

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Objective:

Passionate about fostering cultural enrichment and youth empowerment, my objective is to continue leading transformative initiatives at the confluence of art, heritage, and academia. Drawing from my extensive experience as a Cultural Officer at the University of Kashmir, I aspire to contribute to the vibrant tapestry of cultural endeavours while actively promoting peace and brotherhood.

With a visionary approach, artistic insight, and administrative proficiency, I am dedicated to orchestrating events that not only captivate audiences but also transcend cultural boundaries, fostering understanding and unity. My goal is to play a pivotal role in nurturing a culturally rich and academically vibrant community, making significant contributions to the broader cultural landscape and speaking peace across the country and the globe.

### Professional Titles:

- **Cultural Officer:** *University of Kashmir, UT of J&K, India.*
- **Coordinator:** *(Youth Parliament), Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, New Delhi, India.*
- **Cultural Coordinator:** *Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi, India.*
- **Coordinator:** *Red Ribbon Club, The University of Kashmir, J&K State, India.*
- **Member Secretary:** *Kashmir University Cultural Committee*
- **Member Secretary:** *Students Grievance Redressal Cell*
- **Coordinator:** *Mission Youth initiative (Government of Jammu and Kashmir)*
- **Member:** *International Delphic Council*

### Profile Outline:

Dedicately serving as the full-time Cultural Officer at the University of Kashmir since April 18, 2007. A visionary leader adept at crafting, pioneering, and steering dynamic cultural and youth welfare initiatives. Orchestrated an array of spectacular events, transcending regional borders and leaving an indelible mark on the cultural landscape.

As a custodian of student engagement, I meticulously curate a spectrum of activities in art, culture, and literature, propelling holistic student development. My tenure is characterized by the seamless orchestration of youth programs and festivals, seamlessly blending creativity with academic excellence.

Beyond my administrative role, I bring forth a unique amalgamation of academic prowess, holding degrees in Economics and Foreign Language. My artistic acumen is further enriched by professional training at the esteemed National School of Drama, India. In this journey, every event becomes a canvas, every program a symphony, and every initiative a testament to fostering cultural richness and student advancement.

## Privileges and Memberships:

- Member Executive Counsel – The Heritage Foundation Inc., New Delhi, India.
- Executive Member – Cultural Board, Association of Indian Universities, India.
- Advisor – Raheem Greens, An Environmental Initiative, RM Inc. India.
- Executive Member – Vikram Academy of Art, Ahmadabad, India.
- Member – Indian Institute of Public Administration, India (J&K Branch)
- Member - International Delphic Council

## Professional Endeavours:

Throughout my professional journey, I have actively engaged in a diverse array of activities, showcasing a comprehensive skill set:

- *Organizing Mega Youth Festivals*
- *Conducting Theatre workshops and facilitating Acting Courses*
- *Curating impactful Exhibitions and spearheading Photography projects*
- *Exploring the domains of Music, encompassing both Vocal and Instrumental genres*
- *Active participation in Film Festivals*
- *Engaging in Literary pursuits, including Debates, Elocution, and Quizzing*
- *Mobilizing University and College Youth*
- *Providing Counseling services*
- *Facilitating students' training and their participation in various competitive events across the world*
- *Organizing Mega Youth Festivals and Art Therapy Workshops/Camps*
- *Overseeing student tours to various parts of the country and world*

## Art Therapist:

Art Therapist adept at using creative expression for therapeutic interventions. Experienced in nurturing emotional well-being through artistic exploration and meaningful engagement with individuals.

## Art Curator:

Art Curator with a proven track record of curating and managing diverse art collections. Proficient in creating engaging exhibitions and cultivating an appreciation for art within the community.

## Esteemed Panel Judge for:

- Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, Government of India, New Delhi.
- Association of Indian Universities, for Zonal and National level youth festivals.
- Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages.

## Anchor: Elevating Events with Eloquent Expertise

As a renowned anchor, I have had the privilege of hosting numerous programs and panel discussions across various institutions, with regular assignments at the University of Kashmir. Over the years, I have anchored mega events since 2002, including television programs aired on Doordarshan.

## Qualifications:

**PhD** in Economics, 2024 (*VBSP University, Jaunpur, UP, India*)

Underwent **specialized training** from the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, New Delhi, India. Emphasis was placed on employing effective methods to educate and train youth in **parliamentary procedures and the functioning of the parliament**. Training sessions were attended in 2014 at GNDU, Amritsar, Punjab; in 2015 in Shillong, Assam; in 2017 in Puducherry, Tamil Nadu; and in 2018 at Mahabaleshwar Hills, Maharashtra.

One-year course in **Foreign Language** (Deutsche-German)

(*Year of completion: Dec 2004. University of Kashmir*).

**M. A (Economics)** Year of completion: Dec 2003. (*University of Kashmir*.)

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A)** (*Year of completion: Dec 2001. Amar Singh College, The University of Kashmir*).

## **Professional Training** (*National School of Drama, New Delhi*):

### **Comprehensive Theatre Modules** (*May-June, 2006*)

Undertook diverse modules, including Direction, Acting, Make-up, Stage Craft, Light/Set & Costume Designing, Voice Modulation, Body Language, Script Writing, Mask Making, and delved into the History of World Theatre.

### **Scientific Methods of Acting and Direction** (*Aug.-Sept., 2005*)

Engaged in scientifically-backed approaches to Acting and Direction, involving Yoga, cardio-workout, martial arts, body coordination and isolation, breathing exercises, and meditation.

### **Acting, Direction, Actor Preparation, Theatre Techniques and Design** (*Jul.-Aug., 2004*)

Immersed in practical aspects of Acting, Direction, and Theatre Techniques, with a focus on comprehensive actor preparation and innovative design strategies.

## **Computer Proficiency:**

### *Completed a Certificate Course in Office Automation, showcasing expertise in:*

Ms-Office, Photoshop, Ms-Excel, Dream Weaver, Internet, Image Processing, Ms-Access, Video and Audio Editing

## **Diverse Perspectives: Columnist for Leading Newspapers**

As a seasoned writer and regular columnist, I contribute thought-provoking insights and engaging narratives to esteemed publications such as The Times of India, Greater Kashmir, Northlands, Education Mail, Rising Kashmir, Kashmir Centric, Gulala, Sheeraza, and more. With a commitment to quality journalism and a passion for storytelling, I explore a wide range of topics, offering readers diverse perspectives and enriching discussions on issues that matter.

## **Adroitness:**

### *Demonstrated proficiency in various aspects related to work:*

- Ability to quickly grasp and incorporate new and productive elements.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Efficient administrative and planning abilities.
- Stress mitigation and effective utilization of time and resources.
- Adept at taking bold initiatives.
- Optimistic outlook towards challenges.
- Excellent conversationalist.
- Demonstrates artistic behaviour in professional pursuits.

## **Youth Festival Initiatives:**

Revolutionizing the University of Kashmir's cultural landscape, I introduced ground-breaking concepts like Youth Festivals, Summits, and Parliaments. The inaugural SONZAL in 2007, amidst challenging circumstances, drew over 1200 students from diverse Kashmiri districts, becoming a positive representation of youth resilience. SONZAL, inspired by the Kashmiri word for rainbow, embodies unity in diversity. Originating as a small idea in 2007, it has evolved into an annual tradition featuring innovative events like the 4-season festival—Sounth (Spring), Retikoul (Summer), Harud (Autumn), and Wande (Winter). These events, covering Art, Culture, Music, Theatre, and Literature, infuse a spirit of fun and sincerity.

Outside the university, I actively mentor students for Zonal, National, and International Youth Festivals, impacting over 100,000 students in more than a thousand events. My humble role extends to guiding youths in interactive programs, debates, workshops, and summits beyond J&K, fostering values of responsibility, peace, tolerance, and brotherhood.

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### **Event Management and Workshops:**

In the domain of event management, I've conducted workshops on art therapy and personality development. Encouraging students to immerse themselves in event organization, this initiative aims to in-still professionalism, leadership, and a positive outlook among the youth.

## **( PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS BEYOND ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES)**

### **Professional Highlights in 2024:**

Delivered an extension lecture on "Personality Development, Time Management, Marketing, and Communication" at the Department of Business Economics, Faculty of Management Studies, Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, Jaunpur on April 15, 2024. The lecture focused on essential skills for personal and professional growth. **Coverage-link:** [https://cbharat.com/?p=19534#google\\_vignette](https://cbharat.com/?p=19534#google_vignette)

Organized and led an awareness program titled "Voting Towards Progress" at KU Media House on March, 202, 2020, focused on promoting civic engagement and electoral participation. **Coverage-link:** <https://www.greaterkashmir.com/education/voting-towards-progress-ku-hosts-awareness-program/>

#### **North Zone Inter-University Youth Festival (January 31 - February 4, 2024)**

Directed a transformative journey, leading a delegation of 18 students from the University of Kashmir to the prestigious 37th North Zone Inter-University Youth Festival at Punjabi University Patiala, showcasing our unwavering commitment to nurturing youth excellence. **Coverage-link:** <https://www.greaterkashmir.com/city/37th-north-zone-inter-university-youth-festival-student-achievement-exemplifies-artistic-aptitudes-determination-ku-vc/>

#### **Cultural Exchange Program in Hyderabad (January 11 - January 28, 2024):**

Crafted and curated a captivating Cultural Exchange Program, guiding 25 students through diverse universities, institutions, and historical places in Hyderabad, fostering global connections and enriching cultural perspectives. **Coverage-link:** <http://risingkashmir.com/hyderabad-diary---educational-cum-cultural-youth-exchange-programme>



### **Sadbhawna Mission to Delhi (February 12 - February 18, 2024):**

Piloted a mission of 36 students to Delhi under the esteemed Sadbhawna Mission of the Indian Army, instilling a sense of unity, patriotism, and a spirit of national pride among the youth.

**Coverage-link:** <https://www.greaterkashmir.com/kashmir/interactions-break-cultural-barriers-promote-tolerance/>

### **Organized Sonzal-2023 - Inter-University Youth Festival (December 7-19, 2023):**

Spearheaded the seamless organization of Sonzal2023, the annual Inter-University Youth Festival, providing an immersive platform for creative expression and collaborative endeavors, elevating the cultural spirit of the University of Kashmir. **Event details:**

<https://www.kashmiruniversity.net/events/8620.pdf>

### **Viksit Bharat 2047 Initiative Events (December 2023 - January 2024):**

Pioneered a visionary series of events under the Viksit Bharat 2047 initiative, contributing to the developmental trajectory of India, epitomizing our steadfast commitment to national progress and empowerment. **Coverage-link:** <http://risingkashmir.com/viksit-bharat-2047-voice-of-youth-f2872cfc-6ba8-481c-8529-8afa8dee3579>

### **Art Camp at the University of Kashmir (January 1 - 5, 2024):**

Initiated and organized the first Art Camp under the Viksit Bharat 2047 initiative, fostering artistic expression and providing a ray of hope. **Coverage-link:**

<https://thekashmirimages.com/2024/01/13/a-ray-of-hope-university-of-kashmir-paves-the-way-for-artistic-expression/>

## **Professional Engagements in 2023:**

### **Speech Competition on "Meri Maati Mera Desh" (My Soil, My Country):**

Organized a compelling speech competition on the theme "Unsung Heroes" on August 9, 2023, emphasizing unity and respect for brave individuals. **Coverage-link:**

<https://www.greaterkashmir.com/todays-paper/srinagar-city/meri-maati-mera-desh-ku-pledges-strengthening-unity-respect-to-bravehearts/>

### **Talk by Sister Shivani at the University of Kashmir**

Orchestrated a transformative talk featuring Sister Shivani, an internationally acclaimed motivational speaker and spiritualist, at the Convocation Complex, University of Kashmir, on October 19, 2023. The event included a panel discussion and interviews in the presence of distinguished personalities, including the Lt. Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha, and the Honorable Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kashmir. Hosted by the Inner Space Centre and the University of Kashmir. **Coverage-link:**

<https://www.greaterkashmir.com/todays-paper/front-page/our-mission-should-be-to-wipe-every-tear-from-every-eye-lg/>, <http://risingkashmir.com/international-spiritual-leader-sister-shivani-to-deliver-talk-on-a-life-of-happiness-50e000c9-c32e-46d4-b819-80edf90f3882>

### **Harmonizing Tradition and Innovation: Calligraphy Contest at Main Campus,**

In an effort to unite traditional art forms with contemporary expressions, I spearheaded a captivating calligraphy contest held at the main campus on August 23, 2023. This event aimed to showcase the timeless allure of calligraphy, emphasizing both its rich historical significance and its potential for innovative exploration.

