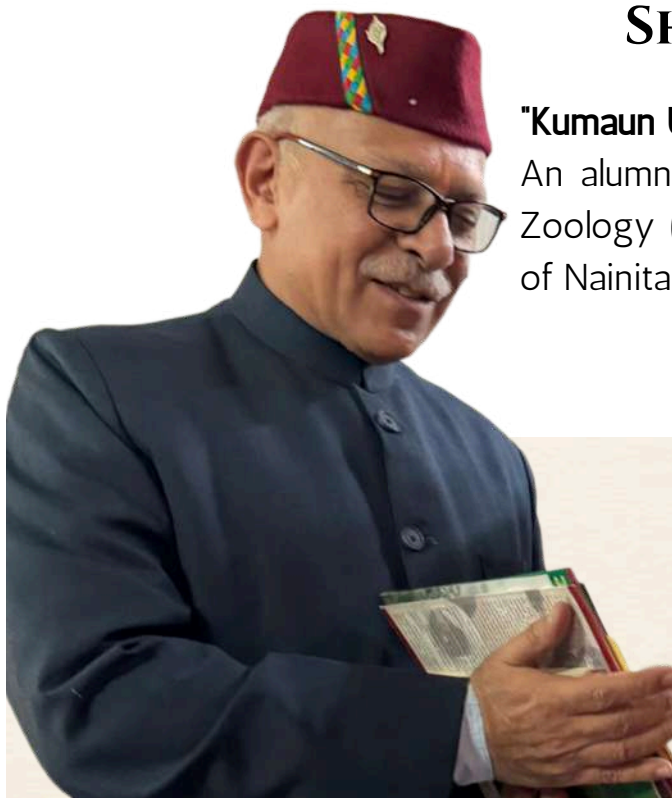


PEN PODCAST

TALES OF GRIT, GROWTH AND GLORY



FROM ZOOLOGY TO THE CORRIDORS OF POWER: A CONVERSATION WITH SHRI BHASKAR KHULBE, IAS (RETD.)



"Kumaun University didn't just teach me Zoology; it taught me resilience."

An alumnus of the prestigious DSB College, Nainital, Shri Bhaskar Khulbe completed his Master's in Zoology (1977–1979) with a deep passion for science and service. His journey from the serene hills of Nainital to national prominence reflects a life of dedication, resilience, and purpose.

Beginnings and Nostalgia

1. Sir, take us back to 1977 – what did a typical day on campus look like for you as a student of Zoology?

As a baker's dozen in the class, we bantered, faltered, critiqued, supported together. Always agog to flock in the class – we were lucky batch that did both PG 1 & 2 in the same room. Hence, our affinity with the trappings was distinctly separate. Altruism, more so in the zoological sense, was part of our journey together!

2. Which was your favourite hangout spot in the university – the library, the canteen, or somewhere more secret?

Behind the classroom the open space under the chestnut tree was our rendezvous! At our behest the side door to Entomology section – that connected to this purlieu – was opened giving us easy access. The popularity of this corner spread to the faculty even. Come winters Dr. J. S. Bisht would also hold his Fisheries class in 1979. This was a Shantiniketan of our making!

3. What's one memory from your student life that still brings a smile or laughter even today?

Uncontrollable, induced yawns during the lectures of one faculty member, that we could not even hide.

4. Was there a particular professor or mentor who left a lasting impact on you?

Prof. J.S. Bisht not only mentored me in the college but shaped my career too. A Guru who has remained a reverential figure to me, an inspirational source and much more.

The Journey Ahead

5. How did your time at Kumaun University shape your path toward the Indian Administrative Service?

Until completion of my post-graduation I had no inkling whatsoever that I would join the Civil Services one day. In hindsight, I think my academics strength at the university enabled me to take the UPSC exam and succeed.

"Nainital's hills gave me roots – the university gave me wings."

