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From the Founding Vice Chancellor's Desk

The month of August is an annual milestone for JGU as a new academic year begins. This August marked the start of the 9th academic session at JGU as the campus welcomed over 1200 new students and several new faculty and staff members to the University community. As new and returning students settle into the campus, we are always inspired by the passion and enthusiasm they demonstrate in leading new initiatives, reviving student societies, and sustaining student club activities. This month, the Legal Aid Clinic at the Jindal Global Law School won the 2017 Herbert Smith Freehills' Community Engagement Award for Community Investment through Legal Work. I want to congratulate the student-led team and their faculty mentors, and am assured that this will serve as an inspiration to peers and colleagues to create and sustain efforts to engage more deeply with wider public and community issues.

Our lead story this month is the recognition by Australia of the JGLS LLB degree, making JGLS the first and only Indian law school to have its law degree recognised for the purposes of admission to legal practise in Australia. The recognition opens the door to an easier transition for JGLS graduates to pursue a legal career in Australia.

On August 7, we held JGU's Sixth Convocation Ceremony and Founder's Day celebrations where 401 students graduated from programmes across five schools. I extend my best wishes to all our 2017 graduates and their families.

JSIA student Thomas George Karimpanal has continued his exemplary performance in pistol shooting, and broke records at two national shooting championships this month. Thomas exemplifies a committed sporting spirit, dedication and discipline, and I hope that more of our students dedicate themselves to university sports and athletics.

For his unstinting support and efforts towards promoting mental health awareness across the country, Dr. Sanjeev Sahni, Principal Director, Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences, was

felicitated with the Jeevan Kaushal Ratna Award this month. I congratulate Dr. Sahni and his dedicated team for their efforts.

We have continued to strengthen our international partnerships, and over the last month, we concluded important collaborative agreements with Otago University, New Zealand; Monash University, Australia; University of Applied Sciences, Denmark; Birmingham City University, UK; and University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria. A key objective of our internationalisation efforts has been to encourage joint research and this month, in collaboration with leading European universities, JGU won a European Union research grant that aims to revitalise the teaching of European Studies in Asian universities. I congratulate Dr. Vesselin Popovski, Professor and Vice Dean, JGLS, for leading this initiative.

JGU's schools and faculty members have consistently sought opportunities to positively affect and influence debate and policy making on pressing global issues. In the run-up to the 9th BRICS Summit in China, the Jindal School of International Affairs hosted BRICS Week with scholars, practitioners and government representatives from the BRICS countries to discuss important issues facing the grouping.

I want to congratulate Jeremy Wade, Isabel Salovaara and the rest of the team at the Jindal Centre for Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship for their continuing efforts in promoting innovation, not only through the Centre's research projects, training programmes and academic courses, but also by mentoring and encouraging our students to innovate. This issue features the story of myJGU, a virtual assistant created by Anish Krishnan of the JGLS 2013 batch. The application automatically provides key information about classroom locations, shuttle schedules, and meal menus, and will make it easier for the University community to access basic information quickly and conveniently. I hope that many more of our students will be inspired by JSiE and Anish's efforts, and pursue innovative and entrepreneurial projects.

I am delighted about the inauguration this month of the new University Health Centre and day care facility on the campus. The new facilities will strengthen our efforts to provide a world-class living and working environment for our residential students, and faculty and staff members.

With warm wishes,



Professor (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar

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Herbert Smith Freehills is one of the world's leading professional services businesses, and engages with various Indian law schools, across several fronts, including in the social space in India. The firm places particular emphasis on volunteering as a way to develop well-rounded individuals and encourage law students to develop the ability to communicate and work with a diverse range of people. The Legal Aid Clinic was founded in 2009 at the Jindal Global Law School and works to promote legal awareness and literacy, provide free legal aid services and engage with important issues facing neighbouring rural communities.