(Coverage link) <https://www.greaterkashmir.com/todays-paper/srinagar-city/brushes-and-brilliance-ku-hosts-calligraphy-competition/>

### **Welcoming the New Academic Year: Freshers' Meet at the Varsity Convocation Complex,**

In celebration of the beginning of the new academic year and to extend a warm welcome to incoming students starting their educational journey, I orchestrated a delightful freshers' meet at the grand Convocation Complex of the university on September 21, 2023.

<https://thekashmirhorizon.com/2023/09/22/ku-welcomes-new-students-with-grand-freshers-meet/>

### **Shahrul Ramadhan Festival: Celebrating Tradition and Talent**

On April 19, 2023, I organized the annual 'Shahrul Ramadhan Festival' at the University of Kashmir, a vibrant celebration of tradition and talent. The event featured three competitions: Traditional Calligraphy, Contemporary Calligraphy, and 'Naat' Competition, attracting enthusiastic participation from students eager to showcase their talents. (Coverage link) <https://www.greaterkashmir.com/srinagar/shahrul-ramadhan-talent-hunt-festival-held-at-ku/>

### **Leading the Y20 Consultation Event at University of Kashmir**

Serving as the member secretary of the Core Organizing Committee, I played a pivotal role in coordinating the Y20 Consultation event held from May 10-11, 2023, as part of India's G20 Presidency. Hosted at the University of Kashmir, the Youth 20 (Y20) group convened to engage the nation's youth in discussions on shaping a better future. The event focused on the theme "Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life," aiming to draft an action agenda through youth perspectives.

(Coverage link) <https://kashmirilife.net/y20-consultation-event-held-at-university-of-kashmir-317275/>

### **Contributing to the Civil 20's Gender Equality & Disability Working Group Event**

As a member of the organizing committee, I played a vital role in facilitating the Civil 20's Gender Equality & Disability Working Group (GED) Event, a two-day Policy Dialogue held on February 13-14, 2023. The event focused on addressing the sub-themes of Women's Safety & Security and Engaging Men & Boys to promote gender equality. Hosted by the University of Kashmir, this historic event marked the first collaboration with Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, aiming to foster meaningful discussions and initiatives in these crucial areas.

(Coverage link) <https://amritaworld.org/women-empowerment/historic-meeting-at-university-of-kashmir-for-the-c20-working-group-on-gender-equality-disability/>

### **Leading Success at Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival**

Led University of Kashmir's contingent at the 36th Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival, 'Antarnaad', hosted by the University of Jammu. Our team clinched eight awards, including Elocution, Western Vocal Solo, and Clay Modelling, qualifying for Nationals in two categories. Date: January 31, 2023

(Coverage link) <https://www.greaterkashmir.com/todays-paper/srinagar-city/ku-contingent-bags-8-awards-in-north-zone-youth-festival/>

### **Cultural Exchange Program: University of Kashmir Students Explore Gujarat**

Led a group of 30 University of Kashmir students to Gujarat for a cultural exchange program under the varsity's Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Institute of Sustainability (IIS), Gujarat University. During the two-week visit, started from February 22, 2-23 students explored centers of excellence such as ISRO Ahmedabad, IIM Ahmedabad, Indian Institute of Sustainability, Amul Cooperative Society, Gandhi Ashram, Science City, and Sabarmati Riverfront, among others.

(Coverage link) <http://risingkashmir.com/30-ku-students-to-tour-gujarat-for-shared-learning-cultural-exchange>

## **Professional Engagements in 2022:**

### **Gandhi Jayanti Competitions: Promoting Truth and Non-Violence in Modern Times**

Organized competitions on "Truth" and "Non-Violence" for Gandhi Jayanti on September 30, 2022. Included a speech contest, an essay competition, and a painting contest, attracting over 150 students from KU and its affiliated colleges. The events highlighted Gandhi's teachings' relevance in the modern era. (Coverage link) <https://www.greaterkashmir.com/srinagar/ku-kick-starts-gandhi-jayanti-celebrations/>

**Shaan-e-Ramadhan Special Festival:**

Organized the Shaan-e-Ramadhan Special Festival, featuring Azaan, Qirat, Naat, and Calligraphy Competitions. This cultural celebration unfolded in Gandhi Bhawan, University of Kashmir, from 25th to 28th April 2022.

**Inter-University Annual Debate Competition:**

Organised a thought-provoking debate on August 18, 2022, exploring the topic, "Keyboard Learning: An Alternative to Formal Education (Coverage link) <https://www.iipajkbranch.com/aiipddswws2022.php>

**A Grand Welcome: Freshers' Gala and Orientation Extravaganza**

Crafted an unforgettable experience for the newest members of the University of Kashmir family during a spectacular Freshers' Gala and Orientation Extravaganza on September 8, 2022. With meticulous planning and enthusiastic participation, we ushered in the academic session of 2022, setting the stage for a journey filled with growth, discovery, and success. <https://www.greaterkashmir.com/todays-paper/srinagar-city/in-a-first-ku-welcomes-freshers/>

**Sonzal 2022: Celebrating Diversity and Talent at University of Kashmir**

Organized a week-long Sonzal, an intra-university youth festival encompassing 21 events in the domains of Music, Art, Theatre, Dance, and Literature, from November 26, 2022. The festival aimed to celebrate and showcase the diverse talents and creativity of the university's students, fostering a vibrant cultural atmosphere. (Coverage link) <https://currentaffairs.adda247.com/lieutenant-governor-inaugurates-sonzal-2022-at-kashmir/>

**Professional engagements in 2021****Observance of World Diabetes Day**

I orchestrated the observance of World Diabetes Day through a seminar themed "If Not Now, When?" held at the prestigious Science Auditorium, University of Kashmir, on November 17, 2021.

**Mental Health of Emerging Generation,**

An extensive outreach program on mental health, titled "Mental Health of Emerging Generation," unfolded on April 5, 2021, encompassing six districts within the Kashmir Division.

**Azaadi Ka Amrut Mahautsov**

The Azaadi Ka Amrut Mahautsov Programmes, a series of transformative events, featured a Painting Competition on Climate and Environment Change at Gandhi Bhawan on August 10. Subsequent engagements included a Poster Competition and Awareness Campaign on Tuberculosis, an Awareness Camp, and Drawing Competition on Drug De-Addiction, culminating in an Awareness Campaign on Blood Donation along with a Camp and Awareness on HIV-AIDS. These impactful events unfolded on August 11, 13, and 12, respectively, within the open air of the University Campus. The grand finale manifested in the Cyclolothon for Peace, Progress, and Prosperity on August 14 at the University Campus.

**Road safety awareness event**

To advocate for road safety, a Bike Rally was meticulously organized under the Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha Initiative on September 30.

**Anti-Corruption Day**

Seminars held significant prominence in our engagements. On December 9, I meticulously organized a seminar observing Anti-Corruption Day under the theme "Say No to Corruption" at the esteemed Science Auditorium, University of Kashmir. Additionally, on December 14, a seminar dedicated to the observance of Conservation of Energy unfolded under the resonating theme "Save Energy, Save Planet."

### **Annual Youth Festival Sonzal.**

My commitment to cultural and literary enrichment found expression in the meticulous organization of the Annual Youth Festival Sonzal. This grand celebration, featuring events in Art, Culture, Music, Dance, Theater, and Literature, unfolded amidst the refreshing ambiance of the Open Air at Zabarwan Guest House Lawns from March 23 to 30. Further contributing to the literary landscape, I took the initiative to organize the National Literary Festival "Virsa-2021" at the esteemed Science Auditorium, University of Kashmir, spanning from September 21 to 23.

### **Celebration of Iconic Week Festival**

As part of the Celebration of Iconic Week Festival, a multifaceted event unfolded on October 24. It showcased a Multi-lingual Mushaira on Hazrat Sheikhil Aalam and Sufayana, complemented by Orchestra, Folk, and Classical Presentations within the esteemed confines of the Gandhi Bhawan.

### **A Plantation Drive**

A Plantation Drive, aptly titled "Make Your Tomorrow Better with More Trees," materialized at the University Campus and Zakura Campus on March 10, contributing to the Shikshit Bharat and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Initiative.

### **Cleanliness Drive**

To champion the cause of cleanliness and hygiene, a meticulous 3-day Outreach Awareness Campaign Cleanliness Drive unfolded around Hazratbal and the Dal Lake area. Specific dates for this commendable effort are yet to be added.

### **Observance of International Day**

orchestrated an impactful event, the Observance of International Day of Disabled, focusing on the theme "Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable post-COVID-19 world." This event took place on 3rd December at Gandhi Bhawan. As part of this initiative, a Special Marathon, Distribution of Aids and Appliances, and Para Cricket were also organized on 28th September for differently-abled students of the University and affiliated colleges.

### **Social Service Camp**

Social Service Camp was organized on the eve of Friday following Milad-u-Nabi (Eid-e-Milad-u-Nabi SAW) on 22nd October at the Sir Syed Gate of the University of Kashmir.

### **Inter-University/Inter-College Debate**

In the realm of intellectual discourse, I spearheaded an Inter-University/Inter-College Debate on the theme "Technology prevents more crime."

### **Art Carnival/Art Exhibition**

To celebrate creativity and artistic expression, I curated an Art Carnival/Art Exhibition with the theme "Carving a Creative Paradise" at the Zabarwan Guest House lawns from 23rd to 30th March 2021.

*(These humble endeavors epitomize my unwavering dedication to fostering holistic development and cultural vibrancy, steadfastly navigating the challenges posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.)*

## **Professional Engagements in 2020:**

*(Due to the constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, activities were limited during the year 2020. However, the University of Kashmir actively engaged in the following events):*

### **Seminar on International Women's Day:**

Collaborated with the Women's Studies Center and Research, UoK, to organize a seminar on the occasion of International Women's Day, themed "Breaking of Stereotypes." The event took place at the Ibn-e-Khaldoun Auditorium on 8th March 2020.



### **National Webinar on World Diabetes Day: "Nurses Make the Difference:**

Conducted a national webinar on World Diabetes Day, themed "Nurses Make the Difference," utilizing online platforms to reach a wider audience. The event took place on 18th November 2020.

