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Vision of the School

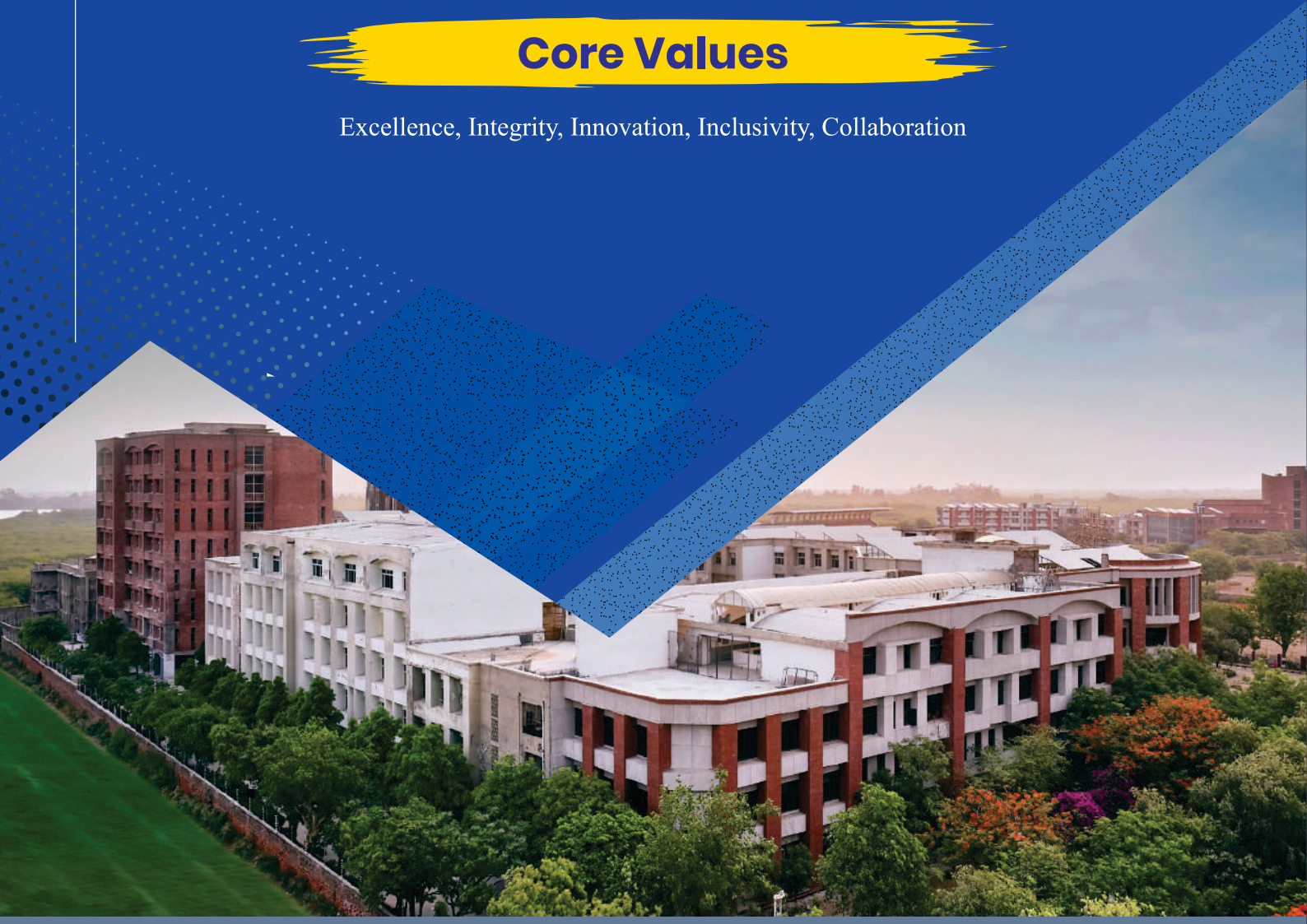
To be a globally recognized hub of excellence in Humanities and Social Sciences that nurtures critical thinkers, ethical leaders, and socially responsible citizens, advancing knowledge through interdisciplinary research, innovative teaching, and meaningful engagement with society.