6. What kept you motivated during the toughest phases of your career?

दिशा दिशा होती अनुकूल चाहे कितनी हो विपरीत
मन के हारे हार है, मन के जीते जीत। (When your direction is right, it becomes favorable, no matter how adverse the circumstances. Defeat lies in the mind; so does victory)

7. Zoology to IAS – not the most linear path! What inspired this transition, and how did you navigate it?

As it truly was. From Research Fellowship to Army to Forest Service thence the IAS the journey tentation in the absence of a perspective, circumscribed more by my limited understanding of options than choices! Yet, Zoology in particular played a crucial role in comprehending heterogeneity, diversity in thought and action, conservation and resources management that proved useful as a practicing administrator.

8. What were some key skills or values you picked up during your post-graduation that helped in your career?

Exposure to stalwarts like Dr. D. D. Pant, Prof. K. S. Valdiya, both VCs of Kumaun University Dr. G. K. Dr. M. C Pant our HOD, Dr. T. S. Gill, Shri G. K. Arora IAS allowed me to gain a conviction that erudition, articulation, simplicity, and candid behavior are traits one must possess – though it took time to inculcate and imbibe these in life. A poster in my room reminded me always – "Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the Things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."

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9. Looking back, what challenges did you face as a young aspirant, and how did you overcome them?

Time management was the stiffest challenge vis-à-vis the syllabus to be covered. Self-applomb and self-discipline helped me not only in preparing well but also in eliminating the wanton distractions.

Words to Walk With

10. What's one habit you developed in university that students today should cultivate?

Prolific Reading

11. What's your advice for students who feel uncertain about their future?

There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve : the fear of failure

12. If a student told you they feel 'too small' to make a big impact — how would you respond?

I would quote the "Alchemist"- "when you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you achieve it."

"Success doesn't require a map, just the courage to take the first step."

13. How can students make the most of their years at Kumaun University, not just academically but holistically?

Foster critical thinking, problem-solving and introspection skills. Keep returning the privileges, parents, peers and community have given to you, whenever possible. Remember: a goodwill account always earns compound interest.



Rapid Fire Round:

- **Your nickname in college?**
Bhasi
- **Most bunked subject?**
Ecology
- **Canteen order you miss?**
Bread Pakoras & Chai
- **IAS or student life — which was more unpredictable?**
Both
- **One word for Nainital?**
सुरम्य
- **The one book every student must read?**
The Alchemist
- **If you had to describe Kumaun University of the 70s in three words, what would they be?**
An incubation crucible
- **Most proud moment in your journey?**
Success of the Silkyara Tunnel Rescue mission on 28.11.2023
- **If not an IAS officer, you would be...?**
A Teacher

SHIKSHA SAMVAAD

Dialogue with the Educators Behind Our Excellence



*Guiding minds,
shaping futures – a
conversation with
the torchbearer of
academic
excellence–
Prof. D. S. Rawat*



1. Sir, you began your academic journey right here at Kumaun University with a B.Sc. and MSc degree. Can you take us back to those days—what were your college years like?

I came to this city on June 28, 1985 and got admission at Bhartiya Saheed Sainik School in class 10th followed by 10+2 in 1988. One of our distant relatives was working with BD Pandey Hospital and I stayed with him at Brook Hill out house from 1985-88. These were the most difficult times, struggled for everything. From 1988-93 I stayed at Bough Cottage during my BSc and MSc days.

Five year stay at DSB College were most memorable days of my life. After school days, it was the college and examinations were annual mode, there was nothing in between, so we did not realize how six month passed. Switching from Hindi to English medium was most difficult, I still remember, of writing some sentences in Hinglish.. But from first year of my BSc, I realized the importance of continuous reading, so I use to go to classroom well prepared of the lecture. My reading time use to be 8 – 9 hrs per day. Many times it so happened that I watched movies at Ashok Takies or Capitol Cinema, day before of my examinations! This is because I use to read continuously and never waited for exams to come and then study!

We had excellent teachers at DSB back then, and it was Prof Ganga Bisht who encouraged me to do PhD from Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow.

