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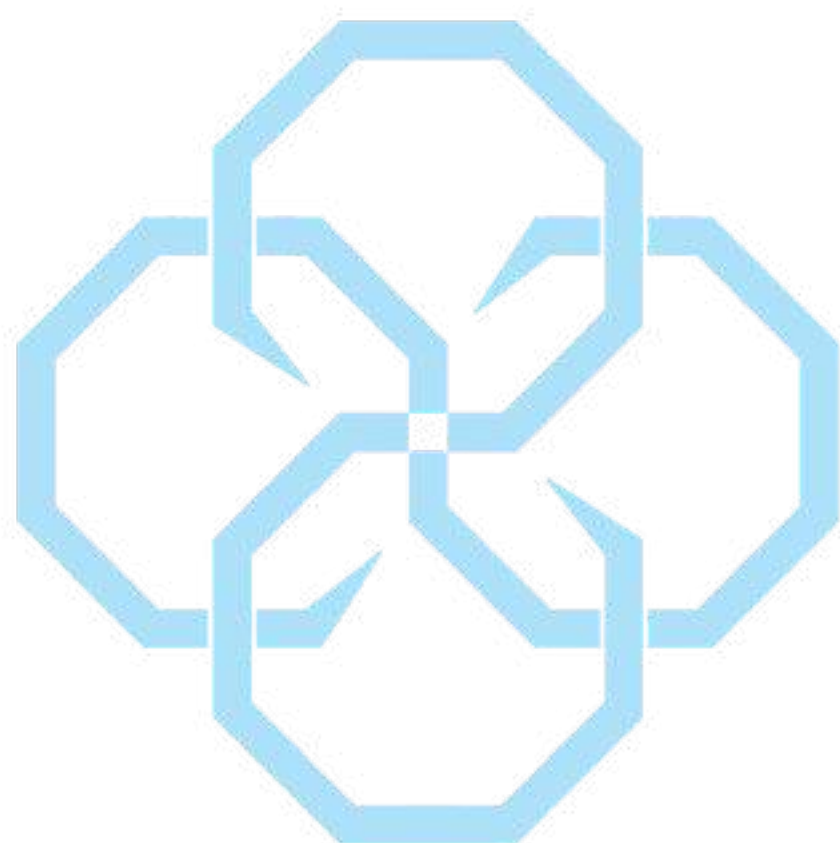
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SAU CONNECT

Monthly Newsletter
June 2026





WELCOME TO SAU

South Asian University (SAU) is an international university established by the eight SAARC member nations to foster regional understanding and provide quality higher education. Founded in 2010 and located in Maidan Garhi, South Delhi, SAU offers undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programs in fields Mathematics, Life Sciences & Biotechnology, Economics, Social Sciences, Legal Studies, Management, Asian Studies, Chemical Sciences, Arts and Design, Climate Change, Physical Sciences, Computer Science and Engineering, aiming to equip students as future regional leaders.



PROF. K. K. AGGARWAL

President

The past month has been marked by several meaningful engagements that reinforce South Asian University's commitment to academic excellence, institutional collaboration, and regional leadership.

I had the opportunity to meet with distinguished leaders from government and academia, including representatives of the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM), Shri Rajagopal Devara, IAS (Retd.), and Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal. These interactions focused on strengthening partnerships in higher education, and institutional development. I am particularly pleased that Shri Meghwal has graciously agreed to inaugurate our LL.B. Programme in August.

It is heartening to witness our students securing placements and prestigious internships with leading organisations. The successful organisation of faculty development programmes, international workshops, and academic conferences further demonstrates our commitment to advancing research, innovation, and capacity building across disciplines. The diverse accomplishments featured in this issue are a testament to the dedication of our faculty, students, researchers, and staff in strengthening South Asian University's growing reputation as a vibrant centre of learning and regional cooperation



From the Editorial Team

The past month has been one of remarkable progress and achievement at South Asian University, reflecting our continued commitment to academic excellence, research, innovation, and regional engagement. From strengthening institutional partnerships to celebrating the accomplishments of our faculty and students, this issue captures the dynamic spirit that defines the SAU community.

A major highlight of the month was the successful completion of the ICSSR-sponsored Capacity Building Programme on research competencies, which brought together scholars from across institutions for two weeks of intensive learning on contemporary research methodologies and academic publishing. The University also continued to expand its academic footprint through international conferences, specialised workshops, and faculty development programmes spanning biotechnology, computer science, and emerging technologies.

This issue also celebrates the growing success of our students, who secured placements and internships with leading organisations across diverse sectors, reflecting SAU's strong industry engagement and career development initiatives. We are equally proud to showcase impactful research publications, prestigious awards, international recognitions, and significant academic milestones, including the Bar Council of India's approval for our integrated law programmes.