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at the Sixth Convocation Ceremony and Founder's Day



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The recognition under the Uniform Principles for Assessing Qualifications of Overseas Applicants for Admission to the Australian Legal Profession means that it is now considerably easier for JGLS graduates to practise law in Australia.

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Over 400 students graduate at JGU's Sixth Convocation Ceremony and Founder's Day celebration

The Ceremony was attended by Ms. Shikha Sharma, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Axis Bank, Mr. Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India and Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Judge, Supreme Court of India.

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JGU student Thomas George Karimpanal breaks records at two national shooting championships

Thomas won multiple medals at championships held in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. He has been a member of India's elite Junior National Shooting Squad since 2015, and is the only pistol shooter from Kerala to have ever reached the national squad. He is also a top ranked international shooter.

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Dr. Sanjeev P. Sahni, Principal Director, Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences, felicitated with Jeevan Kaushal Ratna Award

The award recognises exemplary support and dedicated efforts towards promoting mental health awareness, and was presented by Expressions India, a national life skills, values, community & school wellness program.

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JGU expands international partnerships as JGBS signs collaborative agreement with Otago University, New Zealand

Over the past month, substantive institutional partnerships have also been signed with Monash University, Australia; University of Applied Sciences, Denmark; Birmingham City University, UK; and University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria.

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JGU collaborates with leading European universities to win European Union research grant

Dr. Vesselin Popovski, Professor and Vice Dean, JGLS, led JGU's participation in the grant application under the Erasmus+ Capacity Building programme of the European Union for the project "European Studies Revitalized across Asian Universities".

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Centre for African, Latin American and Caribbean Studies hosts BRICS Week in run-up to 9th BRICS Summit in China

The week-long series of events had participation from scholars, practitioners and government officials from the BRICS countries and discussed some of the most pressing issues to the grouping, and the future of development cooperation within the BRICS.

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JINDAL CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION
& ENTREPRENEURSHIP



GLOBAL SOCIAL
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
NETWORK

Jindal Centre for Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship joins Global Social Entrepreneurship Network

The GSEN comprises leading organisations around the world supporting social innovation and entrepreneurship. As a member, JSiE will benefit from opportunities for joint fundraising support, strategic partnerships, and knowledge sharing for research.

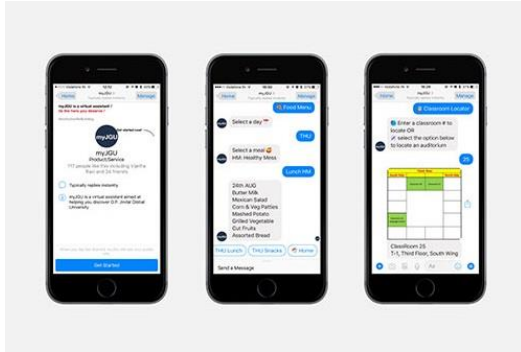
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Jindal School of Government and Public Policy hosts three-day workshop on European Union

The workshop addressed key issues relating to the European Union, and focused on the importance to the world of a united Europe, the multiple crises of the last decade from the Euro to Brexit, and the new optimism following the victory of French President Emmanuel Macron.

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Jindal Centre for Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship launches student-built myJGU virtual assistant

The chatbot automatically provides key information about classroom locations, shuttle schedules, and meal menus. Easily accessible through Facebook Messenger, the chatbot responds to user queries by bringing information from multiple sources onto a single platform.