Missions of the School

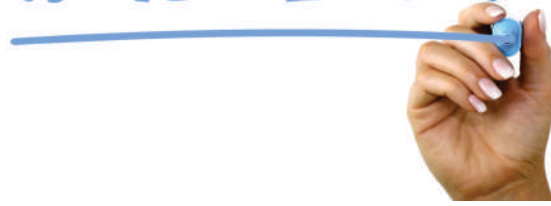
- To nurture deep disciplinary knowledge in Political Science, Psychology, and Economics while fostering problem-solving ability, leadership, and interpersonal skills.
- To encourage lifelong learning and soft skills development so that students serve society with responsibility, empathy, and a global outlook.
- To promote high-quality research and innovation by creating vibrant research centers and actively engaging students in inquiry and discovery.
- To strengthen entrepreneurial culture and creativity through incubation centers, idea labs, and cross-disciplinary initiatives.
- To provide skill development and experiential learning opportunities that prepare students for academia, policy, industry, and civil society.
- To build strong partnerships with academia, industry, and public institutions through collaborative research, policy dialogues, and societal engagement.
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Core Values

Excellence, Integrity, Innovation, Inclusivity, Collaboration



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From the **Vice Chancellor's Desk**

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings to the Sharda School of Humanities. The pursuit of knowledge, critical thinking, and cultural understanding that defines the humanities is vital to shaping compassionate and visionary leaders. I commend the faculty and students for their dedication to academic excellence and for fostering a vibrant intellectual community. May this newsletter serve as a testament to your achievements and a beacon for future endeavors.

Let's move ahead with curiosity, creativity, and compassion as our compass. Together, we'll shape a vibrant space where knowledge meets purpose, ideas spark action, and every one of you is inspired to grow, lead, and make a meaningful impact.

Tamso mā jyotir gamaya

"From darkness, lead me to light."

This timeless invocation reminds us of the transformative power of knowledge, inquiry, and compassion. As we embark on this academic journey together, may Saarang be a beacon—illuminating minds, inspiring hearts, and guiding us toward deeper understanding and purposeful action.



From the **Asst. Dean's Desk**

Welcome to the inaugural edition of Saarang—a powerful confluence of voices, ideas, and the spirited community of the School of Humanities at Sharda University Agra. Here, we delve into the depths of human experience, question the status quo, and connect knowledge to action. Through rigorous academics, inclusive dialogue, immersive research, and a commitment to holistic growth, we cultivate minds that think critically, feel deeply, and lead with purpose in an ever-evolving world.

“Saraang”—a symphony of thought and convergence—captures our bold vision to fuse research, culture, and action into a living, breathing academic experience. This newsletter is your gateway into the pulse of the School of Humanities at Sharda University Agra, where people, projects, and progress come alive. For every student stepping into this journey, this is your moment to dive deep into the humanities, ask fearless questions, build meaningful collaborations, and lead with clarity and conviction. Ahead lies a landscape of innovation: future-ready curricula, boundary-crossing projects, immersive digital and hybrid learning, and vibrant platforms for student leadership—all designed to ignite ideas and empower you to shape the world with insight and impact.

Let's journey forward with curiosity, creativity, and compassion. Together, we'll build a space where scholarship meets purpose—and where each of you is empowered to thrive.

From the Editors' Desk



It is with great pride and optimism that I introduce this edition of the Sharda School of Humanities Newsletter—a window into the intellectual vibrancy and transformative vision of our academic community- fostering leadership, empathy, and global awareness among its students. Through interdisciplinary research, experiential learning, and strategic partnerships, we are shaping individuals equipped to address complex societal challenges with insight and integrity. I commend all faculty members and students for their unwavering commitment to excellence, and I look forward to their continued contributions to academia and society.