Beyond academics, the University remained vibrant through cultural celebrations, outreach initiatives, and meaningful collaborations that strengthened our engagement with society and industry. We hope this edition offers an inspiring glimpse into the many achievements and initiatives that continue to shape South Asian University as a centre of excellence for the region.

Highlight of the month



ICSSR-Sponsored Capacity Building Programme Strengthens Research Excellence at SAU

South Asian University successfully organised a two-week ICSSR-sponsored Capacity Building Programme titled "Strengthening Research Competencies: From Paradigms to Publication," bringing together researchers, faculty members, and scholars from diverse institutions for an intensive programme on contemporary research methods and scholarly publishing.

Designed to strengthen research capabilities from conceptualisation to publication, the programme featured expert-led sessions on research paradigms, qualitative and quantitative methodologies, systematic literature reviews, statistical analysis, meta-analysis, academic writing, publication strategies, and ethical research practices. Participants also received hands-on training in advanced analytical tools, AI-enabled research applications, SmartPLS, fsQCA, Mendeley, and emerging technologies transforming academic research.

The programme was led by an eminent panel of scholars and practitioners from leading institutions across the country, creating a vibrant platform for interdisciplinary learning, intellectual exchange, and professional networking. The interactive format, combining lectures, demonstrations, practical sessions, and discussions, enabled participants to engage directly with experts while gaining valuable insights into the evolving landscape of academic research and publication.

By equipping participants with both theoretical foundations and practical skills, the initiative reaffirmed South Asian University's commitment to fostering a robust research culture, advancing academic excellence, and building research capacity across disciplines. The successful completion of the programme further strengthens the University's role as a regional hub for research training, scholarly collaboration, and knowledge creation.

Research Spotlight

Green Finance and Green Innovation: Charting the Future of Sustainable Development

By Dr. Khanindra Ch. Das (Faculty of Management, South Asian University) and co-authors, published in the Journal of Economic Surveys (Wiley), a Scopus Q1 and ABDC-A indexed journal.

As governments, industries, and financial institutions intensify their efforts to combat climate change, green finance has become a key enabler of sustainable innovation. By directing investments towards environmentally responsible technologies, clean energy, and resource-efficient practices, green finance is helping shape the transition to a low-carbon economy. Recognising the rapid growth of research in this area, a recent study by researchers from South Asian University provides a comprehensive synthesis of the evolving knowledge landscape and identifies future research priorities.

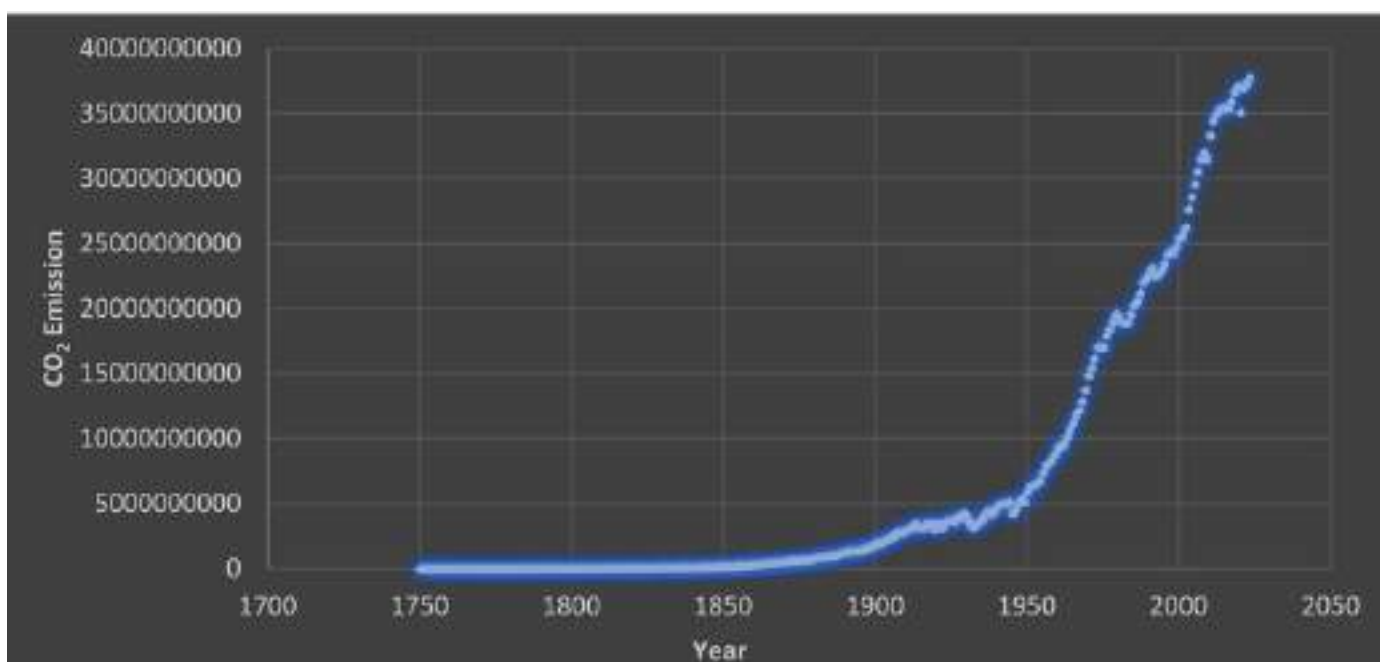


Key Findings

The study reviews global research on green finance and green innovation published between 2019 and 2024, employing a hybrid methodology that combines bibliometric analysis with a systematic literature review. It identifies six major themes that are shaping current scholarship:

- Green finance as a driver of sustainable development
- The role of green financial policies in promoting environmentally responsible business practices
- Green finance as a catalyst for green innovation
- Synergies between green finance, digital transformation, and sustainability
- Green finance and innovation for sustainable urban and environmental development
- Corporate responsibility and environmental management for advancing sustainability

The researchers also apply the Theory–Context–Characteristics–Methodology (TCCM) framework to identify research gaps and propose a structured agenda for future investigations.



Annual CO2 emissions. Source: Global Carbon Budget 2024.

Research Contribution and Implications

The study makes several important contributions by:



Providing a valuable reference for researchers, policymakers, financial institutions, and industry practitioners.



Mapping global research trends, influential journals, authors, and emerging themes.



Identifying knowledge gaps and promising avenues for future research.



Highlighting the importance of integrating finance, innovation, policy, and environmental governance to achieve sustainable development goals.

The research maps the rapidly evolving landscape of green finance and green innovation, highlighting how sustainable financing can drive environmentally responsible technologies and business practices. By identifying six key research themes and future priorities, it provides a roadmap for strengthening policy, research, and innovation for a greener future.

Conclusion

As sustainability becomes increasingly central to economic growth and policymaking, understanding the relationship between green finance and green innovation is more important than ever. By consolidating existing knowledge and presenting a clear roadmap for future research, the study contributes to the development of evidence-based policies and innovative financial solutions that support a greener and more resilient future.



This research, titled "Green Finance and Green Innovation Literature: A Hybrid Review and Future Research Agenda," was conducted by Anubhab Ghoshal (Birla Institute of Management Technology), Dr. Khanindra Ch. Das (Faculty of Management, South Asian University), and Prof. Girish Jain (Birla Institute of Management Technology). The study was published in the Journal of Economic Surveys (Wiley), a Scopus Q1 and ABDC-A indexed journal.

Research and Publications

Research on Plant Stress Tolerance Published in Plant Cell Reports

Dr. Ananda Mustafiz, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Life Sciences & Biotechnology, along with his research team, has published a research article titled "AtGLYI3 and AtGLYI6 play the major role in nickel stress tolerance in *Arabidopsis thaliana*" in *Plant Cell Reports* (2026). The study investigates the role of the glyoxalase I genes AtGLYI3 and AtGLYI6 in enhancing plant tolerance to nickel-induced stress. By identifying the molecular mechanisms that help plants adapt to heavy metal toxicity, the research offers valuable insights for developing crop varieties with improved resilience to contaminated environments. The publication reflects South Asian University's continued contribution to advancing research in plant biotechnology and sustainable agriculture.

Faculty Member Leads Elsevier Book on Sustainable Biofuels and Biochemicals

Dr. A.K.R. Gobinath, Faculty of Life Sciences and Biotechnology and the Interdisciplinary Centre on Climate Change, South Asian University, has served as the Chief Editor of the Elsevier book *Crude Glycerol: A Sustainable Feedstock for the Production of Biofuels and Biochemicals*. Published in collaboration with international co-editors and contributors, the volume explores innovative approaches to converting crude glycerol—a major by-product of the biodiesel industry—into value-added biofuels and biochemicals. Bringing together the expertise of leading researchers from across the globe, the publication advances knowledge in sustainable resource utilization and circular bioeconomy, while reflecting South Asian University's growing contribution to collaborative, interdisciplinary research with global impact.

Book Chapter on Energy Justice in Rohingya Refugee Camps Published

Kamakshi Rautela, Doctoral Candidate at South Asian University, and Yubaraj Das, Research Fellow at TROSA, have co-authored a book chapter titled "Energy Justice in Crisis: Exploring Humanitarian Energy Interventions in Rohingya Refugee Camps" in the volume *Navigating Sustainable Energy Transition in South Asia*. The chapter examines energy access in the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar through the lens of energy justice, offering critical insights into the challenges of humanitarian energy interventions and their implications for sustainable and equitable energy transitions. The publication contributes to the growing discourse on energy governance, sustainability, and social justice in South Asia.