Took tuitions to meet out expenditures, I still remember, coming to University to teach son of Prof Durgapal of Physics department.

3. Being a gold medalist in M.Sc.—what habits or practices do you think contributed to that achievement?

I use to study 8-9 hrs per day, became workaholic during this period. Even when I use to visit my village during vacation, I use to study same time. I think winter vacation use to be longer back then. I use to stay at my village only for 10-12 days, so that I can prepare well at Nainital. I use to make good notes, still I have those notes which I made during 1993, for one topics, I ready nine books. Even I wrote some of the authors about mistakes in the books. I remember meeting Prof DD Pant once somewhere in University (he use to sit here because of the fire in Physics dept) to get my doubts cleared on spectroscopy!

2. What inspired you to choose Organic Chemistry for your post-graduation?

Let me tell you one thing, from my school days, I use to like maths too much. When I took admission at class 10th in 1985, the syllabus of the class at BSSV was completed by Sept 1985. At my village school (GIC Bohala), hardly 3-4 chapter were completed, so at BSSV, I felt lost. Though, I prepared well without any tutition, but got very poor marks in 10th class and I was denied Maths at 10+2. As a result, I took biology, and at DSB three combinations were very famous at that time, Geology, Computer and Forestry. Students with good marks in 10+2 use to get admission in these courses. So I choose forestry group, not because I liked it, its because students with good marks use to get admission to this course. So my combination was Botany, Chemistry and Forestry. After passing out my BSc, I realized that with this combination, I was not even eligible for school teaching. During my BSc days I developed my interest in Chemistry, so opted Chemistry in MSc. I liked Organic Chemistry because its application in daily life and its role in drug development. I really worked hard during my MSc days, use to read most of the books available in the library.

4. Were there any professors or mentors during your time as a student here who had a lasting impact on you?

Its difficult to pin point, number of teachers from my school days to my PhD days influenced me. From my school days at GIC Bohala, Mr Satish C Pandey and Mr BS Dasila, at BSSV, Mr Pooran Singh, Mr Kheemraj Singh, at DSB Prof SS Bisht, Prof Ganga Bisht and Dr LMS Palani (he use to teach us tissue culture as visiting Professor) motivated me immensely. In fact, it was Prof Ganga Bisht, who motivated me to do PhD from Central Drug Research Institute, where I worked with Dr DS Bhakuni. I learnt professional ethics from him, he was a great person and I owe a lot to him.

***The journey
teaches what
the goal never
could***

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Dialogue with the Educators Behind Our Excellence



5.The Toppers' Conclave was a brilliant initiative. What inspired you to bring the university's brightest minds together, and how do you plan to build on it?

Actually, there is inherent problem in our academic system, we as head of the institution don't appreciate/talk to the toppers. One can say, we give them medals during convocations, that's right. But there is no dialogue with these talented students. So, I thought, to interact with such pool of the University and talk to them one to one basis and get their ideas what they expect from the University. This was one of the best program, I organized.

6.What challenges have you faced in transforming the university, and how have you tackled them?

Quality human resource is the biggest challenge, but still we could get 100 Cr MERU grant, became the member of DST-PAIR program with IISc Bangalore with 100 Cr grant. We got 26.4 Ac land at Patwadangar to establish MERU Campus. Six buildings at DSB campus are under renovation/reconstructions, academic block and Law faculty building is coming up at Soangaon, Pharmacy lab is ready at Bhimtal and other building is coming up at Bhimtal. Three buildings construction would start at Patwadangar very soon

7.What legacy would you like to leave behind as the Vice Chancellor of Kumaun University?

I don't believe in setting targets and leave any kind of legacy. I worked with all honesty through out my life with the aim to give my best for the welfare of the society. Everyone does good work based on their expertise, so future generation will rate my performance as a Vice Chancellor. I am more than satisfied with the work that I did in last two years. I am of firmly believe that if you are honest, you can do whatever you want. I am thankful to Honourable Governor and Uttarakhand Government for their support and giving me free hand to work as Vice Chancellor of Kumaun University

8. How does it feel to return to Kumaun University—not as a student, but as its Vice Chancellor?

I never thought in my life, that this day will come in my life. I consider it as a rare honour and trying to do the best under the given circumstances.