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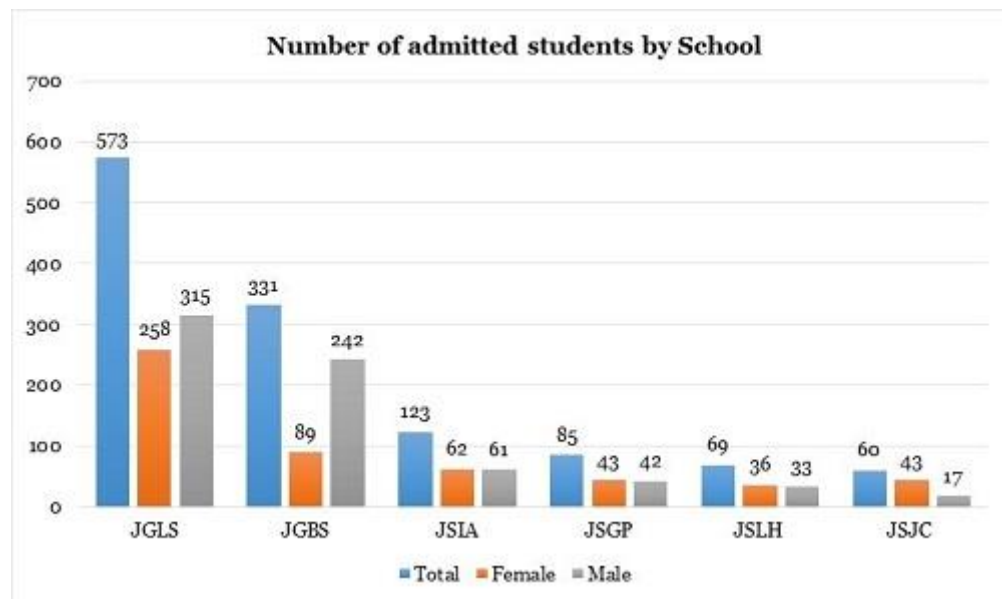


New University Health Centre and Day Care Facility inaugurated on the JGU campus

The new health centre will support the expanding residential community on the University campus. The day care facility will complement JGU's commitment to provide an enabling living and working environment on the University campus.

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JGU's 9th academic session began on 1 August 2017 with commencement lectures held across all six schools. The University's youngest school, the Jindal School of Journalism & Communication (JSJC), commenced its first semester with an inaugural batch of 60 students. This academic year, 1241 new students were admitted to various programmes across the schools. Out of the total, 45% are women students.

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The JGU Buzz

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[Professor R. Sudarshan, Dean, JSGP speaks to *CatchNews* about the Supreme Court's latest observation on the collegium system of judicial appointments](#)

[Supreme Court judge Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud highlights the need for gender neutral parenting and sensitisation at JGU's Sixth Convocation Ceremony](#)

[Dr. Sreeram Chaulia, Dean, JSIA speaks to *The Associated Press* about India-China relations in the run-up to the BRICS Summit](#)

[Dr. Saumya Dey, Assistant Professor, JGBS, speaks to *Livemint* about the ongoing debate on preserving the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library](#)

[Dr. Arup K. Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, JGLS speaks to *BBC Hindi* about his book "The Purveyors of Destiny: A Cultural Biography of the Indian Railways"](#)

[Dr. Sanjeev P. Sahni, Professor and Principal Director, Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences, speaks to *The Pioneer* about the Blue Whale Challenge, suicidal tendencies and influence of digital channels on youth](#)

[Jindal Global Law School bags award for community investment](#)

[JGU celebrates Sixth Convocation Ceremony and Founder's Day](#)

[Avirup Bose, Assistant Professor, JGLS speaks to *WION News* about gender inequality in Silicon Valley and the recent firing of a Google employee for writing an anti-diversity memo](#)

[Karin Costa Vazquez, Senior Assistant Professor, Diplomatic Practice, JSIA speaks to *The Financial Express* about Venezuela-India relations and the ongoing post-election crisis in Venezuela](#)

[Dr. Tapan Panda, Dean, JGBS speaks to *The Hindu Business Line* about the School, its key differentiators, and the new IBM analytics programme at JGBS](#)

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August 3

The Centre for India-China Studies at JGU hosted the 16th India China Lunch Talk on "Confucianism, Socialism and Liberalism: Political Thoughts on Chinese Modernization" with panelists Chenyang Li, Professor of Philosophy and Founding Director of the Philosophy Program at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; Roger T. Ames, Humanities Chair Professor at Peking University, Berggruen Fellow, and Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the University of Hawai'i; and Tom Lairson, Professor of Political Science, JGU and Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Rollins College.

