



USHA MARTIN UNIVERSITY

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among Jharkhand  
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Independence**

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Rashtriya  
Poshan Maah**





## Message from the **Chairman**

It gives me great pleasure to note that UMU has been accepted as the University of Choice by the society of Jharkhand. This reflects the excellent teaching and research undertaken by the academic community. We are enthused to excel further and innovate by entering into MoUs that promote our learners' placement. Here, at Usha Martin University, we have high aspirations for our students because they will be tomorrow's leaders.

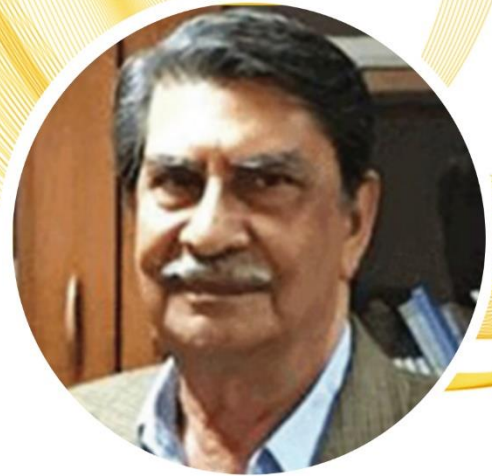
The management would like to support the students and teachers in pursuing excellent research. I am happy that the University has applied for the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) for its Management programme and working for the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accreditation, even though the University is only a few years old. In the coming years, we shall strive for a National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking. Some of our senior academicians are being recognized by NAAC and UGC and are engaged in newer policies.

With the world-class infrastructure, we intend to climb the ladder and create premier infrastructure in Jharkhand to fulfill the vision of its funding members. We embrace new learning paradigms to share knowledge among our students. We are regularly engaged in developing labs, course content, and study materials and adapting hybrid modes for education. We believe in professional and skilled faculties who openly share their knowledge and experience with the students for their better growth.

I welcome the new students to Usha Martin University and wish them great success for future endeavors.

**Shri Hemant Goyal**

## Message from the **Chancellor**



My dear young friends,

You may think that you live in a house, a cottage, a flat or a hostel room. But actually, all of us live in our minds. Ever since we have developed the faculty of thinking, we have been living in the mind space. We keep our hopes and desires in one corner of that space, the frustrations and disappointments hidden in a cupboard, our achievements and accomplishments are displayed on the walls, our fears and regrets are shoved under the carpet: All in the space of our mind.

During our life, we get totally engrossed in our day to day routine, our family, our class room, our sports ground, and our social media contacts where we engage with others. Some of us spend as much as five-six hours screen time on our cell phones. As a result, we do not get any time to spend with ourselves. We start thinking that we are governed by the external pulls and pressures. And thus, we leave the inner space of our mind unattended. All types of garbage keep getting accumulated in that space.

So, it is imperative that we clean the inner habitat of ours from time to time and embellish it with positive energy. I would suggest that you place yourself in the present moment and develop a habit of talking with yourself. I would suggest that you talk to yourself about your weaknesses and vulnerabilities, analyse them, and try to remove them. You should try to become a better version of yourself, a version you are able to love.

With my best wishes for a successful and fulfilling life.

**Shri Prabhat Kumar**



## Message from the **Pro-Chancellor**

I am happy to know that the editorial team of the University's e-newsletter has maintained continuity and brought defining milestones to the community of learners and their parents. The University's recognition for BBA/BCA programmes from OPEN Magazine as the first ranker in Jharkhand is very appreciable.

Proceeding with our urge to seek accreditation from National Statutory bodies, the University is getting accreditation from NBA for its Master in Management programmes.

As far as routine activities are concerned, the University organized programmes for its B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture, BPT, MLT, and Pharmacy programmes. As far as pharmacy education is concerned, the Pharmacy Council of India recognized the excellence of UMU and restored the number of seats to 200; it had mistakenly reduced this number to 100 earlier.

The University celebrated Independence Day and Teachers' Day in an innovative way. Teachers' Day was celebrated as Sikshak Parv for a week, and different activities were organized during that period. The winners of various contests were felicitated with medals and certificates that fueled enthusiasm among the students. It was reiterated that the teachers' day marks the dedication of teachers towards the institution and the well-being of learners, who are the focus of all our activities. Nearly eight teachers were felicitated as "Best Teachers' based on the learner's feedback.