Students' Corner





Priyanshi Bhardwaj

BA (Hons.) Psychology

As a first-year Psychology student at Sharda University, Agra, my campus journey has been both enriching and transformative. Despite initial challenges with the newly introduced course, things gradually improved with the support of dedicated faculty and structured classes. Participating in the Nukkad Natak on World Mental Health Day was a memorable highlight, along with an insightful visit to Sheroes Café. Being a hosteller has added to the experience—fostering deep friendships and a strong sense of community. Exploring psychology and adapting to campus life has been a rewarding and exciting experience so far.

Avni Sharma

BA (Hons.) Psychology

Representing the inaugural cohort of the Humanities program at Sharda University, Agra, I have witnessed steady progress in academic and campus life. Initial challenges gave way to structured learning and strong faculty support. Key experiences include a street play on World Mental Health Day and an industrial visit to Sheroes Hangout. I look forward to continued growth and opportunities.



Siya Anand

B. A. Political Science

Joining Sharda University Agra was a mix of nerves and excitement, but now I truly enjoy learning from our dedicated faculty. The vibrant cultural events like Diwali and Innovation Day make the experience even more enriching. The supportive staff here helps us grow academically and personally.

Akash

BA (Hons.) Psychology

In just two months, I've found the campus to be clean, peaceful, and academically supportive. The faculty is approachable and always ready to help. I've made great friends and feel encouraged to learn and grow. Excited for what's ahead!



Tanishk Singh

BA (Hons.) Psychology

My university journey has been a transformative phase of academic and personal growth. Initially drawn by an interest in psychology, I discovered deeper insights into human behavior and developed qualities like patience, confidence, and curiosity. The serene campus, supportive faculty, and well-maintained facilities created an ideal learning environment. I am grateful for the enriching experiences that have shaped my path.


“Introduction to Psychology: Exploring the Mind and Behaviour”

The Sharda School of Humanities had the privilege of hosting a thought-provoking guest lecture titled “Introduction to Psychology: Exploring the Mind and Behaviour” on September 13, 2025, in Room No. 118. The session was led by the distinguished Dr. Shiv Kumar Singh, Associate Professor at the Department of Psychology, Agra College, Agra. With over 12 years of experience as a Counselor at the Family Counselling Centre, Police Commissionerate, Agra, and serving as the President of the UP Chapter of Mental Health Action by People, Dr. Singh brought a wealth of expertise and insight to the discussion.

The lecture offered students and faculty a compelling overview of psychological principles, human behaviour, and mental processes, emphasizing the relevance of psychology in everyday life and professional practice. Dr. Singh's engaging delivery and real-world examples enriched the learning experience, sparking curiosity and dialogue among attendees.

The School extends its sincere appreciation to Dr. Shiv Kumar Singh for his valuable contribution and to all participants for making the event a resounding success.







Topic

**Introduction to Psychology:
Exploring the Mind and Behavior**

Date : 13th September 2025 | Time : 3:00 PM-5:00 PM



Dr. Shiv Kumar Singh



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Freshers' Party 2025

A Warm Welcome to New Beginnings

The Sharda School of Humanities, Sharda University Agra, hosted a vibrant and memorable Freshers' Party on 15th October 2025, welcoming the incoming batch of students with enthusiasm, warmth, and celebration. Held on campus, the event was a lively blend of music, dance, games, and camaraderie, designed to foster connections and ease the transition into university life.

Students from various disciplines, including Psychology, Political Science, and Economics, actively participated in the festivities. The program featured engaging performances, interactive activities, and a showcase of student talent, creating an atmosphere of joy and inclusivity. Highlights included a fashion walk, musical acts, and group games that encouraged bonding and team spirit.

The event was organized under the guidance of faculty members and student coordinators, reflecting the School's commitment to holistic development and community building. It served as a platform for new students to connect with peers and faculty, setting the tone for a collaborative and enriching academic journey ahead.