August 8

The Jindal School of International Affairs hosted a Public Lecture on "China's Political Future: Democracy, Meritocracy, or Both?" by Professor Daniel A. Bell, Dean, Faculty of Politics and Public Administration, Shandong University, China.

August 9

The JGU Dance Society hosted a performance by the Vyuti Dance Company, a dance troupe that emerged out of Aranyani Bhargava's dual experience of contemporary and classical dance. Vyuti comprises Artistic Director, Aranyani and dancers Aswathy Manoharan, Priya Kaul, Tony, Aloysius Pius, Archana Nair and Akanksha Tadapatri Ramesh.

August 9

The Centre for Development and Finance at the Jindal School of Government and Public Policy hosted an Open Lecture on "Will Nepal Cross The Chasm?" by Sujeev Shakya, Founder CEO, Beed, a Nepal-based international management consulting and financial advisory firm that works in Bhutan, Cambodia, Nepal, Rwanda and the US.

August 9

The Centre for a New South Asia organised a Public Lecture on "Sources of Indian secularism? Dialogues on Politics and Religion in Hindu and Buddhist Traditions" by Dr. Brian Black, Lecturer in Religious Studies, Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion, Lancaster University.

August 10

The JSIA team of the Career Development & Placement Division organised a Students' Internship Experience Seminar on "What I Did This Summer" with Atharva Deshmukh, B.A. GA '15 and Sanjana Medipally, B.A. GA '15.

August 11

The Centre for Law and Humanities hosted a talk on "The Open Conspiracy: Totalitarian Politics in India" by Professor Dilip Simeon, Professor of History, Ramjas College, University of Delhi and "Making sense of Hindutva" by Professor Purushottam Agrawal, Professor of Hindi, Ramjas College, University of Delhi.

August 14

The Center for African, Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS) hosted a movie screening of "City of God", a 2002 Brazilian film, and an open class of the inaugural session of the course Political Economy of Latin America with an interactive session with CALACS students who recently completed internships in Brazil.

August 15

JGU celebrated India's 71st Independence Day with H.E. Mr. Thorir Ibsen, Ambassador of Iceland to India and Dr. (Mrs.) Aruna Sharma, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India as Guests of Honour.

August 17

The Centre for Law and Humanities hosted a Public Lecture on "Decolonisation, Nationalism and Postcolonial Histories: The Case of French India" by Dr. Akhila Yechury, University of St. Andrews.

August 17-23

The Jindal Initiative on Research in IP and Competition (JIRICO) hosted the 1st JIRICO Global Writing Workshop & Research Colloquium.

August 21-24

The Center for African, Latin American and Caribbean Studies hosted BRICS Week in the run-up to the 9th BRICS Summit in Xiamen, China in September. The week-long series of events with scholars, practitioners and government officials from the BRICS countries discussed some of the most pressing issues to the grouping and the future of development cooperation.

August 22

The Centre for Comparative and International Taxation hosted a seminar on "Panama Papers: What the Biggest Data Leak in History Revealed about Offshore Finance and its Impact" with Ms. Pooja Rangaprasad, Policy Coordinator, Financial Transparency Coalition.

August 23

The Jindal School of Government and Public Policy hosted an Open Lecture on "Politics, Policy, ... and Panchayats" by Ms Rashmi Shukla Sharma, IAS (Retd.).

August 24

The JSIA team of the Career Development & Placement Division organised a Students' Internship Experience Seminar on "What I Did This Summer" with Shubhi Rathi, M.A. DLB '16, Anashwara R Ashok, M.A. DLB '16, Tahhira Somal, B.A. GA '15 and Kartikeya Dwivedi, B.A. GA '15.

August 24

The Centre for New Economics Studies hosted an interactive session on "Understanding Urban Informality and Exclusion: A Study in Delhi" with Akriti Bhatia, Research Scholar, Delhi School of Economics.