Research on Leisure Patterns in India Published in Leisure Studies

Sudepto Das, PhD Scholar at the Faculty of Economics, South Asian University, has published a research article titled "Understanding Leisure Type of Individuals: Insights from the Time Use Survey of India" in *Leisure Studies*, a Q1-ranked international journal published by Taylor & Francis. The study examines patterns of leisure participation in India using data from the Time Use Survey, offering insights into the relationship between leisure, productivity, and health outcomes. Conducted under the guidance of Prof. Arup Mitra and Dr. Soumya Datta, the publication reflects the University's commitment to advancing impactful research on contemporary socio-economic issues.

Research on India–Central Asia Security Relations Published in Journal of Strategic Security

Dr. Anmol Mukhia, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, has published a research article titled "Analysis of Security Concerns in India-Central Asia Relations" in the *Journal of Strategic Security*, a SCOPUS-indexed journal published by the University of South Florida. The paper examines the evolving security dynamics shaping India–Central Asia relations, offering insights into the strategic challenges and opportunities influencing regional cooperation. The publication contributes to ongoing scholarly discourse on regional security and international relations while reflecting South Asian University's commitment to research on contemporary global and geopolitical issues.

Achievements

Faculty of Legal Studies Receives Bar Council of India Approval for Integrated Law Programmes

The Faculty of Legal Studies at South Asian University has received official approval from the Bar Council of India (BCI) to offer the five-year integrated B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) programmes. This significant milestone marks the formal recognition of the University's legal education programmes by the apex regulatory body for legal education in India. The approval reinforces South Asian University's commitment to providing high-quality, interdisciplinary legal education and preparing future legal professionals equipped to address the evolving legal and governance challenges of South Asia and beyond.



Dr. Swati Chandra Receives Poet Fellowship Award 2026 and Launches Debut Novel

Dr. Swati Chandra, Assistant Professor of English at the Faculty of Arts and Design, South Asian University, launched her debut novel *The Room Above the Gutter* at the Himalayan Literature Festival in Kathmandu, Nepal. During the festival, she also participated as a panellist in a session on "Meditation, Imagination and Performance" and was honoured with the Poet Fellowship Award 2026, recognising emerging voices in poetry. As part of the fellowship, she attended a series of workshops led by internationally acclaimed writers and poets, including Pulitzer Prize winners, and conducted a poetry workshop for students at Kathmandu International School. Her achievements reflect South Asian University's commitment to fostering literary excellence and creative scholarship on global platforms.

Fifteen SAU Students Selected for International Summer School 2026

South Asian University congratulates **Mr. Inderpreet Singh (M.A. Sociology, Batch 2026)** on his selection for the prestigious **UNESCO MGIEP Youth Fellowship** on Leadership for Peace & Sustainability in South Korea. The fellowship brings together emerging young leaders from across the world to engage with issues of peacebuilding, sustainable development, and global citizenship. This achievement reflects Inderpreet's academic excellence, leadership potential, and commitment to creating positive social impact. His selection highlights the growing international recognition of SAU students and their active participation in initiatives addressing contemporary global challenges.



Dr. Shyamli Singh Featured in Earth Day 2026 Podcast on Water Conservation

Dr. Shyamli Singh, Associate Professor at the Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability, South Asian University, was featured in a special Earth Day 2026 podcast hosted by Salwan Public School, New Delhi. Titled "Water Wise is Future Wise", the discussion focused on water conservation, sustainable water management, and the importance of building climate-resilient communities. Through the podcast, Dr. Singh highlighted the critical role of responsible water stewardship and environmental education in addressing contemporary sustainability challenges. The feature reflects South Asian University's continued commitment to promoting climate literacy, sustainability awareness, and meaningful public engagement.

Research Scholar Receives ANRF Travel Grant and Presents at International Symposium

Manik Goel, a research scholar from the Protein Science Laboratory led by Dr. Rinkoo D. Gupta at the Faculty of Life Sciences and Biotechnology, South Asian University, presented his research titled “Human lactonases as potential Anti-biofilm agents against Mycobacterium smegmatis” at the 4th Annual Symposium on Mycobacteria 2026: Turning Biology into Cures, held at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. His research explores the potential of engineered human lactonases as anti-biofilm agents against mycobacterial species, contributing to the development of novel therapeutic strategies. He was also awarded the prestigious International Travel Support (ITS) grant by the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), India, in recognition of his promising research contributions.



Prof. Jagdish Chand Bansal Honoured with Springer Nature Editor of Distinction Awards

Prof. Jagdish Chand Bansal, Faculty of Mathematical Sciences and Dean (Research and Development), South Asian University, has been honoured with the Springer Nature Editorial Contribution Award and the Springer Nature Author Service Award under the Springer Nature Editor of Distinction Awards. These prestigious recognitions acknowledge his outstanding contributions to academic publishing through excellence in editorial service, peer review, and author support. The achievement reflects South Asian University's strong commitment to research excellence and scholarly leadership within the global academic community.