I am happy to share that the University has witnessed horizontal and vertical growth in the number of students in this academic session. This is the manifestation of excellent teaching-learning strategies used by teachers. Through this message, I warmly welcome the newly enrolled students of UMU to their higher education journey.

**Prof. S.C. Garg**

## Message from the **Vice-Chancellor**



It gives me great satisfaction to note that the UMU newsletter is becoming a sustained medium of sharing the developments and achievements of the University among the University fraternity and our stakeholders. We are at the stage of our life cycle where having reached the eligibility for accreditation by various national bodies, we are in different phases of seeking accreditation. While our Engineering Diploma programmes have already been approved by the AICTE, our efforts to seek Institutional Accreditation are at a very advanced stage and we seek to submit our application within the next few months.

In keeping with our commitment to have a vibrant campus life, the University fraternity has been engaged in celebrating various events like Freshers'Orientation, Hindi Diwas, Teachers day, National Pharmacy week, and our preparations are on for organising the Constitution Day as well as awareness week for prevention of sexual harassment against women. In our efforts to further support our research community , the University signed on MOU for the Shodh Chakra initiative of Inflibnet, which enables free access to millions of research publications and thousands of PhD dissertations for our research supervisors and scholars.

This year we attained the fresh enrolment figure of a total of 1115 new students, and the total number of PhD students enrolled with the university as on date has reached 125. So far, two scholars have been successful in completing their PhD programme. The total enrolment as on date at UMU is now 2885 students The student hostels are also now fully operational with 127 girls and 149 boys have taken up residence in their respective hostels. I sincerely hope that this facility will enhance our capacity to attract students, especially women students from neighbouring states.

The newsletter provides a good glimpse into the accomplishments of the University in terms of awards and recognition, faculty achievements and student activities. I am sure that with the vibrancy being displayed by our fraternity, the University will continue to bring home many accolades in the future also.

I wish you all a very productive academic year and an achievement filled period in the coming months.

**Prof. Madhulika Kaushik**

# FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the fourth issue of the e-Newsletter. As you can see, we are growing again with the addition of articles and pages with each issue, and this would not have been possible without the contribution of my editorial team, including Dr. Prakash C. Panda, Dr. Rupa Kumari, Dr. Tapashya Das - who have gone through the articles several times to make them readable for you, and Mr. Amjad Hussain whose camera has always been doing magic in capturing every moment of Usha Martin University's journey. This Newsletter documents University's activities from August to October. I hope it will spark new ideas and programmes for the next quarter. It is these ideas that make a difference in our future. I request you all to use this Newsletter as a springboard for your ideas about how we can creatively combine our talents toward achieving the vision and mission of the organization.

Values are merely words on paper without the people to practice them. And it is the contribution of every individual at Usha Martin University that takes the organization toward new heights, as you can see by the cover story on our newest achievement of being ranked top among all private universities of Jharkhand based on infrastructure, courses, innovation, research, faculty input, and placements. Through this Newsletter, I congratulate each member of the UMU fraternity who has always been deliberate and flexible in achieving this success.

A new semester arrives – filled with opportunities to make the University and our surroundings even greater. A heartiest welcome to all the new students. I assure Usha Martin University community will provide you with a valuable network and a wonderful place to learn and grow. In return, you should strive to be the best possible community partner.

**Dr. Shahnaaz Zabi**

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# FACULTY & STUDENTS' **ACHIEVEMENTS**

## **Paper Publications**

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Kumari, S., Pal, J., and Jyotsna, K. (2022) A Dynamical Study on the Adverse Effects of Industrial Activities in the Forest and Wildlife Region through Modelling. Modeling Earth Systems and Environment. ISSN 2383-6049

Roshan Prajapati, Puja Kumari, and Dr. Meenakshi Kumari (FBMC) published a research article on "Analyzing the Financial Performance of Top 5 NBFCs in India: An Analytical Study" in the International Journal for Multidisciplinary Research (IJFMR)

Priyadarshan and Dr. Meenakshi Kumari (FBMC) published a research article on "A Study on Working Capital Management of Steel Companies in India" in the International Journal of Research Publication and Reviews.