### **Mental Health Programme:**

Conceptualized and spearheaded a comprehensive week-long mental health awareness initiative titled "Mental Health of Emerging Generation: Issues, Challenges, and Remedies" in 2020. Originating from the University of Kashmir, this groundbreaking initiative transcended boundaries, extending its impact to six districts of the Valley. Embracing collaboration, affiliated and constituent colleges across the region actively participated, making this initiative a hallmark of collective effort and societal transformation.

### **Mass Awareness Campaign on Diabetes:**

In November 2020, orchestrated a dynamic mass awareness campaign on diabetes in collaboration with the esteemed Sheri Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar. Through a series of meticulously planned events and activities, this initiative aimed to educate and empower individuals about diabetes, fostering a culture of proactive healthcare and well-being within the community.

### **Social Service Camp:**

Organized a one-day Social Service Camp on November 15, 2019, encouraging students to serve devotees at Hazratbal Shrine, fostering a spirit of community service.

### **Celebration of Constitution Day:**

Organized an event commemorating Constitution Day with a special lecture on "Fundamental Duties" on November 27, 2019, emphasizing civic responsibilities and constitutional values.

### **Shaan-e-Ramdan**

Organized the annual inter-university special festival, Shaan-e-Ramadhan, from 2018 to 2021 during the Holy Month of Ramadan, dedicated to promoting tolerance and spreading the message of peace and brotherhood.

### **Cultural Programme for NAAC Peer Team:**

In April 2019, spearheaded the curation of an unforgettable cultural extravaganza to pay homage to the esteemed NAAC Peer Team, brilliantly spotlighting the university's rich cultural legacy and unparalleled hospitality.

### **Azaadi Ka Amrut Mahautsov Programmes**

Under the Azaadi Ka Amrut Mahautsov Programmes, I orchestrated a series of impactful initiatives commemorating the 75th anniversary of India's Independence from August to December 2021:

- Conducted a Painting competition addressing Climate and Environment Change
- Organized a Poster Competition and awareness campaign on tuberculosis
- Hosted an Awareness camp and drawing competition focused on Drug de-Addiction
- Led an Awareness campaign on Blood Donation alongside a camp raising awareness on HIV-AIDS
- Arranged a Bike Rally under the Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha initiative
- Facilitated a Marathon and special cricket Match for physically disabled students
- Hosted Seminars on observance of Anti-Corruption Day with the theme "Say No to Corruption"
- Conducted Seminars on observance of Conservation of Energy: Save Energy Save Planet
- Organized a Seminar on observance of International day for persons with disabilities
- Facilitated Cyclothe, a cycling event in which students and staff of the university enthusiastically participated.

### **Cultural & Literary Festivals:**

In 2020, orchestrated the annual inter-University Youth Festival, "Sonzal," offering students a dynamic platform to exhibit their talents and creativity across diverse cultural and literary activities. Actively fostered student participation and engagement from various disciplines, enhancing the vibrancy of these festivals.

### **Outreach Campaigns and Programs:**

Led a series of impactful awareness campaigns across 10 districts of Kashmir Division, encompassing:

- Initiatives focused on Drug De-addiction awareness
- Suicide Prevention campaigns
- Mental Health advocacy
- Distribution of safety kits for COVID-19 prevention and awareness
- Health and Hygiene programs in and around the Dal Lake area.

### **Celebration of Iconic Week Festival:**

Hosted a multi-lingual mushaira where students were provided a platform to recite poetry of Hazrat Sheikh-ul-Aalam. Additionally, organized a cultural program featuring poetry performances in Sufiyana, orchestra, folk, and classical forms, celebrating the rich literary heritage of Hazrat Sheikh-ul-Aalam.

## **Professional engagements in 2018**

### **3rd Annual North Zone Declamation Contest**

Led Kashmir University Debating Team to triumph at Jammu University. Dominated the intellectual arena on 17th January 2018, showcasing unmatched eloquence and insight.

### **Igniting Discourse: IIPA Intra-University Debate 2018**

Pioneered a thought-provoking dialogue on 20th September at the University of Kashmir. Explored the theme "Our Youth's Untapped Potential in the Realm of On-line Information Systems," fostering intellectual exchange and critical thinking.

### **33rd North Zone Inter-University Youth Festival 2018:**

Guided and curated a vibrant delegation of 32 students from the University of Kashmir. Enthralling participation in the cultural mosaic, hosted by the Association of Indian Universities and the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India. Held at Mahareshi Markhandeshwar University, Ambala, from 12th to 16th January 2018.

### **CU Fest-2018, Sixth National Inter-University Youth Festival:**

Championed a spirited cohort of 25 University of Kashmir students to partake in the extravaganza of creativity and talent. The fest unfolded at Chandigarh University, Mohali, from 9th to 10th February 2018, becoming a testament to the diverse cultural prowess embedded within the University's vibrant community.

### **Cultural Confluence: National Youth Festival 2018 at Ranchi University:**

Guided a dynamic team of seven University of Kashmir students to partake in the 33rd All India Level National Youth Festival. The event, orchestrated by the Association of Indian Universities and Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India, unfolded at Ranchi University, Ranchi, from 16th to 20th February 2018. Our participation showcased the kaleidoscope of talent and cultural richness inherent in the University.

### **A Recognition from the Vice Chancellor:**

Received prestigious felicitation from the Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir, on 21st January 2018. The recognition celebrated the outstanding performance of University of Kashmir students in both the North Zone and National University Festivals held throughout 2018. The acknowledgment serves as a testament to our commitment to excellence and cultural vibrancy.

**Shahr-u-Ramadhan Festival 2018:**

Artistically curated and orchestrated a vibrant 6-day festival, "Shahr-u-Ramadhan," held from 4th to 9th June 2018 within the premises of the University of Kashmir. This celebration provided a platform for artistic expression, fostering a sense of unity and joy among participants and spectators alike.

**Naropa Fellowship Programme Awareness Event:**

To catalyze educational aspirations, spearheaded an insightful orientation and awareness program on the esteemed Naropa Fellowship Programme. This impactful session, held on 6th June 2018, aimed to illuminate the path for students in the Kashmir Division, fostering a broader perspective on academic and professional growth opportunities.

**Health & Wellness Spotlight:**

Organized a Special Guest Lecture on 'Healthy Student, Healthy Society' featuring Dr. Ibrahim Masoodi, a renowned Gastroenterologist from Taif University, Saudi Arabia. The insightful session, held on 19th July 2018, aimed to promote holistic well-being within the University of Kashmir community.

**Cultural Fusion Workshop:**

Led a dynamic three-day workshop at the University of Kashmir, intertwining the realms of Theatre, Music, Literary Arts, Folk Dance, and Folk Orchestra. This multidisciplinary event, held from 25th to 26th August 2018, fostered a creative synergy among participants, enriching the cultural tapestry of the university.

**Culminating the Year in Youth Extravaganza:**

Led the coordination and execution of the "Kashmir Biggest Youth Festival Sonzal-2018," an immersive eight-day celebration held from December 12th to 20th at the University of Kashmir. This dynamic event seamlessly integrated Theatre, Literary Arts, Fine Arts, and Music, embodying the diverse creative spirit of the youth.

**Showcasing Excellence on a Regional Platform:**

Guided and supervised a delegation comprising 35 students from the University of Kashmir for their participation in the esteemed 34th North Zone Inter-University Youth Festival. The event, organized by the Association of Indian Universities and the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India, took place at Punjab University, Chandigarh, spanning from December 27th to 31st, 2018.

**Professional engagements in 2017****32nd North India Level Youth Festival**

Guided and supervised a group of 40 Valley students to Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, actively participating in the esteemed 32nd North India Level Youth Festival. This notable event, organized in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities and the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India, transpired from January 2nd to 6th, 2017.

**National Workshop and Orientation on Youth Parliament**

Participated in the National Workshop and Orientation Program on Youth Parliament Competitions at Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu, organized by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, Government of India, from January 12th to 14th, 2017. The program focused on preparing students for youth parliament competitions, providing insights into parliamentary procedures, and familiarizing them with the workings of the parliament, with a special emphasis on Lok Sabha sessions.

**32nd National Youth Festival,**

Led a team of 4 students from the Valley to Shivaji University, Kolhapur, for active participation in the All India Level 32nd National Youth Festival, "SHIVOTSAV-2017." This grand event, organized by the Association of Indian Universities in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India, took place from February 10th to 14th, 2017.

**Spring Youth Festival 2017**

Brought together 800 young minds from different universities and colleges in J&K for a 5-day Spring Intra and Inter-University Youth Festival at the University of Kashmir. It was a celebration of talent, diversity, and unity from March 20th to 24th, 2017.

**Panel Discussion at J&K Medical Science Congress**

organised a thought-provoking panel discussion during the 2nd J&K Medical Science Congress at the University of Kashmir, fostering intellectual dialogue on May 13, 2017,

**Campus Blood Donation Drive**

Marked a day of generosity on May 24, 2017, by organizing a campus-wide blood donation camp, reflecting our commitment to community well-being.

**Payam-e-Ramadhan Festival 2017**

Organized calligraphy and Naat / Qirat competitions during the 2nd edition of Payam-e-Ramadhan. It was a joyous celebration uniting students from various institutions from June 16th to 20th, 2017

**IIPA Debate Competition 2017**

organized a spirited Inter-College/Inter-University debate on the theme "Present Education System has failed to achieve Desirable Results," providing students a platform for critical discourse On August 24, 2017,

**Youth Expressions: Sonzal-2017 Festival**

I organized Sonzal-2017, the State's largest Youth Festival. It showcased the artistic talents of Kashmiri youth through events in Art, Culture, Music, Theatre, and Fine Arts from December 11th to 16th, 2017.

**Professional engagements in 2016****North India Level Youth Festival Participation:**

Led a team of 22 students from the Valley to Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, for the 31st North India Level Youth Festival organized by the Association of Indian Universities in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India, from January 14th to 18th, 2016. Achieved 2 awards, securing 3rd place in Light Vocal Indian and Poster categories.

**Blood Donation Camp:**

Organized a significant blood donation camp on May 30, 2016, at the University of Kashmir, contributing to community health and well-being.

**Extempore Speech Contest:**

Conducted an engaging Intra and Inter-University extempore speech contest at the University of Kashmir on June 14, 2016, providing students with a platform for spontaneous expression.

**Payaam-e-Ramadhan Festival:**

Organized a vibrant Intra and Inter-University 5-day Payaam-e-Ramadhan Festival at the University of Kashmir from June 21 to 25, 2016, showcasing diverse talents during the festive period.

### **National Youth Parliament Competition Coordination:**

Coordinated, organized, and evaluated group-level competitions for the 13th National Youth Parliament Competition by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, New Delhi, at various esteemed institutions across the country in 2016:

- Shri Krishna Academy of Legal Education Law College, Alwar, Rajasthan, on April 27, 2016.
- Kalandi College, East Patel Nagar, University of Delhi, on August 26, 2016.
- Shaheed Bhagat Singh College Sheikh Sarai, University of Delhi, on August 27, 2016.
- Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, on September 6, 2016.
- Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar, on September 11, 2016.
- Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University, Jind, Haryana, on September 7, 2016.
- Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, on September 13, 2016.
- Govt. College Rajasthan University Udaipur on September 15, 2016.