SAU Student Selected as Google Student Ambassador

Mr. Agustya Vats, a Dual Degree B.Tech.–M.Tech. student in Computer Science and Engineering at South Asian University, has been selected as a Google Student Ambassador. In this prestigious role, he will lead campus initiatives to promote Google Gemini, organise workshops and outreach activities, and engage fellow students with emerging AI technologies. His selection reflects his technical expertise, leadership potential, and commitment to fostering innovation within the student community. The achievement highlights South Asian University's growing presence in the global technology ecosystem and its continued focus on nurturing industry-ready talent.



SAU Students Secure Prestigious Placements and Internship Opportunities

Students of South Asian University continue to achieve remarkable success by securing placements and internships with leading industry, research, policy, and development organisations, reflecting the University's growing emphasis on employability, experiential learning, and industry engagement.

Three Biotechnology students—Tanish Mishra, Hriti Banerjee, and Jyotsana Singh—have been selected by **iGene Labserve** as Application Specialists, marking a significant placement achievement in the life sciences sector. Their success underscores the strong academic foundation provided by the University and highlights the growing industry recognition of SAU graduates. Students from the Faculty of Engineering and Technology have also secured highly competitive opportunities. Nishant Sharma has been selected as a Technical Research/Engineering Intern at **Comviva**, while Shubham Kumar Yadav has been awarded the Summer Research Internship 2026 at the **Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi**. These accomplishments reflect their technical proficiency and commitment to innovation and research.

Students from diverse academic programmes have also earned internships with leading organisations across public policy, sustainability, and international affairs. Shubham Pani has secured an internship with **NITI Aayog**, Government of India, while Gandhi Riyang, a student of International Relations, has been selected as an intern with the **Chintan Research Foundation**. Further strengthening SAU's engagement with sustainability and climate action, Sharabonti Biswas and Shailesh Pant have secured internships with the **Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS)** and the **Indian Pollution Control Association (IPCA)**, respectively. Additionally, Harsh Raj Verma, Ritika Sharma, and Shruti Mishra have been selected as interns with the **Foundation for Development Initiative (FDI)**, where they will contribute to projects focused on sustainable development and social impact.

These achievements reflect South Asian University's continued commitment to preparing students for successful careers through meaningful industry collaborations, research exposure, policy engagement, and experiential learning, while nurturing graduates equipped to make impactful contributions across diverse sectors.



Academic Activities

The Centre for South Asian Languages and Culture at South Asian University launched three bilingual (Hindi-English) academic publications: Introduction to Elementary Sanskrit Language, Interrelationship of South Asian Languages, and Scientific and Technological Perspectives in South Asia. The event was graced by Dr. Atul Bhai Kothari, National Secretary of Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, as the Chief Guest, while Prof. K. K. Aggarwal, President of South Asian University, presided over the ceremony.

Authored by a distinguished team of scholars, the publications aim to promote the study of South Asian languages, culture, and knowledge systems. The launch underscored the University's commitment to fostering linguistic diversity, preserving shared cultural heritage, and strengthening academic collaboration across the South Asian region.



Centre for South Asian Languages and Culture Launches New Academic Publications



Faculty of Life Sciences and Biotechnology Organises International Hands-on Workshop on Real-Time PCR

The Faculty of Life Sciences and Biotechnology at South Asian University organised a one-day International Hands-on Workshop on Real-Time PCR. The workshop brought together faculty members, research scholars, and Master's students from across the SAARC region for intensive practical training in primer design, RT-PCR experimental techniques, data analysis, and troubleshooting.

Designed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and laboratory practice, the workshop provided participants with valuable technical skills in one of the most widely used molecular biology techniques. The initiative reflects South Asian University's continued commitment to promoting scientific excellence, regional collaboration, and capacity building in advanced life sciences research.

The Faculty of Life Sciences and Biotechnology at South Asian University successfully organised a two-day International Hands-on Workshop on "Designing and Production of Synthetic Monoclonal Antibodies." The workshop provided participants with intensive practical training in advanced protein engineering techniques, equipping them with hands-on experience in contemporary approaches to antibody design and production.

The programme brought together students and researchers to strengthen technical expertise and promote knowledge exchange in an emerging area of biotechnology. The workshop reflects South Asian University's commitment to advancing scientific innovation, research excellence, and capacity building through experiential learning.



Faculty of Life Sciences and Biotechnology Organises International Workshop on Synthetic Monoclonal Antibodies

The Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, South Asian University, successfully organised a six-day, 40-hour Faculty Development Programme on Social Network Analysis in collaboration with the Electronics and ICT Academy at PDM Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing (IIITDM), Jabalpur. The programme brought together faculty members, researchers, and students for an intensive blend of theoretical learning and hands-on training in contemporary network science and data analytics.