Dr. Meenakshi Kumari and Shipra (FBMC) published a research article on "Investment Pattern Of Salaried Unmarried Young Individuals" in the Journal of Emerging Technologies and Innovative Research (JETIR)

Saumya Singh and Dr. Meenakshi Kumari (FBMC) published a research article on "A Study On Working Capital Management of Indian FMCG Companies" in the International Journal of Research in IT and Management (IJRIM).

Archana Kumari and Dr. Meenakshi Kumari (FBMC) published a research article on "Merger and Acquisitions in Indian Banking Sector of Five Years (2018-2022): A Review" in the International Journal of Science and Research (IJSR)

## **Conferences and Workshops**

Dr. Anupama Verma, Head of the Faculty of Business Management and Commerce, participated and presented a paper titled "Investigating the Relationship between Occupational Stress and Work-life Balance among University Teachers" at the 9th LSME International Research Conference on Global Education and Green Economy held on 18-19 August 2022 in Hybrid (London & Online) mode.

Dr. Prakash Chandra Panda, participated in a Nation Level PDP on Implementation of NEP-2020 for University and College Teachers organised by IGNOU.

Dr. Shimpi Kumari presented a paper at ELT SUMMIT 2022 organized by the International Society For Educational Leadership (ISEL) & MIT ADT University on the topic "The Evolving Landscape of Teaching English Through Technology on 27 & 28 August 2022.

Dr. Shimpi Kumari presented paper on English for Specific Purposes: Teaching to Perceived Prerequisites and Conventions in Work, Education, and Day-To-Day Life in the Two Day International Conference on Language, Literature, and Humanities organised by the Department of English, St. John's College of Arts and Science, Ammandivilai, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu, India in collaboration with Cape Comorin Trust, India & Cape Comorin Publisher, India from 20-21 August 2022.

Tulika Sinha, Head, Faculty of Legal Studies, was invited as a keynote speaker at a workshop on 'Procedural Aspects relating to Prevention of Cruelty Against Animals: Role of Police and Veterinary officers in various cases of cruelty' organised at the Training Centre, Animal Husbandry Directorate, Hesag, Ranchi from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. The workshop aimed at providing training to the entire veterinary officer at different levels posted in Jharkhand.





## **UMU ranked top among Jharkhand private universities by Dialogue**

The Usha Martin University (UMU) in Ranchi has been ranked the top private University in Jharkhand by an all-India survey done by Dialogue India magazine. UMU has also been ranked seventh among ten universities in the east and northeast zone. The ranking is based on infrastructure, courses, innovation, research, faculty input, and placements. This is the second time within a month that the University has been ranked number one by reputed magazines based on its legacy, accreditation process, research and academic brilliance, infrastructure, campus facilities, personality development, co-curricular activities, placements, and career growth.



## Usha Martin University organizes Orientation Programme for Freshers'


Usha Martin University organized a two-day orientation programme on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 for the newly admitted students to make them familiar with the legacy of the university, organizational structure, academic programmes, regulations, guidelines, and practices to ensure a working understanding of the new environment. Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Anil Kumar Mishra, Registrar, Dr. Himanshu Narayan, Dean of Academics inaugurated and presided over the programme.

Prof. Garg in his inaugural address spoke about the importance of good values that every student should inculcate in themselves. He highlighted the importance of leadership skills and congratulated the students for their admission to UMU. He apprised the students about academic achievements and the functioning of the University.

Prof. Kaushik wished them success in their academic life and urged the students to take full advantage of the facilities provided by the University such as the e-library, open resources, etc. for their overall development. She also talked about the importance of self-discipline among the students.

Heads of all departments also gave a brief introduction about their departments during the orientation programmes.



A tall white flagpole stands on a grassy area, flying the Indian national flag (Tiranga) with its saffron, white, and green horizontal stripes and the Ashoka Chakra in the center. The flag is waving in the breeze. In the background, a crowd of people is gathered, and a tall building is visible on the left side of the frame.

# **UMU commemorates the 75th Independence Day**



On 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Usha Martin University celebrated Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to commemorate the 75th Independence Day. The celebrations began with the National flag hoisting ceremony by Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro-Chancellor, followed by the National Anthem. The Circle Officer and the Block Development Officer of Angara block were the chief guests during the occasion. They were felicitated with saplings by Dr. Mishra and Prof. Narayan.