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15th October 2025 | 02:30PM | T & D Seminar Hall, SUA

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Experiential Learning Visit to Sheroes Hangout Café, Agra

The Sharda School of Humanities organized a powerful and insightful experiential learning visit to Sheroes Hangout Café, Tajganj, Agra, under the theme “Exploring Trauma, Recovery, and Learning About Mental Strength and the Role of Society.” This initiative aimed to deepen students' understanding of psychological resilience, social justice, and community empowerment.

Students from the Psychology and Political Science departments actively participated in the visit, engaging directly with acid attack survivors who manage and operate the café. Through heartfelt conversations and firsthand narratives, students gained profound insights into trauma recovery, mental strength, and the transformative role of social entrepreneurship in rehabilitation and advocacy.

The visit not only enriched academic perspectives but also fostered empathy, social awareness, and a deeper appreciation for the human spirit. It stands as a testament to the School's commitment to experiential learning and socially engaged education.



World Mental Health Day Celebration

On 10th October 2025, the Sharda School of Humanities proudly celebrated World Mental Health Day at the Student Centric Support Centre, Architecture Ground Floor, with a series of impactful activities aimed at promoting mental well-being and awareness across the campus community.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff, reinforcing the importance of empathy, understanding, and collective support. A Poster Making Competition on the theme “Mental Health Matters for All” provided students a creative platform to express powerful messages around mental health. The entries were thoughtfully evaluated by Prof. (Dr.) Surender Singh Siwach, Registrar, SUA, and Dr. Praveen Tiwari, Deputy Registrar, SUA.

Adding depth and emotion to the celebration, students from the School of Humanities staged a compelling Nukkad Natak (Street Play), using performance and storytelling to raise awareness about mental health challenges and the need for compassionate engagement.

The event was organized under the esteemed patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Jayanthi Ranjan, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, and co-patron Dr. Soni Sharma, Assistant Dean, Sharda School of Humanities. It was convened by Ms. Chanchal Sharma, Assistant Professor, and co-convened by Ms. Anandita Chauhan, Assistant Manager.