*(These engagements reflect my commitment to fostering talent, community service, and youth development at both regional and national levels).*

## **Professional engagements in 2015**

### **Communal Harmony Initiative**

Organized Social Service Camp on the eve of Friday following Eid-e-Milad-o-Nabi (SAW) on 9th January, 2015. Devotees from across Kashmir were provided with light refreshment and tea at Dargah Hazratbal Shrine

### **Youth Festival Training Program**

Trained a contingent of 18 students (Male/female) to participate in the 30th North India Level Inter University Youth Festival organized by Association of Indian Universities and Ministry of Youth Affairs, Govt. of India at Jammu University, Jammu from 15th to 19th January 2015. Students participated in Debating, Quiz, Elocution, Music, and Fine Arts.

### **Kashmir Student Artists Photo Exhibition Festival**

Organised a Photo Exhibition Festival of budding student artists of Kashmir from 13th to 15th March 2015. The special exhibition was also organized to commemorate International Women's Day 2015. Besides this, a multi-cultural programme was also organised in the University's main auditorium.

### **Educational Tour to Delhi for University of Kashmir Students**

Organised an Educational tour and facilitated the students of the University of Kashmir to the Universities of Delhi and historical places in Delhi from 11th to 25th March 2015.

### **Empowering Youth Through Parliament Workshop**

Organised and conducted a workshop and orientation course on youth parliament at the University of Kashmir from 21st to 30th March 2015. Fifty-five (55) students were trained for the youth parliament competition.

### **Youth Parliament Competition 2015**

Organised the first-ever Youth Parliament competition at the University of Kashmir in April 2015. A group of 55 students competed against the best universities across North Indian Universities and emerged as winners in the competition.



### **Empowering Voices: National Youth Parliament Training Program 2015**

Organised and conducted an Orientation cum Training Programme on National Youth Parliament Competition from 18th March to 11th May 2015, fostering an environment that empowers and hones the voices of young leaders.

### **Triumph of Articulation: National Youth Parliament Competition 2015**

Organised the National Youth Parliament Competition at the University of Kashmir on 12th May 2015, where a dynamic team of 55 students passionately competed against top universities across India, securing the 3rd prize in order of merit.

### **Clearing the Air: World No Tobacco Day Awareness Program**

On the eve of World No Tobacco Day, 31st May 2015, orchestrated an impactful awareness and sensitization programme. Esteemed medical scientists were invited to shed light on the poisonous consequences of tobacco, fostering awareness and promoting a tobacco-free lifestyle.

### **Cultivating Green Sermons: Save Forests, Plant Trees Symposium**

In April 2015, spearheaded a symposium and sensitization program at the University of Kashmir, titled "Green Sermon - Save Forests, Plant Trees." This initiative aimed to instill environmental consciousness, advocating for the preservation of forests and the importance of tree planting.

### **Harmony in Green: World Environment Day Seminar and Drawing Competition**

Celebrating World Environment Day on June 5, 2015, orchestrated a seminar and drawing competition. This event, themed "Harmony in Green," aimed to foster awareness and creativity, encouraging participants to reflect on environmental conservation through art and intellectual discourse.

### **Safeguarding Lives: Coordinating the National Conference on Patient Safety and Drug Regulatory Scenario in India**

Participated in and coordinated a transformative three-day National Conference on "Patient Safety and Drug Regulatory Scenario in India." This significant event, organized in collaboration with the Partnership for Safe Medicines (PSM) India Initiative and the Government of India, took place from May 19th to 21st, 2015, at the University of Kashmir, Srinagar. The conference aimed to address critical issues concerning patient safety and regulatory frameworks in the pharmaceutical domain, contributing to advancements in healthcare standards.

### **Healing Hearts and Souls: Medical and Social Service Camp on Shab-e-Me'raj**

Organized a compassionate medical cum social service camp on the auspicious eve of Shab-e-Me'raj. The iconic Dargah Hazratbal shrine became a haven, providing devotees with light refreshments and extending a helping hand to the needy by offering free first aid. This initiative sought to blend medical care with social service, embodying the spirit of community and compassion.

### **IIPA/DSW Annual Debate on the Man-Made Catastrophe of September 2014 Floods**

Played a pivotal role in coordinating and organizing the IIPA/DSW annual debate held at the University of Kashmir on 1st August 2015. The intellectually charged discourse revolved around the critical topic, "September 2014 Floods in the State: A Man-Made Catastrophe." This platform facilitated a thorough exploration of perspectives, contributing to a deeper understanding of the events that unfolded during that challenging period in the state's history.

### **Pioneering Change: North Zone Governors Annual Debate on Crime Prevention Laws**

Led the coordination and organization of the ground-breaking North Zone Governors Annual Debate Competition, held at the University of Kashmir from 9th to 10th October 2015. The event delved into the crucial theme, "Laws are not Powerless in Preventing Crime against Women and Children," fostering an environment for insightful discussions and strategies to address these pressing societal concerns. This pioneering initiative aimed to inspire positive change and encourage dialogue on effective legal frameworks for crime prevention.

## **Professional engagements in 2014**

### **Nurturing Youth Parliament Competitions**

Participated in a prestigious National Workshop on Youth Parliament competitions at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, organized by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, Government of India from 28th to 29th September 2014. This enriching experience contributed to honing skills and understanding the essence of parliamentary procedures, fostering a deeper engagement with the democratic process.

### **Seminar on the Enduring Values of Ashura (Karbala)**

Organized a profound one-day seminar on the "Values of Ashura (Karbala) and Sacrifices of Hazrat Imam-e-Hussain (AS)" on 22nd November 2014. This enlightening event aimed to delve into the timeless lessons and principles emanating from the historic events of Karbala, fostering a deeper understanding of the enduring values and sacrifices embodied by Hazrat Imam-e-Hussain (AS).

### **Inter-School/Inter-College/Inter-University Parliamentary Debate Tournament**

Initiated and coordinated the first ever Inter-School/Inter-College/Inter-University Parliamentary Form of Debating Tournament from 26th to 28th November 2014 at the University of Kashmir. This ground-breaking event provided a platform for diverse educational institutions to engage in parliamentary-style debates, fostering intellectual discourse and honing the debating skills of participants.

### **Annual IIPA/DSW Debating Competition on the Impact of Information Technology**

Led the organization and coordination of the Inter-College/Inter-University Annual IIPA/DSW Debating Competition on 20th December 2014. The compelling debate focused on the topic "Information Technology has Adversely Affected Reading, Writing, and Retention Capabilities of Youth," providing a platform for insightful discussions and intellectual exploration.

### **World AIDS Day Awareness Program and Poster Competition**

Initiated and co-coordinated an impactful awareness program and poster competition on the occasion of World AIDS Day, observed on 1st December 2014. The event aimed to foster understanding, raise awareness, and promote creative expression through the powerful medium of poster art, contributing to the global effort in combating HIV/AIDS.

### **29th National Inter University Youth Festival**

Initiated cultural journey and facilitated the participation of University students in the 29th National Inter University Youth Festival at Kurukshetra University, Haryana, from February 18th to 22nd, 2014. A celebration of diverse talents and vibrant performances marked our presence at this prestigious festival.

## **Professional engagements in 2013**

### **Earth Day Poster and Debating Competition**

Led the organization of a vibrant Poster and Debating Competition in celebration of Earth Day, observed on May 1, 2013, within the University Campus. The event fostered environmental consciousness and provided a platform for students to express their views creatively through posters while engaging in insightful debates on critical ecological issues.

### **Blood Donation Camp for a Cause**

Initiated and orchestrated a significant Blood Donation Camp on May 15, 2013, within the University Campus. This humanitarian endeavor aimed to contribute to the well-being of the community by encouraging voluntary blood donations. The event successfully gathered individuals dedicated to saving lives through this selfless act of generosity.

#### **Advocating Environmental Consciousness Through Art**

In celebration of World Environment Day on June 05, 2013, orchestrated an engaging Poster Competition within the University Campus. The theme, "THINK, EAT, AND SAVE," sought to ignite creativity and environmental consciousness among participants. This event served as a platform for artistic expression, fostering awareness about sustainable practices for the betterment of our planet.

#### **Empathy in Action: Social Service Camp**

On June 14, 2013, orchestrated a meaningful Social Service Camp within the University Campus. This initiative exemplified the spirit of community and compassion. Devoting time and effort, the camp aimed to make a positive impact by addressing local needs, reflecting the commitment to social responsibility and community welfare.

#### **Diplomatic Discourse: A Session with Ambassador Michael Steiner**

On July 01, 2013, curated a distinguished interaction session within the University Campus featuring His Excellency, Ambassador of Germany, Mr. Michael Steiner. This exclusive event facilitated a cross-cultural exchange of ideas and insights, fostering diplomatic understanding and global perspectives among the academic community.

#### **Echoes of Elegance: Husn-E-Qirat Competition**

On August 05, 2013, orchestrated an enchanting event, the Husn-E-Qirat Competition, within the University Campus. This competition celebrated the artistry and beauty of Quranic recitation, providing a platform for participants to showcase their eloquence and spiritual resonance.

#### **Enlightening Futures: Right To Education Act Workshop**

On September 12-13, 2013, steered a transformative Two-Day Workshop at the University Campus, exploring the profound dimensions of the Right To Education Act. This event aimed to empower attendees with insights into the pivotal legislation, fostering a deeper understanding of educational rights and promoting a commitment to inclusive learning environments.

#### **Echoes of Eloquence: IIPA & DSW Annual Debating Competition**

On September 24, 2013, orchestrated the prestigious IIPA & DSW Annual Debating Competition within the vibrant University Campus. This event not only showcased the art of eloquent expression but also provided a platform for intellectual discourse, fostering a culture of critical thinking and effective communication among participants.

#### **State Level Conference: Paving the Way Forward**

On September 28 & 29, 2013, spearheaded a transformative event, the "Empowerment of Women in Panchayats - the Road Ahead" State Level Conference. In collaboration with the Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, Planning Commission, Govt. of India, and UNDP, this conference unfolded within the University Campus. It served as a dynamic platform for dialogue, insights, and strategies, fostering a vision for the empowerment of women in local governance.

#### **Expressions of Reflection: Muharram Unveiled**

On October 02, 2013, orchestrated a profound showcase titled "Expressions of Reflection: Muharram Unveiled." This amalgamation of Photo, Painting, and Poster Exhibition delved into the depth of Muharram, offering a visual narrative that stirred contemplation and introspection. The University Campus became a gallery of artistic interpretations, capturing the essence of this significant Islamic month.

### **Sonzal-2013: A Kaleidoscope of Talents Unleashed**

From October 31st to November 6th, 2013, orchestrated the vibrant "Sonzal-2013," an Intra-University Youth Festival. This week-long celebration transformed the University Campus into a lively spectacle, where talents of diverse forms converged. From artistry to intellect, the festival was a kaleidoscope of performances, competitions, and cultural expressions that illuminated the spirit of the youth.

### **Raising Awareness: World AIDS Day Poster Competition**

Collaborated with the Times of India Group to organize a compelling Poster Competition on December 3, 2013, at the University of Kashmir. The event marked the observance of World AIDS Day, bringing together creativity and advocacy to raise awareness about this crucial global issue.

### **Empowering Voices: International Women's Day Debating Competition**

Celebrated International Women's Day on March 8th, 2014, by organizing a thought-provoking Debating Competition at the University of Kashmir. The event aimed to amplify diverse perspectives and foster dialogue on issues crucial to women's empowerment.