10.What changes have you observed in the university between your time as a student and now as an administrator?

I feel sad that work culture has gone really down in last three decades, but I am more than confident, that all the stake holders will join hands with me to make it great again.

11. What values or philosophies guide your leadership style as the Vice Chancellor?

My philosophy of life is very simple 100% honesty, dedication and hard work. In last two years, I did not sit with my family one complete day! The institutes that gives us education or butter, is the biggest worship place, so once you imbibe this philosophy, institute you work with is bound to grow.

9.What is your long-term vision for Kumaun University? Are there any new initiatives or projects you're especially excited about?

Within the given circumstance, we expended ourselves, not it's the time to make them sustainable. On a longer run, I would like to see the Pantnagar campus as a research hub in the same line as the South Campus of Delhi University. I would like to see, that some of our faculty members to get National fellowships. I wish to establish Population Research Center at Kumaun University.

Rapid Fire Round:

- **A book that shaped your thinking?**

Hindu Chemistry by PC Ray

- **One memory from Kumaun University that still brings a smile?**

Introduction party at Mannu Maharani Hotel.

- **Lab coat or office chair—what do you miss more?**

Of course my lab, even today if I reach 4 am in the morning from International trip, I go my lab at 8.30 AM.

- **Your message in one line to every student reading this interview?**

Honesty, hard work and respect your parents and teachers!

BEHIND THE PAGES

With Warm Regards, The Editorial Team



I've always believed that opportunities have a way of finding you when you're ready for them – and getting the chance to work on this newsletter was one of those moments for me. I had quietly wished for a space where I could blend creativity with purpose, and when this opportunity arrived, I embraced it with open arms.

A heartfelt thank you to Sir Reetesh Sah for giving us this platform and believing in our ideas. This journey taught me so much – from managing content to valuing teamwork, and most importantly, understanding how every small effort adds to a bigger picture.

To my wonderful colleagues – your constant support, encouragement, and brilliant ideas made this experience even more special.

As Vincent Van Gogh beautifully said, “Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.”

-Padma Lhazes
Student Editorial Team
Vimarsh.



Vimarsh means more than just a discussion—it is the courage to think deeply, to question gently, and to speak truth with honesty. That very spirit lives in the soil of Uttarakhand

Getting the chance to be the student editor of Vimarsh has been a truly special experience. I am deeply thankful to Dr. Reetesh Sah Sir for giving me this opportunity and for his constant encouragement.

While working on it, I realised that Kumaun University already offers a platform for creativity, leadership, and expression—you just have to be willing to step forward and participate. Vimarsh is proof that thoughtful efforts shape meaningful outcomes.

I want to thank the incredible team who helped in crafting every word with care and sincerity.

And above all, I thank you—the readers, because no book, no article, no idea truly matters unless someone thoughtful receives it.

Vimarsh is where truth begins—and readers like you keep that truth alive.

Thank you!
— Nandini Joshi
Student Editor
Vimarsh.



I never imagined that working behind the scenes on a newsletter would become such a special chapter in my journey. What started as a simple curiosity turned into something that taught me so much –about teamwork, consistency, and the beauty of bringing stories to life.

I'm truly thankful for the guidance I received and the trust that was placed in me. This experience helped me grow not just as a student, but as someone learning to believe in her own ideas.

To everyone who's been a part of this process—thank you for your support, patience, and encouragement.

And to every reader flipping through these pages—I hope you feel the effort and love stitched into each word and design.

Here's to learning, creating, and growing—one page at a time.

-Aastha Pandey
Student Editorial Team
Vimarsh.



PASSING-OUT BATCH DIARIES:

What's next?