The following week was celebrated as Iconic Week, during which numerous events were organized, such as volleyball, tug-of-war, rangoli-making competition, marathon, badminton, painting competition, quiz competition, and treasure hunt.



A plantation drive was also organized during this week where 100 trees of Chandan (*Santalum album*), Ashwagandha (*Withania somnifera*), Swarpagandha (*Rauvolfia serpentina*), Harar (*Terminalia chebula*), Baheda (*Terminalia bellirica*), Awla (indian goose berry or *Phyllanthus emblica*), Ashok (*Saraca asoca*), Arjun (*Terminalia arjuna*), Mango (*Mangifera indica*) and Litchi (*Litchi chinensis*) were planted.

These plants were selected based on their medicinal uses, fruit productivity rate, and oxygen emission capacity, which helps to protect environmental sustainability.



The programme aimed to establish stable bio-diversity and raise awareness about medicinal plants' importance.

Dr. Abhishek Pandey, NSS program coordinator, Dr. Jagesh Kumar Ranjan, NSS Unit 2 program officer, Dr. Shubhrasekhar Chakraborty, NSS Unit 1 program officer, along with UMU Staff, NSS volunteers, and other students culminated the event successfully.



### **Students of FJMC visit Radio Khanchi**

The students of the Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication, Usha Martin University visited Jharkhand's famous and most vibrant community radio, 'Radio Khanchi'. During their visit, the students were given hands-on training on content writing, treatment, and production.

They were taught about the functioning of community radio by Miss Vaibhavi, programming coordinator of Radio Khanchi. The students were also given an opportunity to write a script for Radio Khanchi's upcoming project, 'SAY NO TO VIOLENCE'. Dr. Rupa Kumari, Head of FJMC organized this educational visit.

### **Approval from DLSA to run Legal Aid Centre at UMU**

The District Legal Services Authority, Ranchi approved the application of UMU to run a Legal Aid Centre at the University campus. The purpose of the Legal Aid Centre is to provide free legal services in civil and criminal matters for poor and marginalized people. The Legal Aid Centre will also raise awareness, assistance, and mediation in several legal matters for the needy people in the vicinity .

### **Seminar on Effective Research Paper Writing**

A seminar on 'Effective Research Paper Writing' was organized by the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Dr. Kaushik Kumar, Associate Professor, BIT Mesra, was the keynote speaker at the seminar. The seminar aimed to uprise and inform researchers on how to write effective research papers in SCI and Scopus-indexed journals. During the seminar, Dr. Kumar elaborated on the research methods, selection of the research paper, its structure and language aspect, presentation of results, and its discussions. Seventy faculty members and students participated in the seminar.

Dr. Jagesh Ranjan, Dr. Shubhro Shekhar Chakravarty, and Dr. Abhishek Pandey coordinated the programme. Ms. Renu Lal, Finance Officer, and Dr. Leena Srivastava, Deputy Registrar were also present at the seminar.



## Shikshak Parv celebrations

To recognize the contributions of teachers in building the future of the nation and in taking NEP-2020 forward, UMU celebrated Shikshak Parv from 5 to 9 September 2022. During the period webinars/workshops, panel discussions, skits, book reading sessions, screening of educational films, and exhibition on the contribution of teachers in the Indian education system was organized.



On Teacher's Day, a special programme was organized at the University campus in which students performed cultural activities for the teachers. During the celebrations, teachers and students participated in dance and singing competitions, skits, cricket matches, and tug of war between students and staff, for creating a healthy rapport between teachers

and students of the University.

Dr. Asim Ahmad, Dr. Animesh Rishi, Ms. Shweta Toppo, Dr. Shahnaaz Zabi, Ms. Diksha Vishwakarma, Dr. Anupama Verma, Dr. Sharmishtha Roy and Dr. Lopamudra Satapathy were also felicitated with the 'Best Teacher Award' on the occasion of Shikshak Parv.



## Hands-on session conducted for Agriculture students at BIT Mesra

The Department of Agriculture organized a ten-days workshop on plant tissue culture techniques from 6<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The workshop was organized in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology and Bio-Engineering, BIT Mesra, Ranchi, under the guidance of Dr.