### **Intellectual Odyssey, National Education Day Debating Competition**

Marked National Education Day on November 11, 2013, with an engaging Debating Competition at the University of Kashmir. This event encouraged students to explore educational discourse, celebrating the pursuit of knowledge and the importance of education in shaping the future.

### **Artistic Voices: International Day of Persons with Disabilities Poster Competition**

Fostered inclusivity and creativity on December 3, 2013, by organizing a Poster Competition at the University of Kashmir, marking the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Through artistry, the event aimed to raise awareness and celebrate the diverse abilities within the community.

### **29th North Zone Inter University Youth Festival**

Engaged and guided University students to participate in the 29th North Zone Inter University Youth Festival at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Lucknow, creating a symphony of talents from November 15th to 19th, 2013. Together, we showcased the essence of unity through diverse cultural expressions.

### **Cultural Confluence: 7th South Asian University Festival"**

Actively participated in and supported Indian university students during the 7th South Asian University Festival, a vibrant celebration of diversity and cultural exchange organized by the Association of Indian Universities and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The festival unfolded at Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar, from March 10th to 23rd, 2014. Together, we contributed to the rich landscape of South Asian cultural harmony.

## **Professional engagements in 2012**

### **Harmony with Earth: A Week-Long Celebration**

Initiated and orchestrated a dynamic week-long event titled "Earth Day Celebrations," commemorating the 42nd anniversary of Earth Day. From April 22nd to 30th, 2012, the University campus buzzed with activities promoting environmental awareness, sustainability, and a collective commitment to our planet's well-being. The event fostered a sense of responsibility and unity in safeguarding our shared home, Earth.

### **Tagore's Legacy: A Commemorative Seminar**

In honor of the 150th birth anniversary of the Nobel Laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore, the University organized a thought-provoking seminar on May 9th, 2012. This event delved into the profound impact of Tagore's work, celebrating his rich literary contributions and exploring the timeless relevance of his ideas in the contemporary world. The seminar aimed to inspire a deeper understanding and appreciation of Tagore's enduring legacy.

### **Global Perspectives: A Cross-Cultural Interaction Program**

In a bid to foster global understanding and cultural exchange, the University hosted an engaging Interaction Programme with students from Syracuse University, USA. Taking place from May 21st to 27th, 2012, this initiative provided a platform for meaningful dialogue, collaborative learning, and the exchange of diverse perspectives. Through interactive sessions and shared experiences, students from both institutions had the opportunity to broaden their horizons and build lasting connections in the spirit of international camaraderie.

### **Clearing the Air: World No Tobacco Day Seminar**

On May 31, 2012, the University of Kashmir took a proactive stance against the hazards of tobacco by organizing an insightful seminar. Aligned with World No Tobacco Day, this event aimed to raise awareness about the detrimental effects of tobacco use on health and well-being. With engaging presentations and expert insights, the seminar served as a platform to encourage a tobacco-free lifestyle, contributing to the broader global efforts for a healthier, smoke-free world.

### **Falsaf-e-Me'raj: An Enlightening Interactive Session**

On June 16, 2012, I had the honor of coordinating and organizing an enlightening session titled "Falsaf-e-Me'raj." This interactive session featured Mufti Nazir Ahmad Qasmi, offering profound insights into the philosophical aspects of Me'raj. The event provided a platform for intellectual discourse, fostering a deeper understanding of this significant spiritual journey. Attendees engaged in a meaningful dialogue, enriching their perspectives on Me'raj and its philosophical dimensions.

### **Shab-e-Mer'raj Social Service Camp: Bridging Hearts and Hands**

In a heart-warming initiative, a Social Service Camp was organized on the auspicious occasion of Shab-e-Mer'raj on June 18 and 22, 2012, at Hazratbal Shrine. This compassionate endeavor aimed to bridge hearts and hands, extending support and care to those gathered to observe this sacred night. Devotees experienced the spirit of community as they were provided with essential services, fostering a sense of unity and shared responsibility during this special occasion.

### **Igniting Futures: Entrepreneurship as a Career Option"**

From June 26 to 28, 2012, I took a forward-thinking approach by organizing a series of Extension Lectures focused on "Entrepreneurship as a Career Option." The aim was to ignite the spark of innovation and self-reliance among students, providing valuable insights into the world of entrepreneurship. Through engaging discussions and expert guidance, participants were empowered to consider entrepreneurship as a viable and rewarding career path, paving the way for future trailblazers.

### **Harmony in Recitation: Husn-e-Qirat Competition**

On August 12, 2012, the University of Kashmir resonated with the melodious verses of the Quran as I organized the "Husn-e-Qirat" competition. This event celebrated the beauty and artistry of Quranic recitation, providing a platform for participants to showcase their proficiency and mastery in the art of reciting the holy verses. The competition not only promoted a deeper connection with religious traditions but also fostered an appreciation for the aesthetic aspects of recitation, creating an atmosphere of spiritual harmony and cultural richness on campus.

### **Navigating the Path of Leadership: A Workshop with the US Embassy**

On August 9, 2012, the University of Kashmir hosted a transformative "Leadership Workshop" in collaboration with the Embassy of the United States of America, New Delhi. I organised this engaging event aimed to empower participants with invaluable leadership skills, drawing from the experiences and insights of distinguished leaders. The workshop, supported by the esteemed US Embassy, exemplified a commitment to nurturing future leaders and cultivating a culture of excellence within the university community.



### **Intellectual Arena Unleashed: IIPA-DSW Annual Debating Showdown"**

On September 13, 2012, the University of Kashmir witnessed the grandeur of intellect as I organised the annual IIPA-DSW Debating Competition. This intellectually charged event, meticulously coordinated and organized by me, brought together the sharpest minds on campus. Participants engaged in spirited debates on pressing issues, showcasing eloquence, critical thinking, and a passion for constructive dialogue.

### **An Evening with Former CEC NK Chawla**

In September 2012, I had the honor of hosting an interactive session with the distinguished Former Chief Election Commissioner of India, NK Chawla. The event, aptly titled "Democracy Unveiled," provided students with a rare opportunity to engage directly with a stalwart in the realm of electoral governance. As the university continues to bridge academia with real-world expertise, such interactive sessions stand testament to its commitment to holistic education.

### **Workshop on Earthquake Risk Reduction"**

On October 13, 2012, I took a proactive stance toward disaster preparedness with the organization of a pivotal workshop titled "Ground Shakers: Workshop on Earthquake Risk Reduction." In collaboration with experts in seismology and disaster management, the workshop aimed to equip participants with practical knowledge and strategies to mitigate the impact of earthquakes.

### **Global Horizons: Prof. Russell Mead's Insight"**

In August 2012, I hosted an impactful session with Prof. Russell Mead from Bard College. The event aimed to enlighten students about U.S. scholarship programs. Prof. Mead's expertise in Foreign Affairs and Humanities provided valuable insights, inspiring students to explore global opportunities. This interaction laid the foundation for enhanced international engagement and awareness among Kashmiri students.

### **Empowering Futures: Leadership Program in Mumbai**

In May 2012, I initiated students' participation in a seven-day Leadership Development Programme for Youth organized by Yuvak Biradari Mumbai. This immersive experience aimed to empower and nurture leadership skills among the participants, fostering personal and professional growth. The program contributed to shaping future leaders from the University of Kashmir.

### **Capacity Building for Health Advocates**

In July 2012, I played a pivotal role in organizing and coordinating a six-day induction training program in collaboration with the J&K State AIDS Prevention & Control Society, Department of Health & Medical Education. The program focused on enhancing the skills of project managers, counselors, health educators, and accountants. This initiative aimed to build a strong foundation for effective HIV/AIDS prevention and control efforts in the region.

### **Blood Drive and Awareness: Uniting for a Healthier Tomorrow**

On October 1, 2012, I spearheaded the organization and coordination of a dual initiative at the University Campus in collaboration with the J&K State AIDS Prevention and Control Society. The event included a dynamic poster competition to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and a commendable blood donation camp. This dual effort aimed to promote health education, community involvement, and solidarity in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

### **Sonzal-2012: A Landscape of Talent Unleashed**

In a spectacular showcase of creativity and skill, I orchestrated the 5th Edition of the Intra University Youth Festival, "Sonzal-2012," held at the University of Kashmir. Spanning seven days, this vibrant celebration featured a kaleidoscope of sixteen events, including Music, Theatre, Dance, Literary, and Fine Arts. "Sonzal-2012" was a testament to the rich landscape of talent within the university, fostering a spirit of artistic excellence and cultural appreciation.

### **28th North Zone Inter University Youth Festival**

In a jubilant display of talent and cultural prowess, the students of the University of Kashmir under my direction left an indelible mark at the 28th North Zone Inter University Youth Festival held at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, from November 7th to 11th, 2012. Participating and facilitating our students in this prestigious event was a testament to our commitment to nurturing and showcasing the diverse talents within our university community.

### **Kashmir University Excels at National Youth Festival**

Initiated the participation of Kashmir University Students at the 28th All India Level Inter University National Youth Festival held at Kalyani University, West Bengal, from January 5th to 9th, 2013. Our students' outstanding performances highlighted our dedication to nurturing a thriving cultural community.

## **Professional engagements in 2011**

### **Virasat-e-Riyasat Youth Festival**

Led the Cultural Contingent of Kashmir University to Jammu University, participating in the State Level Youth Festival, Virasat-e-Riyasat, held from February 24th to 27th, 2011. The contingent showcased the rich cultural heritage of Kashmir, leaving a lasting impact on the festival.

### **Earth Day Awareness Initiative: Debate and Poster Competitions**

Organized a vibrant event on May 2nd, 2011, featuring debate and poster competitions to raise awareness and express concern for the environment, aligning with the spirit of World Earth Day. Participants engaged in insightful discussions, fostering a sense of environmental responsibility.

### **Art Therapy Empowerment: A 5-Day Workshop**

Conducted a transformative 5-day Art Therapy workshop at the University of Kashmir from April 30th to May 4th, 2011. Renowned art therapist Dena Lawrence, an award-winning professional from Australia, led the workshop, providing participants with a creative and therapeutic experience.

### **Environmental Advocacy: Debates and Posters**

Hosted a dynamic Inter-College/Departmental Debate Competition on May 5th, 2011, exploring the critical topic, "Climate Changes Depleting Glaciers and Water Bodies in Kashmir." Besides organized an impactful Inter-School Poster Competition addressing "Deforestation and its Impact on the Environment" on the occasion of World Earth Day 2011.

### **Combatting Tobacco: A Seminar for World No Tobacco Day**

Conducted an enlightening seminar on May 31, 2011, at the University of Kashmir, emphasizing the significance of World No Tobacco Day and promoting awareness about the harmful consequences of tobacco consumption.

### **Preserving Kashmiri Heritage: A Debate on Language Influence**

Organised the Annual Inter-College/Departmental IIPA/DSW Debating Competition on July 16, 2011, centered around the topic "Kashmiri Language is Receding its Influence in Our Homes." The event aimed to foster discussions on the importance of preserving the cultural heritage embedded in the Kashmiri language.