The workshop featured expert lectures and practical sessions on topics such as network centrality measures, scalable network partitioning, link prediction, learning on networks, information diffusion, and network influence analysis. Participants also explored emerging areas including graph neural networks, opinion dynamics, game theory, and quantum social network analysis through interactions with resource persons from leading institutions across India. The programme served as a valuable platform for interdisciplinary learning, research collaboration, and capacity building, reaffirming South Asian University's commitment to academic excellence and advancing emerging technologies.



Department of Computer Science Organises Faculty Development Programme on Social Network Analysis



Cultural Programs

South Asian University Celebrates International Day of Yoga 2026

South Asian University celebrated International Day of Yoga 2026 on 21 June in collaboration with the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, under the global theme "Yoga for Healthy Aging." The event brought together students, faculty, and staff in a collective celebration of yoga as a means of promoting physical health, mental well-being, and holistic living.

The programme was chaired by SAU President Prof. K. K. Aggarwal, with renowned academician Prof. Saroj Aggarwal as the Guest of Honour. In his address, Prof. Aggarwal highlighted yoga as a way of life that nurtures self-awareness, inner balance, and spiritual well-being, while emphasising its relevance in fostering healthier and more harmonious societies across South Asia. The celebration also featured an impressive performance by young yoga practitioners, who showcased a range of asanas with exceptional discipline and skill.



Spring Photography and Videography Competition Showcases SAU's Creative Spirit

The Engineering Wing of South Asian University successfully organised its Spring Photography and Videography Competition under the leadership of SAU President Prof. K. K. Aggarwal. The competition encouraged members of the University community to capture the campus's natural beauty, vibrant flora, and everyday life, promoting creativity alongside environmental awareness and appreciation of nature.

The event received an overwhelming response, with 68 participants submitting 369 photographs and 10 videos across categories including Landscape, Campus Buildings with Landscape, Campus Life, and Videography. The entries were evaluated by a distinguished jury led by Prof. Saroj Aggarwal, recognising artistic excellence and creative vision. The winners were felicitated during a prize distribution ceremony.



Presidential Connect



SAU President Shares Vision for the Future of Education in National Daily

As part of his continued outreach on issues of higher education and nation-building, the President of South Asian University, Prof. K. K. Aggarwal, authored a thought-provoking article published in Dainik Bhaskar. In the article, he presents a forward-looking vision for the future of education, highlighting the need for an education system that is student-centric, innovative, inclusive, and responsive to the aspirations of a rapidly changing world.

Emphasising holistic development alongside academic excellence, Prof. Aggarwal advocates for nurturing critical thinking, creativity, ethical values, and lifelong learning to prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of the future. Through this widely circulated publication, he reinforces South Asian University's commitment to shaping meaningful conversations on educational reform and promoting a vision of higher education that empowers young people to become responsible global citizens and future leaders.



SAU President Holds Discussions with IIIDEM on Strengthening Academic Collaboration

Prof. K. K. Aggarwal, President of South Asian University, held a meeting with Shri Rakesh Verma, Director General of the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM), to explore opportunities for strengthening institutional collaboration in the areas of academic cooperation, capacity building, research, and knowledge exchange. The discussions reflected a shared commitment to fostering partnerships that contribute to excellence in higher education and democratic governance, both within South Asia and beyond.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Chanchal Kumar Sharma and Dr. Kritika Mathur from IIIDEM, along with Dr. Shweta Singh, Associate Professor (SG), Faculty of International Studies, South Asian University. Deliberations focused on identifying potential areas of collaboration and developing a roadmap for future engagement, with the preliminary discussions facilitated by Dr. Khushboo Srivastava, Senior Consultant, IIIDEM.



SAU President Meets Shri Rajagopal Devara to Explore Areas of Institutional Collaboration

Prof. K. K. Aggarwal, President of South Asian University, met with Shri Rajagopal Devara, IAS (Retd.), Member of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) for Maharashtra and Goa, for discussions on matters of mutual interest and potential avenues of support for the University. The meeting provided an opportunity to exchange perspectives on higher education, public policy, institutional development, and governance.

Drawing on Shri Devara's extensive experience in public administration, planning, development, public finance, and legal administration—including his tenure as Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra—the discussions explored opportunities for leveraging institutional expertise to strengthen South Asian University's academic and developmental initiatives. The interaction reflects the President's continued efforts to engage with distinguished leaders and practitioners to build meaningful partnerships that advance the University's regional and global mission.



SAU President Meets Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal

Prof. K. K. Aggarwal, President of South Asian University, paid a courtesy visit to Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal to discuss matters relating to higher education and the University's ongoing academic initiatives. The meeting formed part of the President's continued engagement with national leadership to strengthen institutional partnerships and advance academic excellence.

During the interaction, the Hon'ble Minister graciously accepted the invitation to inaugurate the LL.B. Programme at South Asian University on 7 August 2026, marking a significant milestone for the University's Faculty of Legal Studies. The meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment to promoting quality legal education and supporting the growth of South Asian University as a centre of academic excellence in the region.