Sheela Chandra, Assistant Professor, BIT Mesra. Theory sessions and lab exercises were conducted during the workshop, and students were trained in various facets of tissue culture techniques and developments.



## Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights

The Faculty of Computing and Information Technology and the Department of English hosted a one-day workshop on 'Overview of Industrial Designs, Copyright, and Intellectual Property Rights' for its students on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September

2022. Dr. Atibha Vijaya Singh, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Legal Studies served as the expert. 67 participants from the Department of BCA, MCA, Diploma in Computer Science, and B.Tech. CSE, and 20 participants from the Department of English attended the workshop. During the workshop, students were also given a platform to talk about the impact of small innovations on society and how they should innovate and patent ideas that will benefit all social classes. Dr. Sarmishtha Roy, Head, Faculty of Computing and Information Technology, and Dr. Prakash Chandra Panda, Head, Department of English coordinated the workshops.

## Library Orientation Programme for Freshmen 2022

The Central Library of UMU organized nineteen sessions on the Library Orientation Programme for the newly admitted students of all departments between the 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022. Mrs. Sumita Ghose, Assistant Librarian, apprised the students, about the library facilities, services, rules and regulations. Md. Ibrahim Ansari and Mr. Chandra Bhushan, library assistants introduced the students to the different sections of the library. The students were also informed about the open-access e-resources available in the library to complement reading and learning.



## Physiotherapy OPD awareness campaign

The Department of Physiotherapy and Paramedical sciences, along with the NSS wing, started an OPD (outpatient department) on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August to treat different physical disorders of local villagers. Ailments like knee pain, ankle pain, sleep disks, facial palsy, ligament injury, and sports injury will be treated in this OPD.

During the opening of the OPD, an awareness campaign was also organized for the local villagers about such ailments. Dr. Mishra, Ms. Renu Lal, Dr. Akansha Anand, Head, Department of Physiotherapy and Paramedical sciences, Dr. Pandey, Dr. Ranjan, Dr. Chakraborty, Sri Madhusudan Munda, Angara panchayet, Smt Sima Devi, Mukhiya, Angara Panchayet, villagers, along with NSS volunteers participated in the programme.

## National Unity Day celebrated at UMU

National Unity Day was celebrated in collaboration with AICTE, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, and the NSS unit on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The theme of the event was 'Unity in Diversity'. The event was crucial in introducing the values of leadership qualities and patriotism among the youth.

On this occasion, Dr. Mishra, Dr. Narayan, Dr. Satapathy, Dr. Ranjan, the Deans and Heads of all departments, all faculty members and all students of the University took an oath to honor the contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel towards the unity and national integrity of the nation and to reinforce his teaching values.

A marathon was also organized to mark the occasion in which more than 200 students, teaching and non-teaching staffs participated. Many patriotic slogans were chanted throughout the marathon.





## 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Campaign at Childag village

The NSS wing of Usha Martin University initiated a national flag distribution camp on 8<sup>th</sup> August for the special event of the "Har Ghar Tiranga" initiative governed by the Government of India on the occasion of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". During the event, National Flag was distributed among the residents of the nearby village, Childag.



A rally was organized for this event where Dr. Mishra, Dr. Pandey, Dr. Ranjan, Dr. Chakraborty, Mr. Tajendar Munda, Sri Durga Pahan, Mukhiya, Childag Panchayat and NSS volunteers of the University participated. The rally continued for 2 km from Childag and NSS cadets presented flags to 50 villagers during the rally. The cadets also sensitized villagers about the importance of the nation flag and 'Har Gharr Tiranga' campaign.



## Plantation Drive at UMU Campus

A plantation drive was held at the Usha Martin University campus by the second-year students of BSc. (Hons.) Agriculture on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022. Students planted medicinal plants, such as ashwagandha, aloe vera,

giloy, tulsi, noni, brahmi, vinca rosa, etc., under the guidance of Ms. Priya Tudu, faculty member, Department of Agriculture. On this occasion, Prof. Garg, Dr. Mishra, Dr. Lopamudra Satapathy along with other members of the Department were present.