### **Sonzal-2011: Igniting Talents, Celebrating Diversity**

Successfully orchestrated the 5th Edition of the Intra-University Youth Festival, "Sonzal-2011," at the University of Kashmir. The festival featured 19 vibrant events spanning Music, Theatre, Dance, Literacy, and Fine Arts, providing a platform for students to showcase their diverse talents and creative expressions.

### **26th National Inter University Youth Festival"**

Guided the Kashmir University Debating and Fine Arts team to a remarkable participation in the 26th National Inter University Youth Festival hosted by Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. The event, organized by Indian Universities and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, from January 18th to 22nd, 2011. The Kashmir University team showcased exceptional talent and enthusiasm, leaving a lasting impression on the national stage.

## **Professional engagements in 2010**

### **Empowering Voices: Seminar on Domestic Violence Against Women**

Conducted a impactful two-day seminar, "Domestic Violence against Women," on January 22nd and 23rd, 2010, at the University Campus. The event aimed to raise awareness, foster dialogue, and empower individuals to address and combat domestic violence against women.

### **Celebrating Strength: International Women's Day Event**

Organized a vibrant event on March 8th, 2010, at the University Campus to commemorate International Women's Day. The celebration highlighted the achievements, resilience, and contributions of women, fostering a spirit of empowerment and equality.

### **Harmony through Knowledge: Seminar on Islam for Universal Peace**

Organized a thoughtful seminar on May 18th, 2010, in the University Campus, exploring Islam as a source of universal peace. The event aimed to foster understanding, dialogue, and promote peaceful coexistence through insightful discussions on Islamic principles.

### **Enlightening Perspectives: Gender Sensitization for Educators**

Conducted an enlightening extension lecture on May 13, 2010, at the University Campus, emphasizing the crucial need for gender sensitization among teachers. The lecture aimed to promote awareness, understanding, and inclusivity within the educational environment.

### **Earth Day Awareness Week: Unveiling Global Warming Impacts**

In May 2010, orchestrated a week-long celebration at the University Campus, exploring the profound impacts of global warming as part of Earth Day Awareness. The initiative aimed to foster understanding and environmental consciousness among the university community.

### **Combatting Tobacco: A Seminar on World No-Tobacco Day**

On May 31, 2010, spearheaded the coordination and organization of a seminar at the University Campus, shedding light on the detrimental effects of tobacco use in commemoration of World No-Tobacco Day. The event aimed to raise awareness and promote a tobacco-free environment.

### **Debating Excellence: Kashmir University at IAPPD Competition**

Led the Kashmir University Debating Team to New Delhi for the 6th Inter-University Debating Competition organized by the Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IAPPD). The event, held from November 19th to 20th, 2010, showcased the university's commitment to excellence in debating.

### **25th North Zone Youth Festival**

Participated and facilitated Kashmir University students in the 25th North Zone Inter University National Youth Festival at Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, from November 21st to 25th, 2010. The university showcased its cultural prowess, contributing to the vibrancy of the esteemed festival.

### **Artistic Brilliance on Display at 25th National Youth Festival"**

Participated and facilitated students from Kashmir University in the 25th National Inter University Youth Festival at M.D. University, Rohtak, Haryana, from February 2nd to 6th, 2010. The university's talented participants showcased their artistic brilliance, contributing to the vibrant cultural atmosphere of the prestigious festival.

### **All India Inter-University English Debating Competition**

Participated and facilitated students from Kashmir University in the All India Inter-University Sir Syed Memorial English Debating Competition organized by Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, on January 7th, 2010. The university's eloquent debaters showcased their exceptional speaking skills, making a mark in this prestigious competition.

### **Students Enrich Perspectives in Global Leadership Program**

Facilitated Kashmir University students to participate in the "Study of the U.S. Institute for Global Student Leaders" program in 2010, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, USA. This initiative broadened their horizons, fostering global leadership skills and cross-cultural understanding among the participants.

## **Professional engagements in 2009**

### **24th National Youth Festival**

Participated and facilitated students from the University of Kashmir in the 24th National Youth Festival at Vidyasagar University, Mednapore, West Bengal, held from January 19 to 23, 2009. The event, organized by the Association of Indian Universities, showcased the diverse talents and achievements of Kashmiri youth on a national platform.

### **Cultural and literary exchange program at Guru Nanak Dev University,**

Led and facilitated a group of 30 students from the University of Kashmir for a successful cultural and literary exchange program at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, in March 2009. The initiative fostered collaboration and showcased the rich cultural tapestry of Kashmiri students on a broader stage.

### **Triumph at Jhankaar-2009: Kashmir University Shines**

Led a 30-member contingent from the University of Kashmir to the National Youth Festival, "Jhankaar-2009," at Punjab University, Chandigarh. Secured an outstanding 15 awards, including first prizes in Group Discussion, Cartoon, Painting, Group Song, and Best Folk Dance, showcasing the cultural excellence of Kashmiri students and clinching the overall championship trophy.

### **Resurgence-2009 Triumph: Kashmir University's Artistic Showcase**

Guided and led an 11-member team from the University of Kashmir to the State-level Youth Festival, "Resurgence-2009," hosted by Shree Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, in April. Showcased exceptional talent, contributing to the cultural vibrancy of the event.

### **Breaking Stigmas: HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**

Organized a comprehensive HIV/AIDS Awareness Program on August 17, 2009, aiming to enlighten students, scholars, and faculty members at the University of Kashmir. Focused on breaking stigmas and fostering understanding about HIV/AIDS within the university community.

### **Global Leadership Training: US Institute for Global Students Leaders 2009**

As part of a cultural exchange initiative, I facilitated the training of two University students to participate in the Study of the US Institute for Global Student Leaders 2009. Sponsored by the US Department of State, this program aimed to enhance leadership skills among student leaders from around the world.

### **Shaping Perspectives: Students at All India Sir Syed Memorial Debate 2009**

I actively participated in and facilitated University of Kashmir students at the All India Sir Syed Memorial Debate held at Aligarh Muslim University from January 27 to 29, 2009. This event provided a valuable platform for fostering intellectual growth and shaping diverse perspectives.

### **Harmony in Diversity: Students at 25th North Zone Inter University Youth Festival 2009"**

I led a group of twenty-nine students from the University of Kashmir to actively participate in the 25th North Zone Inter University Youth Festival, hosted by Kurukshetra University in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, from November 16 to 20, 2009. The event showcased the vibrant cultural tapestry and talents of our students, fostering unity and diversity on a regional platform.

## **Professional engagements in 2008**

### **Global Connections: UoK Meets U.S. Universities"**

Organized a dynamic interaction between University of Kashmir students and peers from U.S. universities on June 2, 2008. The session facilitated cultural exchange and insightful discussions, fostering global understanding.

### **Space Militarization Lecture**

Conducted an enlightening extension lecture on "The Danger of Weaponization and Militarization of Space" featuring Mr. Narayana Rao, General Secretary of All India Peace & Solidarity Organization, Maharashtra State, at the University of Kashmir on June 14, 2008.

### **Cross-Cultural Exchange at University of Kashmir**

Facilitated a vibrant cultural exchange program between the students of University of Kashmir and Jammu University on June 23, 2008.

### **IIPA Cup: Curbing Corruption through Public Will**

Conducted the 5th Annual IIPA Cup Inter College/Departmental Debate on July 19, 2008, at the University of Kashmir. The debate, sponsored by the Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch, focused on the compelling topic, "It is the will of people that can curb the menace of corruption in society.

### **Global Stand Up Against Poverty 2008**

Coordinated and led the Global Stand Up and Take Action campaign against poverty on October 19, 2008, at the University of Kashmir. The event garnered support and sponsorship from the United Nations Organization (UNO), Delhi Head.

### **"IAPPD Inter-Departmental/College Debating Competition 2008**

Facilitated and organized the Annual IAPPD Inter-Departmental/College Debating competition at the University of Kashmir on October 22, 2008, sponsored by the Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IAPPD). The focus of the competition was on Population and Environment.

### **Youth Cultural Exchange Program to China 2008**

Facilitated and trained four students from the University of Kashmir under the Youth Cultural Exchange Program organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, leading them on a visit to the People's Republic of China in 2008. The program aimed to prepare youth for the future, promote global understanding, and foster respect among participants in the evolving global order.

### **Sonzal-2008: A Celebration of Youth and Culture**

Organized the vibrant 2nd edition of the Kashmir University Youth Festival, Sonzal-2008, from November 5th to 12th. The festival showcased the diverse talents and cultural richness of the youth, fostering a spirit of creativity and unity.

### **IAPPD Annual Debate 2008: Nurturing Debating Excellence**

Led and trained the Kashmir University Debating Team for the annual IAPPD (Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population & Development) Debate in New Delhi on November 21-22, 2008, fostering debating excellence and intellectual growth.



### **Jhankaaar 2008: Showcasing Cultural Brilliance**

Guided the Cultural and Literary Club of the University of Kashmir, consisting of 20 talented students, to the National Youth Festival Jhankaaar 2008 at Punjab University Campus, Chandigarh, from March 3-6, where they showcased their cultural brilliance.

### **North Zone Youth Festival 2008**

Led the vibrant Cultural Contingent of Kashmir University to the 24th North Zone Youth Festival 2008 at Punjab University, Chandigarh. Collaborating with the Association of Indian Universities and sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, the event unfolded from December 13-17, showcasing the diverse talents and cultural richness of Kashmir University.

### **Inspiring Reflections: Elocution Competition on Gandhian Philosophy**

Organized a thought-provoking Elocution Competition at Kashmir University on October 1, 2007, aligning with the International Day of Non-Violence. The event, themed "Relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in Contemporary World," aimed to ignite insightful discussions on the enduring wisdom of Mahatma Gandhi's principles in our modern era.

## **Professional engagements in 2007**

### **Sonzal: Igniting Talent, Unveiling Potential"**

Served as the Chief Organizer of the first ever "Sonzal," the groundbreaking Intra-University Youth Festival at Kashmir University, spanning from November 1st to 12th, 2007. This pioneering event aimed to showcase and celebrate the diverse talents and potential within the university, fostering a vibrant cultural and intellectual atmosphere.

### **Harmony in Diversity: North Zone Youth Festival 2007**

Led the Cultural Contingent of Kashmir University in the North Zone Youth Festival 2007. Collaborating with Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, this event from December 1st to 5th, 2007, was a celebration of diversity and cultural richness, promoting unity among the participating universities under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

### **Sofyana Rhythms: Cultural Extravaganza 2007**

Organized a captivating Sofyana cultural program for the students and faculty of the University of Kashmir on May 31, 2007. This enriching event, sponsored by the J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Language, Srinagar, showcased the cultural vibrancy and artistic talent of the region.

### **Annual IIPA debate competition**

Organized the prestigious annual debate competition under the banner of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) at the University of Kashmir on September 1, 2007. The engaging debate explored the theme, "Lack of Proper Academic Environment: A Hurdle for Kashmiri Youth in Competitive Examinations." This event aimed to foster critical thinking and dialogue among students.

### **Harmony in Diversity: IEA Annual Conference Cultural Program 2007**

In celebration of the 90th Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association (IEA), a vibrant cultural program was orchestrated at the University of Kashmir on October 28, 2007. This event not only showcased the rich cultural tapestry but also provided a platform for cultural exchange, fostering camaraderie among the conference delegates.