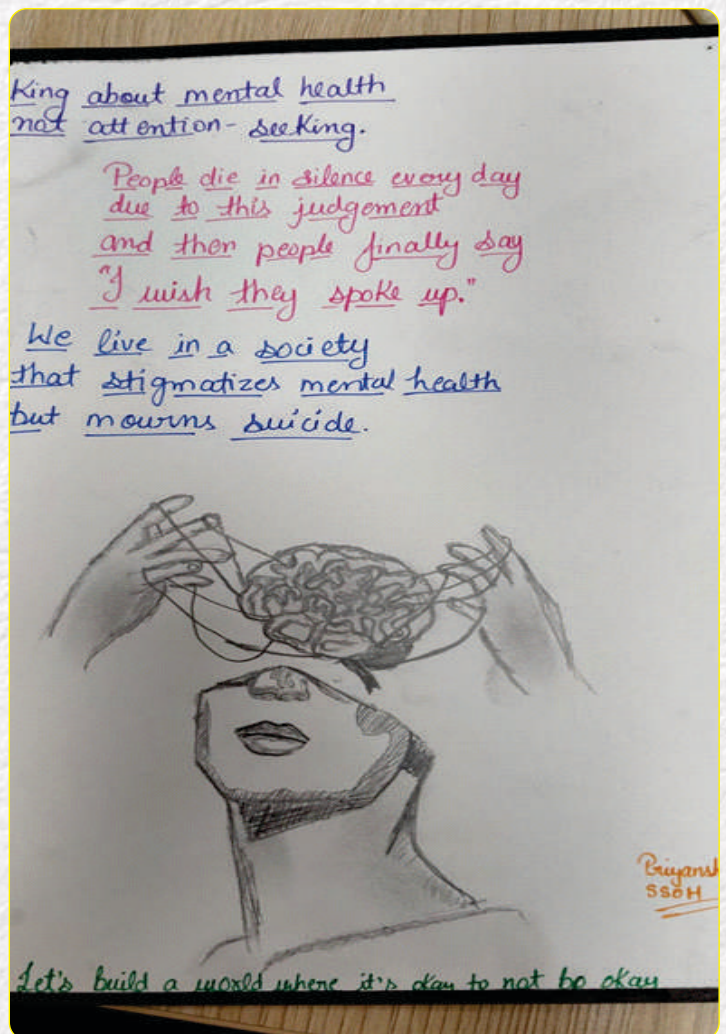
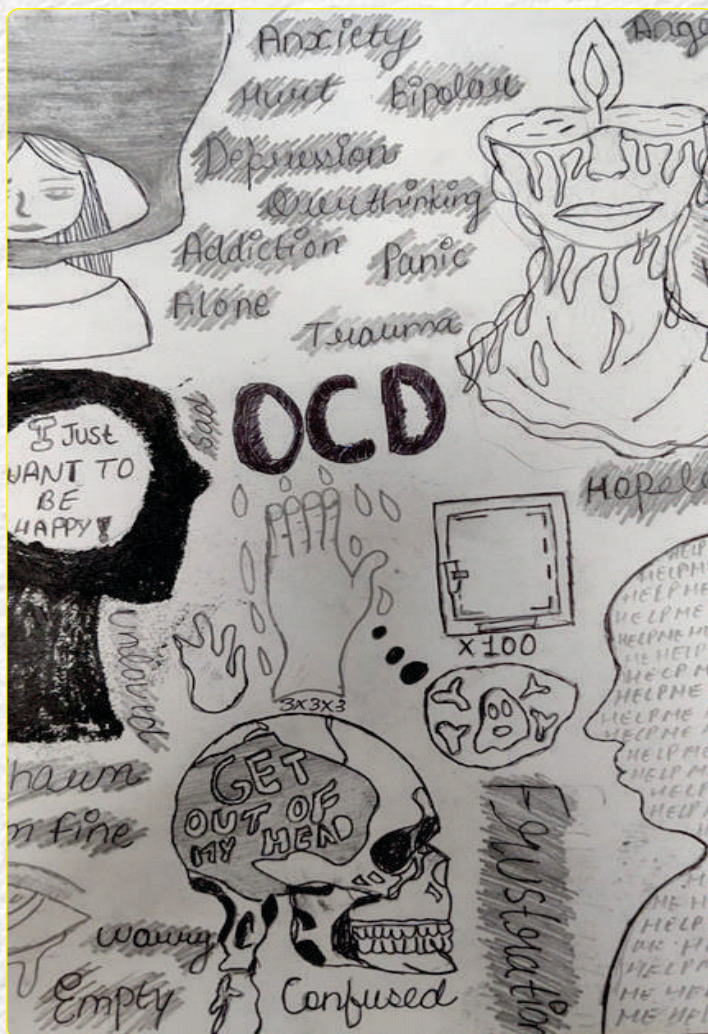
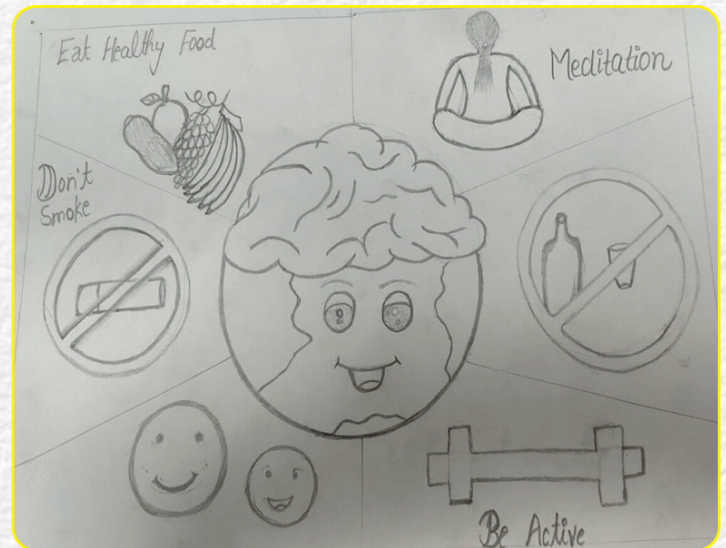
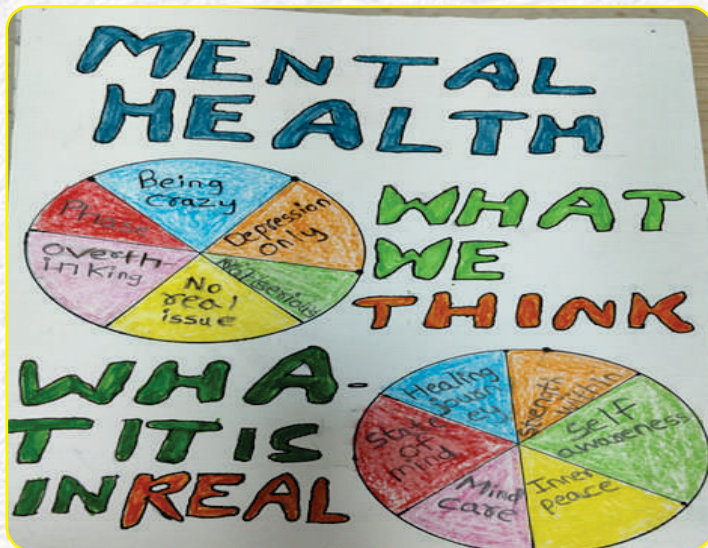
The celebration served as a meaningful reminder of the importance of mental wellness and the role of educational institutions in fostering a supportive and inclusive environment. Let us continue to prioritize mental health and build a campus culture rooted in care, resilience, and understanding.