August 24

The Centre for Law and Humanities organised a Public Lecture on "Caste in Contemporary Times: Why and How Does It Matter?" by Professor Surinder S. Jodhka, Professor of Sociology, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

August 24

The Centre for International Legal Studies organised a Public Lecture on "Decolonising the High Seas" by Professor Kirsten Sellars, Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

August 24

The Centre for Ethics, Spirituality and Sustainability at the Jindal Global Business School organised a Guest Talk on "Personal Mastery and Self Awareness for Leadership Excellence" by Mr. V. Srinivasan, former Director, HR, Randstad and currently with Heartfulness Institute.

August 24

The Peer Educator Program hosted an evening of fun with a Tug of War competition. With the new semester in full swing and society orientations each day, students struggle with the push and pull between academics and co-curricular activities. The event represented this struggle for balance and facilitated students to know their peers better, have fun, bond better and embark on their voyage to find balance in college life together.

August 25

The Literary Studies Program at the Jindal School of Liberal Arts & Humanities hosted a talk on "What is the Point of Children's Literature?" by Professor K. Srilata, poet, fiction writer and Professor of English at IIT Madras.

August 27

The Department of Physical Education hosted a T-20 Cricket Match between the JGU Cricket Team and the JGU Alumni Cricketers' XI Team.

August 29

The Centre for Law and Humanities hosted a Public Lecture on "The Cultural Project of Hindu Rashtra" by Akshaya Mukul, Senior Journalist, Times of India.

August 29

The Jindal School of Government and Public Policy and the Centre for Law and Humanities hosted a talk on "Law and the Re-making of Ahmedabad" by Dr. Rukmini Barua, post-doctoral researcher at re:work, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

August 29

The Jindal School of International Affairs hosted a Public Lecture on "The US-Japan-China Strategic Triangle and Future of Maritime East Asia" by Dr. David Arase, Professor of International Politics, The Hopkins-Nanjing Center, Johns Hopkins SAIS.

August 29

The Jindal School of International Affairs hosted a talk by Teesta Setalvad, journalist, activist, and human rights lawyer on her initiative 'Khoj - Education for Pluralistic India'.

August 29

The Jindal School of Liberal Arts & Humanities hosted a Guest Lecture on "Minority Question: Actors, Institutions and Debates in India and Germany" by Dr. Razak Khan, Research Fellow in the "Modern India in German Archives" project at the Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen.

August 30

The Centre for United Nations Studies hosted a lecture on "Human Rights and Liberalism Under Challenge" by Dr. Anja Mihr, Program Director, Center on Governance through Human Rights, Leuphana University, Berlin.

August 30

The Jindal School of Government and Public Policy organised an Open Lecture on "State Processes, Ideas and Institutional Change: Case of Right of Information Act in India" by Dr. Himanshu Jha, Lecturer and Research Fellow, Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University.

August 30

The Jindal Centre for Israel Studies hosted an event on "Tales from Israel", in conversation with students who spent a month in Israel attending various summer programs.

August 31

The Center for India-China Studies hosted the 18th India China Lunch Talk on "India-China Stand Off: Strategic Perspectives" by Maj. Gen. (Retd.) G G Dwivedi, Professor, Aligarh Muslim University.

August 31

The International Institute for Higher Education Research and Capacity Building and the Centre for Comparative and Global Education hosted a research seminar on "Gauging the Impacts of Community University Engagement Initiatives in India" by Ms. Wafa Singh, India Research Coordinator, UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research & Social Responsibility in Higher Education, as part of *Thinking Thursdays: IIHED Research Seminar Series*.

August 31

The Jindal Global Business School inaugurated the B.Com (Hons) Programme and hosted a Panel Discussion on "Innovative Management Control System for Effective Performance & Sustainability".

August 31

The Peer Educator Program hosted origami making sessions with the aim to release stress and develop patience.



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