## **Driving Cultural Exchange: Honorary Secretary General, Delphic Council of J&K**

Serving as the (Honorary) Secretary General of the Delphic Council of Jammu and Kashmir, I have been deeply involved in fostering cultural exchange and artistic collaboration since 2017. Through my association with the International Delphic Movement, I have organized numerous events and activities aimed at connecting artists and professionals from Jammu and Kashmir with the global Delphic community.

### **Highlights of my contributions include:**

Participating in the prestigious First National Delphic Summit in Gurugram, New Delhi in 2022 was a remarkable experience. It provided a platform for artists, filmmakers, and leaders of the Delphic Movement from across the nation to exchange ideas and celebrate artistic expression. It was an honor to contribute to this dynamic forum shaping the future of the arts in our country.

Organized the 2nd National Delphic Summit at the University of Kashmir, featuring the innovative Delphic Art Wall event, which served as a platform for local artists to showcase their talents. Welcomed esteemed guests, including Presidents, Secretary Generals, and initiators of the Delphic Movement, fostering cultural exchange and artistic collaboration.

Initiated and conducted a series of engaging online interactive talks featuring esteemed artists, poets, and professionals from Jammu and Kashmir and beyond, facilitating knowledge exchange and creative dialogue in the artistic community.

Attended and facilitated the online participation of Kashmiri artists in a program commemorating the 28th foundation day of the Delphic Movement in Jammu. Instrumental in connecting Kashmiri artists with their counterparts in France, initiating a cultural exchange program that marked the beginning of a vibrant cultural fusion between Jammu and Kashmir, India, and France.

Connected Kashmiri artists with IDC Delphians through a hybrid event commemorating the 29th Anniversary of the IDC Delphic Movement, hosted at the University of Kashmir.

*(These initiatives are designed to foster cultural diversity, artistic expression, and collaboration, both locally and globally, thereby enriching the cultural landscape of Jammu and Kashmir.)*

## **As Freelance Art Director**

### **Theatrical Virtuoso and Cultural Luminary**

*(Explore the significant chapters of my influential venture in the world of theatre):*

#### **North Zone Theatre Festival (2005)**

Directed and designed One Act Play and presented at the North Zone Theatre Festival in M D University Rohtak.

#### **Jammu University Triumph (2005):**

Directed and designed One Act Play and presented at the North Zone Theatre Festival in Jammu University.

#### **Global Stage at Punjab University (2006):**

Directed Kashmir University Contingent at the International Youth Festival "Jhankaar," Punjab University.

**Artistic Collaboration (2004-06):**

Collaborated with Mr. M.K. Raina, contributing as Actor, Manager, Back-stage maestro, and Technical Assistant.

**Production Management Maestro (2005-06):**

Played a vital role in Production Management with Mayur Arts International.

**Cultural Leadership at GNDU (2006):** Led the Kashmir University Cultural Contingent at the North Zone Inter-University Youth Festival hosted by Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar. Acted as the Team Incharge for the Kashmir University Cultural Contingent during the North Zone Inter-University Youth Festival in 2006, sponsored by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi.

**personal and academic growth**

*(Engaged in a transformative journey of personal and academic growth, my participation in various seminars, workshops, and symposia from 2001 to 2006 reflects my commitment to holistic development):*

**Conflict Preparedness First-Aid Training Program (2006):**

Actively participated in a 5-day program organized by the Indian Red Cross Society, J&K State Branch, showcasing my dedication to emergency response and community well-being.

**Workshop on Developing Durable Peace Process and Partners (2006):**

Engaged in a workshop by Delhi Policy Group, University of Kashmir, and European Union-India Economic Cross Cultural Program, demonstrating my interest in fostering lasting peace initiatives.

**Conference on Indian Federalism at Work (2006):**

Participated in the conference on "Indian Federalism at Work" on 25-27 Aug. 2006 at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC). Organized by the Institute of Social Sciences in collaboration with the University of Kashmir, University of Jammu, and the Centre for Federal Studies, Hamdard University, showcasing my interest in political structures and governance.

North Zone Inter-University Youth Festival (2004): Participated in the North Zone Inter-University Youth Festival organized by the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi, at Kurukshetra University, Haryana, from 12th to 16th January 2004. Participated in events such as Skit, One Act Play, and Mime, demonstrating my passion for dramatic arts.

Acted in the stage play "Waqtsaaz," a Kashmiri presentation of Hindi writer Bhasham Sahni's first play "Hanoosh," directed by Mr. M.K. Raina in 2004. (Production: National School of Drama, New Delhi.)

Acted in the stage play "Jaloos," an adaptation of Badal Sarkar's Hindi play "Jaloos," directed by Mr. M.K. Raina in 2005. (Production: National School of Drama, New Delhi.)

Acted in the play "Aawlun," an adaptation of John Millington Synge's "Riders to the Sea" in 2005. (Production: National School of Drama, New Delhi.)

Acted in the play "Tchai," based on the life and kingdom of Maharaja Lalitaditya by Moti Lal Kimo, directed by Mr. M.K. Raina. (Production: National School of Drama, New Delhi.)

Represented University of Kashmir in the North Zone Youth Festival organized by Association of Indian universities and Ministry of Youth affairs, Government of India and Bundelkhand University, Jhansi from 26th to 30th November, 2004. (Second Position)

**International Youth Festival Ghoomar (2003):** Represented the University of Kashmir in an international youth festival held from 08th to 10th August, 2003 showcasing my commitment to cultural exchange and collaboration.

Embraced the spirit of service by actively participating in University of Kashmir's Social Service camps during sacred occasions like Eid-i-Milad-Un-Nabi and Sri Akhand Path Sahib, fostering community bonds in 2003 and 2004.

Demonstrated intellectual prowess and passion for learning through participation in the Essay Competition organized by the esteemed Iqbal Institute at the University of Kashmir, showcasing dedication to academic excellence in July 2002.

Explored the realms of creativity and expression by engaging in the Hussaini Mushaira, a platform organized by the Dean of Students Welfare at the University of Kashmir in 2002, celebrating the richness of our cultural heritage.

Cultivated a thirst for knowledge and understanding by actively competing in the Seerat-ul-Nabi Quiz competition hosted by the esteemed Govt. College of Women, Nawakadal, in July 2001, embodying a commitment to lifelong learning and spiritual growth.

Honed communication skills and confidence by participating in an Inter-college Extempore Speech contest organized by Govt. Degree College for Women, Anantnag, J&K, in June 2001, showcasing the ability to articulate ideas with clarity and conviction.

Engaged in intellectual discourse and exchange of ideas at a one-day Inter-College symposium organized by S P College, Srinagar, in June 2001, fostering a culture of critical thinking and collaboration.

Celebrated artistic expression and cultural diversity by securing the first position in the Hussni Naat Competition held at Amar Singh College, Srinagar, in June 2001, embodying the power of art to inspire and uplift communities.

Demonstrated a commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability by participating in the symposium on Environment Preservation organized by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, GOI, in July 2001, advocating for a greener and healthier planet.

Embodied resilience and determination by achieving commendable results in both the Road Race and Cycle Race from Amar Singh College to Shalimar Garden in 2001, showcasing the power of perseverance and physical fitness.

Exemplified the spirit of selfless service and social responsibility by volunteering with the National Service Scheme (NSS) throughout my Graduation and Post Graduation, actively contributing to the betterment of society for six enriching years.

*(These inspiring narratives not only highlight my achievements but also convey my values, passions, and commitment to making a positive impact on the world).*

### **Recipient of Prestigious Awards, Honors, and Citations:**

**Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, New Delhi (Government of India)**  
Received prestigious Citation for outstanding participation in the "Orientation Course on Youth Parliament" at Mahabaleshwar, Maharashtra, setting a benchmark for commitment and excellence in April 2018.

**Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, New Delhi (Government of India)**

Recognized for exceptional leadership in orchestrating the "Group Level Youth Parliament Session of 14th National Youth Parliament Competition" at the University of Kashmir, showcasing organizational finesse and dedication to youth empowerment during the academic year 2016-17.

**Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, New Delhi (Government of India)**

Acknowledged for exemplary participation in the "Orientation Course on Youth Parliament" at Hotel Ashok Beach Resort, Puducherry, demonstrating a profound understanding of parliamentary procedures and governance in January 2017.

**Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, New Delhi (Government of India)**

Awarded for notable contribution to the "Orientation Course on Youth Parliament" at Pinewood Hotel, Shillong, exhibiting remarkable insight and enthusiasm towards parliamentary affairs in January 2016.

**Partnership For Saff Medicines India**

Honored for orchestrating the esteemed "5th National Conference on PATIENT SAFETY AND DRUG REGULATORY SCENARIO IN INDIA" at the University of Kashmir, emphasizing dedication to healthcare advancement and public welfare in May 2015.

**Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, New Delhi (Government of India)**

Recognized for distinguished participation in the "Orientation Course on Youth Parliament" at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab, showcasing profound commitment to parliamentary discourse and democratic values in September 2014.

**U.S. Embassy, New Delhi**

Commended for exemplary participation in an Alumni Leadership Workshop on MBTI and understanding personality types, reflecting global leadership potential and intellectual acumen in August 2012.

**Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, New Delhi (Government of India)**

Honored for orchestrating the esteemed "Group Level Youth Parliament Session of 12Th National Youth Parliament Competition" at the University of Kashmir, highlighting visionary leadership and organizational prowess during the academic year 2014-15.

**Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, New Delhi (Government of India)**

Recognized for spearheading the prestigious "National Level Youth Parliament Session Of 12Th National Youth Parliament Competition" at the University of Kashmir, epitomizing dedication to youth engagement and democratic values during the academic year 2014-15.

**J&K State Aids Control Society, Department of Health, Government of Jammu & Kashmir**

Awarded for exemplary coordination of Red Ribbon Club Activities, showcasing commitment to public health and social responsibility in 2018.

**University of Kashmir**

Acknowledged by the Vice Chancellor for exceptional performance as Coordinator of the RED Ribbon Club, including the successful execution of impactful awareness programs and blood donation camps.

**University of Kashmir**

Honored by the Vice Chancellor for outstanding contributions as the University Cultural Officer, including the dynamic organization of youth, cultural, and literary initiatives, fostering creativity and intellectual growth.

*(These awards and citations underscore my dedication, leadership, and significant impact in various spheres, reflecting a commitment to excellence and service.)*



## Achievements:

23rd AIU Inter-University **North Zone** Youth Festival

Held in CSJM Univ, Kanpur from Dec 1-5, 2007.

**Received 4 awards** in Semi Classical Vocal Solo, Poetry Recitation, and Debate.

24th AIU Inter-University **North Zone** Youth Festival

Held in Punjab University, Chandigarh from Dec 13-16, 2008.

**Secured 3 awards** in Poetry Recitation, Debating,

24th AIU Inter-University **National** Youth Festival

Held in Vidyasagar University, Mednapore, West Bengal from Jan. 19-23, 2009.

**Awarded in Debating Competition.**

**All India** Inter-University Sir Syed Memorial English Debating Competition

Hosted by Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh on January 27, 2009.

**Secured First Prize.**

25th AIU Inter-University **North Zone** Youth Festival

Hosted by Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana from November 16-20, 2009.

**Earned 4 awards** in Group Song Indian, Debating, Poster, and Cultural Procession Competitions.

Jhankar **National** Youth Festival

Hosted in Panjab University, Chandigarh from March 5th to 8th, 2009.

Achieved the title of Overall Champions, **receiving 15 awards.**

**State level** Youth Festival RESURGENCE-2009

Hosted by Shree Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, in April 2009.