Outreach Activities

BBA Students Participate in Industry Visit to a Leading Multinational Company



The Centre for Entrepreneurship, Training & Placement (CETP), South Asian University, organised an industry visit for BBA students from the Faculty of Management to a leading multinational company, with Dr. Ritesh Gupta accompanying the students. The visit was designed to provide participants with first-hand exposure to the functioning of a global corporate environment and to bridge the gap between classroom learning and industry practice.

During the visit, students gained valuable insights into organisational structure, corporate strategy, technology-driven business solutions, cross-functional collaboration, project management, leadership, and emerging industry trends. Interactions with professionals enabled them to better understand the challenges and opportunities associated with working in multinational organisations and the skills required to thrive in today's dynamic business landscape. The initiative reflects South Asian University's continued emphasis on experiential learning, industry engagement, and preparing students with the knowledge and professional competencies needed for successful careers in the corporate sector.



SAU Bookshelf

Sexual Harassment at Workplace: A Detailed Analysis of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013

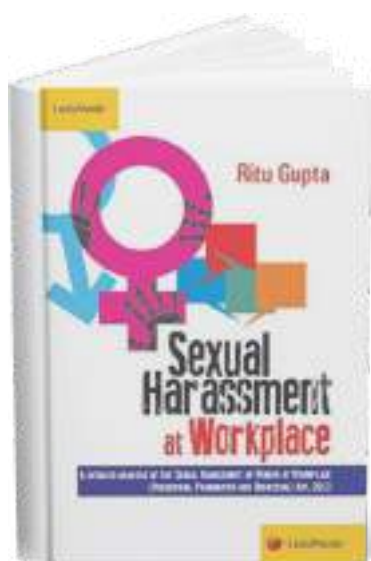
This month, SAU Connect highlights **Sexual Harassment at Workplace: A Detailed Analysis of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013**, authored by **Prof. (Dr.) Ritu Gupta, Professor & Dean at Faculty of Legal Studies**. This comprehensive and meticulously researched volume offers an in-depth examination of one of India's most significant legislations addressing workplace safety and gender justice. The book critically analyses every provision of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, explaining its scope, objectives, and practical implications with clarity and precision.

Prof. (Dr.) Ritu Gupta is Professor of Law at the Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University. She has previously served as Research Director, Centre for Business and Financial Laws at National Law University Delhi, and has taught at leading institutions including Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University. Her teaching and research interests include Commercial and Business Laws, Contract Law, Gender Justice, Judicial Process, and Legal Education. She is the author of Sexual Harassment at Workplace and Law of Contract, both published by LexisNexis.

A distinguished academic and trainer, Prof. Gupta has conducted capacity-building programmes for judges, civil servants, and public institutions on gender sensitisation, workplace laws, and contract management. She serves as an external expert on Internal Complaints Committees of several prominent government institutions and was awarded the Visiting ASLI Fellowship at the National University of Singapore in 2025. She has also been recognised among BW Legal World's 100 Influential Women Driving Change in the Indian Legal Ecosystem for two consecutive years.

Beyond the statutory framework, the book explores the broader dimensions of workplace sexual harassment by examining its definition, prevalence, and the national as well as international legal landscape. It discusses landmark judicial pronouncements, recent case law, policy developments, and the challenges associated with implementing effective preventive and redressal mechanisms across workplaces. The analysis is further enriched by an examination of relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Indian Evidence Act, and applicable service rules, providing readers with a holistic understanding of the legal framework governing workplace harassment.

Written in a clear and accessible style, the book bridges the gap between legal scholarship and practical application, making complex legal provisions easy to understand for both specialists and general readers. It serves as a valuable resource for students, legal practitioners, researchers, policymakers, employers, human resource professionals, NGOs, and workplace administrators seeking a comprehensive understanding of the law and its implementation. By combining rigorous legal analysis with practical insights, the book contributes meaningfully to the discourse on creating safer, more equitable, and gender-sensitive workplaces.



Prof. (Dr.) Ritu Gupta, Professor & Dean, Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University

Did you know?

A Month of Monsoon Across South Asia

June across South Asia marks the arrival of the monsoon in many parts of the region, bringing relief from the summer heat and sustaining agriculture, ecosystems, and livelihoods. The month is also significant for religious observances, cultural traditions, and environmental awareness. Across the SAARC nations, communities come together to celebrate faith, welcome the rains, and embrace the season of renewal.



Afghanistan – Communities observe **Ashura**, commemorating the martyrdom of Imam Hussain through prayers, processions that emphasise sacrifice.



Maldives – The Islamic New Year, **Al-Hijra**, is observed marking the Hijrah (migration) of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) from Makkah to Madinah.



Bangladesh – **Muharram** is observed with religious processions, majalis (religious assemblies), and acts of remembrance.