Proposed FDP & Discussion on Election

Sharda School of Humanities is set to host a one-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on November 29, 2025, titled “Faculty Pedagogical Effectiveness: Enhancing Mental Wellness through Cognitive Learning and Mind-Body Balance.” The offline session aims to empower faculty, research scholars, and administrative staff with strategies for holistic teaching and mental well-being.

Poster Competition



BOS Meeting

The Department of Psychology at Sharda School of Humanities, Sharda University, Agra, held its Board of Studies (BoS) meeting on 30th September 2025 via online mode. The meeting focused on curriculum development, academic planning, and integration of contemporary political themes to enhance the learning experience for students.

Prof. (Dr.) Kamaljeet Sandhu,

Professor & Head, Faculty of Social Sciences, Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University), Agra, as an expert member. Her scholarly insights and forward-thinking recommendations added immense value to the deliberations.

Prof. Sandhu emphasized the need to align the curriculum with global political trends, digital governance, and interdisciplinary approaches. Her suggestions on incorporating modules such as public policy analysis, political data literacy, and comparative politics were well received and will be considered for implementation in the upcoming academic cycle. The department extends heartfelt thanks to Prof. (Dr.) Kamaljeet Sandhu for her active participation and invaluable contributions toward academic excellence.

Prof. (Dr.) Avniti Gupta

Dean & Professor (Psychology), Sharda University, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh

As an academic administrator and educator, Prof. Gupta provided strategic guidance on curriculum alignment with national education policies and emphasized the importance of experiential learning, mental health awareness, and interdisciplinary modules.

Dr. Sakshi Mehrotra

Founder and Director of Mindlogs Psychological Services, Noida, Uttar Pradesh

With her clinical and applied psychology expertise, Dr. Mehrotra offered valuable insights into integrating practical training, case-based learning, and contemporary therapeutic approaches into the syllabus.

Key outcomes of the meeting included proposals to introduce new electives in neuropsychology, digital mental health, and organizational behavior, along with strengthening internship and fieldwork components. The board also discussed enhancing research methodology training and promoting student-led psychological initiatives.

The department extends its sincere appreciation to Prof. (Dr.) Avniti Gupta and Dr. Sakshi Mehrotra for their thoughtful contributions and commitment to academic excellence.



