



Special Activities and New Initiatives

## Monthly Report of October 2023

# Doon University, Dehradun

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**Consultative Workshop on**  
**Impoverished Beggary In Dehradun City: Implications for Policy and Interventions**  
*(Organised by the School of Social Sciences, Doon University, Dehradun)*

**18 October 2023**

Beggary is a heart-wrenching issue that continues to persist even in the modern societies despite a fairly good social protection programmes. The city of Dehradun is no exception to this worst form of living. Due to lack of systematic data and research studies, it is difficult to assess the number of those engaged in various forms of begging in the city. This poses a big challenge to make programmes for the rehabilitation of beggars in alternative forms of livelihoods with dignified lives in states like Uttarakhand. The weak interdepartmental coordination further slows the progress of making the city beggar-free. While delivering her inaugural address in the Consultative Workshop on Impoverished Beggary in Dehradun, organised by the Department of Economics, Doon University, Dr. Geeta Khanna, Hon'ble Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Government of Uttarakhand reiterated that beggary can only be eradicated through effective rehabilitation measures aimed at entire family to ensure dignified life.



Speaking on this occasion, **Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Vice Chancellor, Doon University** highlighted the importance of convening this workshop and leveraging the collective expertise to create positive change in Dehradun. She also emphasised the importance of data collection, analysis, and policy implications for beggars and pleaded for society's support in the rehabilitation of beggars through their generous support to institutions engaged in such works. While welcoming the participants of the workshop, Prof. Mamgain, the organiser of the workshop outlined the objectives of the workshop and argued that most of those indulged in begging are from other states. Due to this the rehabilitation measures are generally impractical. He with many other distinguished participants argued that in such

situation, making rehabilitation measures are rather impractical. It was suggested to use the universal social protection schemes such as One Nation-One Ration Card for food security and Right to Education for enrolment of children in elementary schools.

Several important observations came forth during the discussions in the workshop such as changing modus operandi of begging, 'Disguise Beggary', and rampant use of drugs or substance impacting their physical and mental development. Measures to educate their children often do not succeed as their families are not willing to do so. There is a need to relook into different legislations and Standard Operating Procedures aimed at women and child welfare. Above all, coordinated efforts through strong political will are necessary among states from where beggars originate and the destination states.



In his concluding address, Shri H C Semwal, Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Uttarakhand appreciated the initiative of Department of Economics, Doon University for finding answers to the questions relating to nature, forms and causes of beggary and rehabilitation policies and measures to eradicate this inhumane practices of living, by undertaking a comprehensive study under the leadership of Prof. Rajendra P. Mangain. He hoped that the findings of the study will be extremely useful for the evidence-based policy action not only in Dehradun but other parts of the country. Dr. M. S. Mandrawal, Registrar, Doon University and one of the Coordinators of the study extended the vote of thanks to participants of the workshop.

The workshop was attended by state government officials from Women and Child Development Department, Anti Human Trafficking Police, Social Welfare Department, State Child Protection Committee, and representatives of civil society organisations, and the faculty and students of Doon University.



## School of Biological Sciences

1. **Mr Ayush Negi**, first year student of B.Sc. Biological Sciences has participated in the **Asian Mountain Bike Championship 2023** held in Kerala during 26/10/2023 to 29/10/2023.



**Photos of Mr. Ayush Negi during the Asian MTB Championship 2023**

2. **Ms. Molly Bhatt, Ms. Sonali Negi and Ms. Vidushi Negi**, 3rd semester students of the School of Biological Sciences (SoBS) participated in the “Swachata Baithak” discussion on “Waste management and Climate Change” held on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2023.
3. **Ms. Vidushi Negi**, 3rd semester student of the School of Biological Sciences (SoBS) participated in the speech contest on “**Sashakt Uttarakhand @ 2025: Challenges and way ahead**” on **18<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2023** at **Doon University, Dehradun**.

### Participation in Conference/Workshop

1. **Dr. Charu Thapliyal**, faculty of School of Biological Sciences (SoBS) participated a workshop on “Protein Structure Modelling and Visualization” organized by Bioinformatics Facility Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB) on 7th October, 2023.
2. **Dr. S. Bhopen Singh**, faculty of School of Biological Sciences (SoBS) participated a webinar on Plant biodiversity and genetic variations presented by Dr. Madhugiri Nageswara Rao, Geneticist, United States Department of Agricultural Research.

### Faculty Achievements

1. **Dr. Achlesh Daverey**, Coordinator, School of Biological Sciences, an Agreement with Elsevier Limited (UK) to act as **Associate Editor** of **International Biodeterioration & Biodegradation** journal (**Elsevier, IF: 4.8**). (October 16, 2023).
2. **Dr. Achlesh Daverey**, Coordinator, School of Biological Sciences, has been invited to join the **Editorial Board** of **Environmental Management Journal (Springer, IF:3.5)** (October 11, 2023)

3. **Dr. Achlesh Daverey**, Coordinator, School of Biological Sciences, has been enlisted in Top 2% Scientists in the subfield of “**Biotechnology**” by Stanford University and Elsevier (UK) in 2023 (October 4, 2023).

### Dept. of Physics, School of Physical Sciences

Two students from BSc V semester presented their research work in the International Conference on Materials for Energy and Sustainable Development held at JNU Delhi from October 27-29, 2023.



## School Of Management

1. Prof. Gajendra Singh published a research paper:  
Singh G. (2023) The Efficacy of Climate Change on Sustainability of Supply Chain Management. Journal of Indonesian Management, Vol. 3 no. 3 pp 555-566
2. Dr. Sudhanshu Joshi organised Faculty Development Programme (FDP) as *Co-Coordinator*, **AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Sponsored FDP Course Under PM GatiShakti Scheme, "Supply Chain Resilience in the ESG Era" (9-14 Oct 2023)**, in association with Graphic Era Deemed to be University, organised at Graphic Era University

### **Invited Lectures**

**05.10.2023 (Thursday):** Delivered Invited talk on "*From Data to Discovery: How AI is changing the scientific Landscape*", Training programme on "*AI and Machine Learning Applications in Natural Resource Management from Oct 03-07, 2023 for the scientific and technical staff of NRM institutes of ICAR* " **organized by Agricultural Knowledge Management Unit, ICAR- Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Dehradun, India**

**07.10.2023 (Saturday):** Delivered Invited talk on "*From Traditional to data-driven Supply Chains: How AI is changing the research landscape of business research in supply chain management area*", *Online Lecture Series on emerging research areas* **organized by Department of Commerce, HNB Garhwal Central University, Srinagar Garhwal.**

3. Lt. Dr. Smita Tripathi

Patent Filed: Social Responsibility Monitoring Device in Offices.

Paper published entitled " Earning Quality and Corporate Governance Disclosure: A study of Indian Real Estate Sector" in The Chartered Accountant vol 72(65), November 2023.

4. Dr. Prabhat Kumar Singh

Details of Patents Are as follows:

1. Leadership Quality Checking Device.
2. Social Responsibility Monitoring Device in Offices.

Research paper: One Research Paper is in the under review Process in **Journal of Sustainability Science and Management** of Universiti Malaysia Terengganu. Title: **Driving Sustainability: Exploring the Impact of Corporate Social Responsibility Disclosure on the Financial Performance of Selected Indian Automobile Companies.**