Nepal – The **Rato Machhendranath Chariot Festival**, brings thousands together in Lalitpur to honour the deity of rain, harvest, and prosperity.



Bhutan – Monasteries and local communities celebrate traditional **Tsechus**, featuring sacred masked dances, prayers, that preserve living Buddhist heritage.



Pakistan – **Muharram** is observed with religious processions, gatherings, and charitable activities, commemorating the sacrifice of Imam Hussain (A.S.).



India – **International Day of Yoga (21 June)** is observed across the country through community yoga sessions, wellness programmes, and initiatives promoting physical and mental well-being.

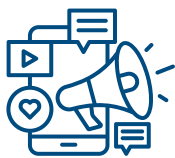


Sri Lanka – **Poson Poya**, one of the country's most sacred Buddhist festivals, commemorates the introduction of Buddhism to Sri Lanka through pilgrimages, lantern displays, devotional observances, and acts of generosity.

Do you know what the word 'Rain' is called in the languages of South Asia?

- Afghanistan (Dari): باران (Barān), (Pashto): باران (Bārān)
- Bangladesh (Bengali): বৃষ্টি (Brishti)
- Bhutan (Dzongkha): ཇར (Char)
- India (Hindi): बारिश (Baarish)
- Maldives (Dhivehi): ވަލަދުވުމު (Vaarey)
- Nepal (Nepali): वर्षा (Barsha)
- Pakistan (Urdu): بارش (Barish)
- Sri Lanka (Sinhala): වැසි (Wessa), (Tamil): மழை (Mazhai)

Welcome On-board



Dr. Abinash Kumar Jha, Associate Professor, and Dr. Nipunika Shahid, Assistant Professor joined the Faculty of Arts and Design



Dr. Justin Joseph, Assistant Professor, joined Centre for Climate Change



Dr. Ankit Kumar Jain, Assistant Professor, joined Faculty of Engineering Technology

What new

Welcoming New Academic Leadership

South Asian University welcomes Prof. Kapil Sharma as Vice-President (Academic) and Prof. Ritu Gaur as Vice-President (Strategy & Innovation). Previously serving as Proctor and Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences & Biotechnology, respectively, they bring rich academic and administrative experience to their new roles. We wish them every success as they lead the University towards continued growth and excellence.



Upcoming Events

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Interaction with Dr Sunil Kumar from Electrical and computer engineering department at San Diego State university. (Management- OSD)

July
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International Symposium on 6G and Beyond Ecosystem

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Visit of Ambassador Md. Golam Sarwar, Secretary General of SAARC, to South Asian University, New Delhi



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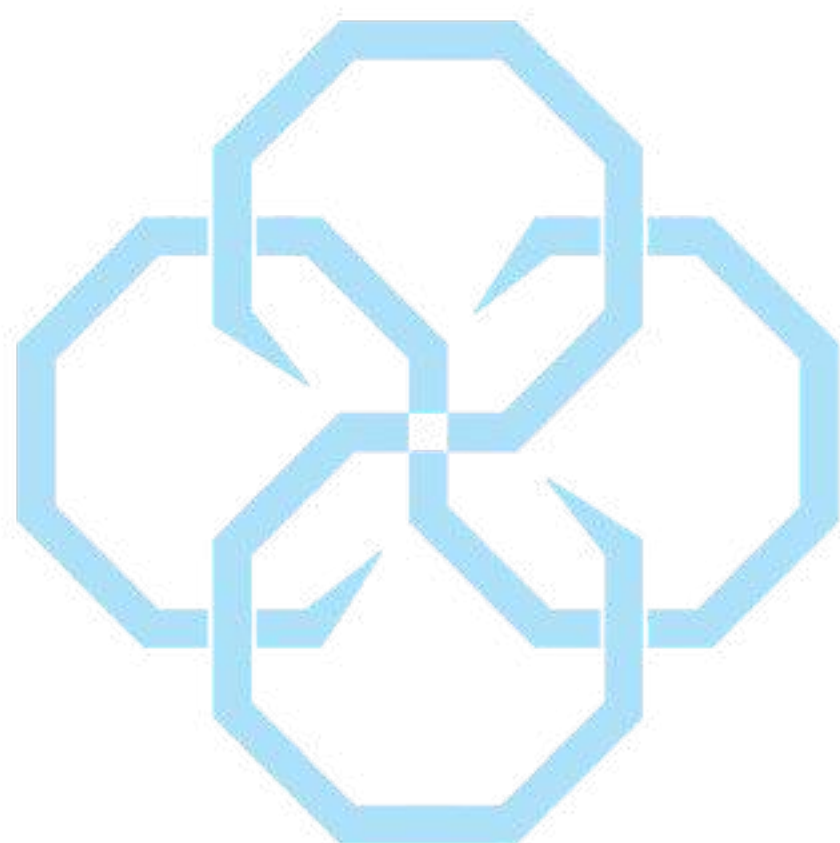
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