## Skill development and Entrepreneurship Workshop on Organic Farming

The Department of Agriculture organized a skill development and entrepreneurship workshop on organic farming on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. Dr. C.S. Singh from the Department of Agronomy, Birsa Agriculture University, Ranchi, and Ms. Manisha Kumari from the Plant Breeding and Genetics Division, Department

of Agriculture, UMU, were the resource persons. One hundred ten participants got hands-on training on Azolla cultivation and preparation of organic fertilizers. Prof. Garg, Dr. Mishra, Dr. Narayan, and Dr. Satapathy discussed the importance of organic farming at the workshop.





## Lecture on the Usefulness of Studying Mathematics

The Department of Mathematics conducted an academic talk on the 'Usefulness of Studying Mathematics' on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022. Professor S. Padhi from the Department of Mathematics, BIT Mesra, was the guest speaker.

150 students from different departments attended the event along with Prof. Garg, Prof. Narayan, Dr. Mishra, Dr. Jayantika Pal, Head, and other faculty members of the Department of Mathematics.

## Students of FJMC attend Hindi Pakhwara Diwas Symposium at Ranchi Press Club

The second-year students of the Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication attended a one-day symposium on the occasion of Hindi Pakhwara Diwas organized by Ranchi Press Club on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The theme of the symposium was 'Journalism and Hindi'. The symposium had a special lecture delivered by Dr. Mahua Maji, Rajya Sabha MP. During the session, students got the opportunity to interact with Mr. Priyadarshan, senior NDTV editor and writer.





On the eve of Poshan Maah, the Department of Agriculture under the aegis of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and the NSS unit of UMU conducted a lecture and organized an extension activity at Jannum Village, Angara Block on the importance of millets, its cultivation in Jharkhand, and its role in healthcare.

A lecture session was organized on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022. Dr. Anil Kumar Mishra, Registrar was the key note speaker. During his talk, Dr. Mishra focused on millet cultivation and its utility of this “magic grain” in solving the human and environmental health crisis.

Prof. Garg, Dr. Narayan, Dr. Satapathy, NSS officers Dr. Chakraborty, Dr. Pandey, and Dr. Ranjan, faculties and students of the University were also present at the lecture.



During the extension activity, second and third-year students sensitized the villagers about pest and weed management for rice cultivation. Mahavir Munda Gram Pradhan, Jannum village, Roshni Kumari, Sarpanch, and villagers of Jannum were present in this event.





## Two-Day workshop at Ranchi Press Club

The final year students of the Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication, Usha Martin University, attended a two-day workshop on 'Air Quality Media Leadership' organized by Ranchi Press Club in association with USAID, ASAR, and CEEW on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022. During the workshop, students got the opportunity to interact with Dr. Mahua Maji, Rajya Sabha MP, and other media industry experts.



## Swachhta Abhiyan and Single-Use Plastic Mukt Bharat Campaign

The NSS wing of Usha Martin University organized Swachhta Abhiyan and Single-Use Plastic Mukt Bharat Abhiyan on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October. Sri Jamal Munda, a member of Janjatiy Salahkar Parishad, Jharkhand Government, was the chief guest during this campaign. He

encouraged and appreciated the students for their noble work and discussed the impact of plastic waste on the environment. During this one-day event, volunteers collected waste plastic bottles, wrappers of packaged food, and other non-biodegradable waste materials from the premises They disposed them as per standard protocol. Dr. Mishra, Ms. Lal, Dr. Pandey, Dr. Ranjan, Dr. Chakraborty, T. Munda, along with the staff of UMU and NSS volunteers, participated in the campaign.

## Inauguration of Rural Extension Library in Angara Panchayat Bhawan

Prof. Garg and Mrs. Seema Devi, Mukhiya of Angara Panchayat inaugurated the university-sponsored Rural Extension Library in Angara Panchayat Bhawan on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022. UMU is committed to providing library facilities as its extension work in this rural neighborhood. During the programme, a sit-and-drawing competition was organized for the students of government primary schools under Angara Panchayat. Dr. Mishra and Dr. Vinay Singh, COE, Gram Panchayat members, Ward members, BO, BPO, school teachers of government schools, and staff members of UMU were present on this occasion. Mrs. Ghose, along with Mr. Bhushan and Md. Ansari coordinated the programme.