The Department of Psychology at Sharda School of Humanities, Sharda University Agra, convened its Board of Studies (BoS) meeting on 30th September 2025 through online mode. The meeting aimed to review and enhance the academic curriculum, integrate emerging psychological trends, and strengthen research orientation for the upcoming academic cycle.

DIWALI CELEBRATION

at
Sharda School of Humanities



The Sharda School of Humanities lit up with joy and color during its vibrant Diwali celebration. Students and faculty came together to honor the festival of lights with traditional decor, music, and festive cheer. A highlight of the event was the Rangoli Competition, where participants showcased stunning designs that blended creativity with cultural motifs. The atmosphere was filled with warmth, unity, and the spirit of celebration.



Akash Shines at Royal Challenge Karate Championship

Sharda School of Humanities



Akash, a student of Sharda School of Humanities, showcased exceptional skill and determination by winning the Gold Medal in the Senior Category (–75 kg weight class) at the 9th Royal Challenge Cup Karate Championship. The event, held on November 16 at Noida Indoor Sports Stadium, featured over 400 participants competing in kata and kumite events under the Traditional Shotokai Federation of India.

Coach Ved Prakash Pandey was honored with the Best Supportive Trophy, while university officials praised the athletes' dedication and reaffirmed their commitment to nurturing talent for global platforms.



Faculty Achievements

(Publication/Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Patent in September 2025)



Dr. Soni Sharma

- Soni Sharma, 2025 Strategic Workforce Reskilling in Service Marketing Strategic Workforce Reskilling in Service Marketing Scopus <https://www.igi-global.com/chapter/strategic-workforce-reskilling-in-service-marketing/376098>
- Paper presented titled "Green Signals: Leveraging Sustainability in Online Recruitment Advertisements to Boost Employer Brand Appeal and Talent Acquisition" in SEIGOP 2025, Singapore

Dr. Jyoti Kulshreshtha

- Published an international book "Role of Humanities in Understanding Society: A Broad Perspective- Volume II ,2025, CHYREN PUBLICATION Palwal Haryana, India.



Dr. Avneet Kumar Nim

- Dr. Avneet Kumar Nim, Assistant Professor, Sharda School of Humanities, Sharda University, Agra, has successfully published a scholarly article titled:
- "India's Foreign Policy During Modi's Era: New Approaches" South India Journal of Social Sciences ISSN: 0972-8945
- Abstract for a Book Chapter under the title of "Commerce, Trade, and Finance in Indian Knowledge System: Trade and Commerce in Ancient India" has been accepted by the book author Dr. Mohit Maurya. The book will be published under sage publication.

Dr. Hemlata Jain

- Attended a faculty Orientation programme conducted by Wadhvani Foundation on "21st Century Employability Skills Course" August, 2025
- Attended a 5-day faculty Development Program on Reimagining Teaching learning: innovative methods of OBE & NEP 2020 implementation organized by Sharda School of Business Studies, Sharda University Agra, conducted 11th August-15th August 30, 2025
- Education and Skill Development in Rural Areas' is published in International Journal of Environmental Sciences, Scopus indexed journal ISSN: 2229-7359; Vol. 11 No. 24s, 2025.