As another academic year draws to a close, we pause to celebrate the journeys of our graduating students. This year's passing-out batch leaves behind friendships, memories, and a legacy of dreams. We asked them: what's next? From civil services to entrepreneurship, from research labs to art studios, here's a glimpse of their ambitions and the career paths ahead for students from every discipline.

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

~Henry David Thoreau

Note to the Class of 2025:

The campus gates might close behind you, but endless doors are about to open ahead. Keep chasing those dreams.

FUTURE ECHOES

After graduation, I'm going to pursue M.Sc. along with my preparation for A.F.O and NABARD exams.

-Shivangi Verma
B.Sc. 8th semester

I aim to serve the nation with pride — that's why I'm gearing up for the defence exams. The uniform isn't just a dream, it's my destination.

-Yashpal Adhikari
BA 6th Semester

My heart beats for the uniform, and my dream is to serve the nation with pride and courage. The discipline of NCC has shaped my spirit, and now, I am determined to turn that spirit into service by joining the defence forces. With every step, I march towards a future where duty, honor, and country come first.

-CC Saakshi Singh
B.A. 6th semester

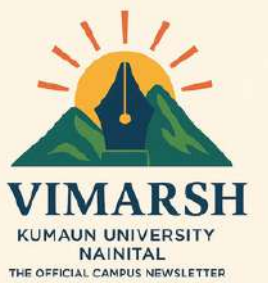
After graduation, I'm focusing on competitive exams and figuring out the right career path. Taking time to build a future that truly fits me.

-Drishti Chamoli
B.Sc. 6th Semester

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

- Civil Services (UPSC, State PSCs, Judiciary)
- Corporate Jobs & MNC Roles
- Startups & Entrepreneurship
- Legal Practice & Judiciary
- Teaching & Academic Research
- NGO, Social Work & Policy Advocacy
- Media, Journalism & Content Creation
- Fine Arts, Performing Arts & Creative Industries
- Travel, Tourism & Hospitality
- Public Sector & Government Jobs
- Environmental Studies & Sustainability Projects
- Tech, IT & Digital Marketing Careers

Creative corner



POETIC THOUGHTS

"Lecture halls echo with sleepy yawns,
Camel's Back sunset, day's dawns.
Notes forgotten, Tiffin Top views,
Nainital and college – our quiet muse"



FUN FACT

The original name of Tiffin Top is Dorothy's Seat, built in memory of an English artist, Dorothy Kellet. Legend says it's one of the quietest sunset points for those chasing peace after a chaotic college week.

OVERHEARD ON CAMPUS

Ek din assignment complete karne ka socha tha, par phir se Netflix ka trap chal gaya!



CAMPUS HACK OF THE MONTH

Best Study Spot (Off-Campus):

Find an empty bench near Naini Lake at 7 AM – clean air, zero crowd, and perfect for cramming notes before class.

CAMPUS CURIOSITIES: DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT DSB?

- Kumaun University was established on 1st March 1973 under the U.P. State University Act, 1973. It's the oldest state university of Uttarakhand.
- The D.S.B. Campus stands on the site of the old Wellesley Girls' High School, Nainital, founded by Emma L. Knowles in the 19th century.
- In 1951, philanthropist Thakur Dan Singh Bisht, inspired by Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, founded a degree college for the youth of Kumaon and Garhwal, naming it after his father Thakur Dev Singh Bisht.
- Thakur Dan Singh Bisht donated Rs. 5 Lakhs, the main campus building, and land (including Smugglers Rock Estate, now the girls' hostel area).
- Before 1973, all colleges of Uttarakhand were affiliated to Agra University, forcing students to travel long distances for paperwork and degrees.
- This led to the 'Kumaon-Garhwal University Banao Andolan' — a peaceful student movement. A tragic firing incident in Pithoragarh (Dec 15, 1972) intensified the demand.
- As a result, Kumaun and Garhwal Universities were established on March 1, 1973.
- Initially, D.S.B. was a Constituent College, later upgraded to a university campus on March 15, 1994.