Secured six awards in Monochromatic Painting Blending two Arts, Tattoo Designing contest, and **won the second prize** in the Debating Competitions.

25th AIU Inter-University **National Youth** Festival

Hosted by M.D. University, Rohtak Haryana from Feb. 2-6, 2010.

**Received an award in Debating Competition.**

**All India** Inter-University Sir Syed Memorial English Debating Competition

Held in Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh on January 7, 2010.

**Achieved the 2nd Prize.**

26th AIU Inter-University **North Zone** Youth Festival

Hosted by Bundelkhand University, Jhansi from Nov 21-25, 2010.

**Earned three awards** in Poster, Debating, and Photography Competitions.

26th AIU Inter-University **National Youth** Festival

Hosted by Sri Venkateshwara University, AP from Jan 18-22, 2011.

**Received 2 awards** in Debating and Photography Competition.

**State Level** Festival "Virasat-e-Riyasat"

Organized by Jammu University, Jammu from January 24th to 27th, 2011 at Jammu University.

**Secured 5 prizes** in Group Song, Theatre, Dance, and Music categories.

27th AIU Inter-University **North Zone** Youth Festival

Hosted by Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar from November 22-26, 2011.

**Received 2 Awards** in Debating Competition and Quiz Competition.

27th AIU Inter-University **National Youth** Festival

Hosted by RTM University, Nagpur from January 22-26, 2012.

**Achieved one** award in Elocution Competition.

28th AIU Inter-University **North Zone** Youth Festival

Hosted by GND University, Amritsar from November 7-11, 2012.

**Earned 4 awards** in Debating, Elocution, Quiz Competition, and Cultural Procession.

28th AIU Inter-University **National Youth** Festival

Hosted by Kalyani University, West Bengal from January 5-9, 2013.

Received **one award** in Elocution Competition.

29th AIU Inter-University **North Zone** Level Youth Festival

Hosted by Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from November 14th to 18th, 2013.

Secured **2nd Prize** in Collage Competition.

29th AIU Inter-University **National Youth** Festival

Hosted by Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana from February 15th to 22nd, 2014.

Achieved **2nd Prize** in Collage Competition.

**7th South Asian University Festival 2014**

Represented the **Indian Delegation** in the 7th South Asian University Festival (7th SAUFEST) hosted by Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar, Punjab.

Facilitated by Association of Indian Universities and Ministry of Youth Affairs, Govt. of India, and facilitated by UGC from March 11th to 15th, 2014.

**12th Group** Level Youth Parliament Competition

Organized by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, New Delhi in April 2015.

**Awarded the First Prize.**

**12th National** Level Youth Parliament Competition

Organized by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, New Delhi in September 2015.

**Achieved Third Prize (All India Level).**

AIU **30th North** India Level Inter University Youth Festival

Dated January 15th to 19th, 2015.

**Secured 4 prizes** in Quiz, Fine Arts, and Cultural Procession.

AIU **31st North** India Level Youth Festival

Dated January 14th to 18th, 2016.

**Earned two awards** in light vocal Indian and poster categories.

**32nd North** India Level Youth Festival

Dated January 2nd to 6th, 2017 at Chattrapati Shahu Ji Mahraj University, Kanpur.

**Won two prizes** in Installation and Cultural Procession.

All India Level **32nd National** Youth Festival "SHIVOTSAV-2017"

Dated February 10th to 14th, 2017 at Shivaji University, Kolhapur.

**Secured 2nd prize** in Installation competition.

All India Level **33rd North Zone** Inter-University Youth Festival "2017-18"

Dated January 12th to 16th, 2018 at Maharshi Markandeshwar University, Ambala.

**Achieved five prizes** in Debate, Elocution, Mimicry, Western vocals, and Installation competitions.

All India Level **5th National CU Fest-2018-19**

Organized by Chandigarh University, Mohali from February 9th to 10th, 2018.

**Received three prizes** in Group Song, Western Vocals, and Mimicry competitions.

All India Level **33rd National Youth** Festival "2017-18"

Dated February 16th to 20th, 2018 at Ranchi University, Ranchi.

**Awarded one Prize** in Installation / Fine Arts competition.

All India Level **34th North Zone** Inter-University Youth Festival "2018-19"

Dated December 27th to 31st, 2018 at Punjab University, Chandigarh.

Led the KU team to victory at the 36th Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival hosted by the University of Jammu, organized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi. Secured eight prizes in Elocution, Western Vocal Solo, Clay Modelling, Installation, Collage,

Cultural Procession, Fine Arts, and Folk Orchestra, showcasing excellence in diverse categories. (February 2023)

Achieved notable positions in subsequent festivals, including 4th place in the 'Cultural Procession', 3rd runners-up in Western Music, and 3rd runners-up in 'Collage and Cartoon' competitions at the 37th North Zone Inter-University Youth Festival hosted by Punjabi University, Patiala (February 2024)

*(These achievements demonstrate my consistent excellence in diverse cultural, literary, and parliamentary domains, showcasing leadership and dedication in representing the University of Kashmir at national platforms).*

### **Teaching and Training Experience:**

**Debating and Theatre Arts (2006-Present):** Dedicated to training students in the art of debating, theatre arts, and youth parliament, fostering their skills and passion.

**Academic Counsellor at IGNOU (2004-2011):** Served as an Academic Counsellor at Amar Singh College Srinagar, affiliated with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), guiding students pursuing M.A. in Economics.

### **Supplementary Work Experience:**

As coordinator, Red Ribbon Club (Additional Assignment)

Organize various camps to sensitize and aware the masses about HIV/AIDS.

Blood Donation Camps (quarterly)

Interaction programmes.

Awareness programme through various competitive events like seminars, debates,

Painting poster making .

Street plays

Documentary film festivals

### **Experience in theatre Designing and Direction:**

Designed and directed a play for Kashmir University and performed in M D University Rohtak, Haryana in view of North Zone Theatre Festival 2005. Organised by Association of Indian Universities, Ministry of Youth Affairs and National Aids Control Organisation, New Delhi

Designed and directed a play for Kashmir University and performed in Jammu University, Jammu in view of the North Zone Youth Festival 2005, Organised by Association of Indian Universities, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Govt. Of India

Designed and directed a play for Kashmir University and performed in National Youth Festival "Jhankaar- 2006" organised by Punjab University, Chandigarh and Govt. Of Punjab

### **Publications** (Newspaper / Magazine Articles)

**The Impact of Cultural Tourism on Global Peace: Part-I:** (Featured in Great Kashmir on April 19, 2024)

**More on Cultural Tourism and Global Peace: Part-I:** (Featured in Great Kashmir on April 23, 2024)

**Essence of Eid: Unity in Diversity:** (Featured in North lines on April 12, 2024)

**Colors of Empowerment:** Painting a portrait of respect for women (Featured in Great Kashmir and North Lines on March 8, 2024)

**Two Cities, One Heritage,** Where the Heart of Art, Culture, and Traditions Harmonise Jammu and Srinagar ( Featured in Great Kashmir on February 9, 2024)

**The eternal lesson:** Victory of goodness and love against hatred and evil (Featured in Great Kashmir on January 3 2024)

**Eagles Soaring Amidst the Majestic Peaks** (Part-two- in Great Kashmir on October 10, 2023)

**Beyond the veils of the Valley Featured** in KASHMIR CENTRAL Magazine on October 14, 2023

**Scaling the majestic peaks** (Part-one Featured in Great Kashmir on September 18, 2023)

**From Canvas to Commerce** (Featured in Great Kashmir on September 15, 2023)

**Guiding Lights of the Digital Era** (Featured in Great Kashmir on September 4, 2023)

**The Economics of Happiness** (Featured in Great Kashmir on August 3 2023)

**From Ego to Eco:** The Impact of Economic Interdependence and Inequality on Human Existence(Featured in Great Kashmir on August 17, 2023 and in North lines on August 19, 2023)

**Sailing into Paradise** (Featured in Great Kashmir on July 21, 2024)

**Stress in the slow lane** (Featured in Great Kashmir on July 6, 2023)

**Nurturing Hope:** The Crucial Roles of Parents and Educational Institutions in Combating Drug Addiction Among the Youth featured in Greater Kashmir on June 26, 2023)

**Blessings from Above:** Unraveling the Enigmatic Continuance of Rains in J&K ( Featured in the Greater Kashmir on June 16, 2023 and Northlines June 17, 2023)

**Unveiling the Hidden Gems** (Featured in Great Kashmir on May, 27, 2023)

**Colours and Serenity** at Dal Lake ( Featured in Great Kashmir on May 22, 2023)

**Unraveling the Enigmatic Continuance of Rains** in J&K (Featured in Great Kashmir on May 27, 2023 and in North Lines on May 29, 2023)

**Unlocking Career Readiness:** The Transformative Power of Extra-Curricular Activities featured in Rizing Kashmir on May 26, 2023)

**India's Art Renaissance** Featured in the Multi City Edition of **Times of India** on August 15, 2023

### **Publications in the International Journals**

Cultural Tourism in the Kashmir Valley: A Comprehensive Analysis of Economic Impact and Strategic Development published in the International Journal of Scientific Research in Engineering and Management (Volume 08 issue March 3, 2024) ( ISSN: 2582-3930)

Strategic Pathways to Excel: A Study on Gaining Competitive Advantage in the Global Cultural Tourism Market in the International Journal of Science Technology and Management (Volume No. 13, Issue 02, February 2024 (peer reviewed & refereed Journal) ISSN: (online) 2394-1537 ISSN: Print 2394-1529

### **Other Publications:**

"Sustainable Development"- (Lala Rukh No. 48) Year 2000-01.

Importance of Co-curricular Activities for Students Gulala (Vol:23) 2014-15

"Senior Citizens" Gulala, (Vol. 16) Year 2006.

"Dramatic Presentations" Gulala, (Vol. 15) Year 2005.

"Tobacco- a serious problem" (Lala Rukh No. 49) Year 2002.

"Smoking is Injurious to Health. The Role of Youth to Combat It".Gulala, (Vol. 12)2002.

## **Fiction (Unpublished) Played at National Level**

The One Act Play, "Akher Koun," centered around the theme of Unemployed Educated Youth. It was a self-composed piece that earned recognition at the 7th International Youth Festival held from August 8th to 10th, 2003, at The University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, securing the prestigious 3rd position.

The One Act Play, "Hum Aur Humara Samaj," addressing the issue of the Dowry System in India, was a self-composed creation. This impactful performance took place at the North Zone Youth Festival from January 12th to 16th, 2004, at Kurukshetra University, earning recognition from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

The self-composed skit, "Humanity," emphasizing the equality of human beings, was showcased at the North Zone Youth Festival held from January 12th to 16th, 2004, at Kurukshetra University, under the patronage of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

The self-composed humorous skit, "Operation Theatre," highlighting the carelessness of doctors, was presented at the North Zone Youth Festival held from November 26th to 30th, 2004, at Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, organized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

The self-composed mime, "Humanity," delving into human philosophy, was performed at the North Zone Youth Festival held from November 26th to 30th, 2004, at Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, organized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

## **Language Proficiency:**

English, Deutsche, Hindi, Urdu, Kashmiri. (Efficiency in reading, writing, and speaking).

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## **Salutations:**

- ✓ Approved Grade "A+" Artist Doordarshan
- ✓ Freelance Art Director (Theatre)