Ms. Chanchal Sharma

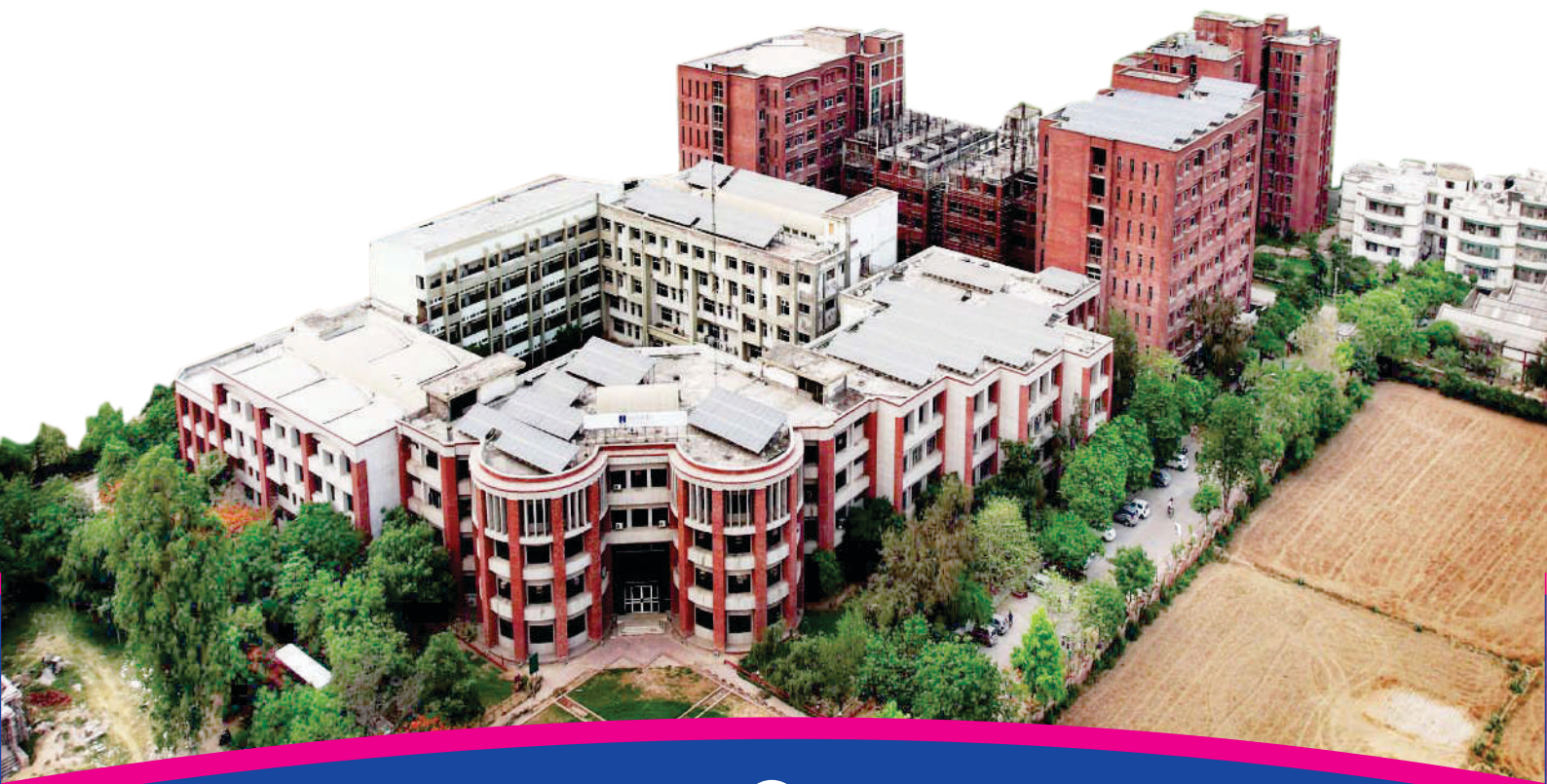
Assistant Professor (Psychology)

Ms. Chanchal Sharma, Faculty at Sharda School of Humanities, presented a research paper titled "The Role of Working Memory in Linking Cognitive Flexibility and Divergent Thinking: A Cognitive Pathway for Mental Health Rehabilitation" at the 7th International Conference Mental Healthcare & Rehabilitation: National and Global Imperatives, organized by Shia P.G. College, Lucknow on 26-28 September, 2025.

In another academic endeavor, Ms. Sharma presented "Supporting Inclusive Education for Children with Special Needs- A Case Based Reflection" at the 7th International Conference Mental Healthcare & Rehabilitation: National and Global Imperatives, organized by Shia P.G. College, Lucknow on 26-28 September, 2025.

Participated in IP Awareness/ Training Program Under NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AWARENESS MISSION on October 22, 2025.

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