

The Spicerian Newsletter



Convocation

Spicer Adventist University held its Fourth Convocation from December 9th to 11th, 2022. It commenced with a consecration service on the evening of Friday, December 9 where Pr. Benoy Tirkey, President of the North India Union of Adventist spoke on the Aim of the Graduating class: "To Serve With Love". The Baccalaureate Service followed this on December 10, where Dr. Edison Samraj, Education Director of Southern Asia Division of Adventist delivered an impactful message on the Motto of the graduating class: "Onward, Forward, Upward". The Convocation concluded on the 11th of December with the Annual Commencement Exercise in which the Chief Guest: Dr. Shankar Subbanarasayya Mantha, Former Chairman, AICTE and Adjunct Faculty of NIAS, Bengaluru addressed the graduating class, motivating them and giving them insightful thoughts. Smt. Shashi Minz, Retired IRS Services and Former Chief Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise, Bhubaneswar, was the Guest of Honour. The degrees were conferred by the President and the Vice Chancellor of Spicer Adventist University, Shri. Ezras Lakra and Dr. Sanjeevan Arsud assisted by the Registrar, the Controller of Examinations, the Deans, and Heads of Departments.

Annual Sports

Spicer Adventist University hosted its Annual Sports event from January 30th to February 1st, featuring four houses with exciting new names: Incredibles, Celestials, Eternals, and Sentinels, replacing the traditional color-based house system. The event showcased a vibrant display of competitive spirit, fostering a sense of sportsmanship among the participants. Students enthusiastically engaged in various sports activities, highlighting the importance of physical exercise and overall well-being. The atmosphere was filled with fun and energy as athletes showcased their skills and teamwork. The event served as a testament to the university's commitment to promoting holistic development and a healthy lifestyle among its students.



Seed



Spicer Adventist University celebrated SEED (Spicer Environmental Emphasis Day) on October 2nd, with active participation from faculty, staff, and students. The event aimed to raise environmental awareness and foster community involvement. The campus was abuzz with activity as individuals came together to clean various areas, each team assigned to specific zones. The collective effort showcased the university's commitment to maintaining a clean and eco-friendly campus. Following the cleanup, participants gathered for a well-deserved lunch, enjoying a sense of camaraderie and shared purpose.

SEED served as a powerful reminder of the importance of environmental stewardship, promoting a sustainable mindset, and fostering a sense of community responsibility. The event exemplified Spicer Adventist University's dedication to creating a greener and more sustainable future.



Cultural Emphasis Day at Spicer Adventist University Showcases Diversity and Unity



On November 6, 2022, Spicer Adventist University hosted its highly anticipated Cultural Emphasis Day, an event that celebrated the rich tapestry of cultures and traditions from around the country and the world.

The day was filled with vibrant performances, featuring 14 different dances from various seminars, including Marathi, Mizo, Myanmar, Indonesia, Tamil, Meghalaya, Bengali, and more. Dr. Suresh Gosavi, Head of the Department of Physics at Savitribai Phule Pune University, graced the occasion as the chief guest, while Advocate Pandurang Thove, President of the Pune Bar Association, was honored as a Guest of Honor. Their presence added prestige and significance to the event, emphasizing the importance of cultural diversity and fostering unity among communities. The performances celebrated each culture's distinct traditions and traditional dances, entralling the audience with mesmerizing choreography and vibrant costumes.



The program gave students and attendees a chance to understand the cultural variety and customs that exist in their own community and beyond.



Overall, the Cultural Emphasis Day at Spicer Adventist University successfully promoted cultural awareness, unity, and appreciation, fostering a sense of belonging and respect among the diverse student body, faculty, and Spicer community as a whole.



Christmas Pageant at Spicer Adventist University

On December 2, 2022, the Spicer House of Prayer hosted a captivating Christmas Pageant titled "The Baby Changes Everything." The event, eagerly anticipated by both the Spicer campus residence and the House of Prayer family, featured talented university students and faculty who brought the story of Jesus' birth to life. The University chorale led the audience in a series of enchanting songs, adding a celestial touch to the pageant. With a strong emphasis on the true meaning of Christmas, the pageant reminded everyone that Jesus is the reason for the season. This heartwarming program served as a highlight event in the Christmas season, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended and spreading the joyous message of love and hope that the season represents.

Spicer Adventist University Staff and Faculty Year-End Get together 2022

The Spicer Staff and Faculty Year-End Get Together 2022 on December 18 was a heartwarming celebration of unity and joy. Faculty and Staff and their families gathered to share in the festivities and celebrate their friendship. The evening began with a lively song service and an encouraging statement by the Vice-Chancellor, which set the tone for the rest of the evening. Employee felicitations brought recognition and appreciation to Dr. Ramchanso and Dr. Hame, the two faculties that completed their Ph.D. studies and contributed to the institution's success.

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Every child relished in the joy of receiving gifts that were arranged by their parents to be distributed by the big Christmas tree, and everyone enjoyed a delicious supper. The atmosphere was vibrant with singing, praise, and worship, creating a sense of spiritual connection. The venue dazzled with beautiful decorations and enchanting lights, enhancing the festive ambiance. Notably, the final football World Cup was streamed on a large display, ensuring nobody missed out on the excitement. Laughter and happiness filled the air, making it a memorable and uplifting gathering for all.

Semester-End Examinations

The semester-end examinations for Spicer Adventist University were conducted from May 4th to 19th, 2023. The examinations were conducted in the management building. The assessments marked the culmination of the semester, evaluating students' knowledge and understanding of the subjects studied.

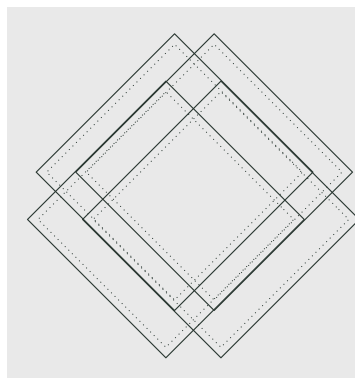
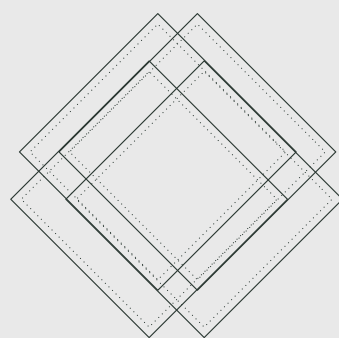
Induction Of Tempo Traveller And Maruti Suzuki Super Carry

On 28th February 2023, two new vehicles were inducted in the fleet, Tempo Traveler and Maruti Suzuki Super Carry.

The University bus will facilitate the movement of the students and teachers. The university bus can be used for field trips, excursions and sports activities.

The University pick up will enable us to transfer freshly baked products such as cake, lamingtons, soya milk, banana cake, brownie from our very own in-house bakery to various parts of the city, such as Salisbury Park, Wonderland. The pick-up vehicle can be used for carrying objects within the campus.

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Ground Breaking Ceremony For The Second Block, Department Of Religious Studies

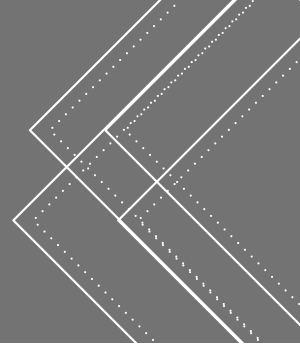
Pr Leroy Samuel (Adventist Risk Management) led the ground breaking ceremony On February 23, 2023 along with Dr Sanjeevan Arsud, Vice Chancellor, SAU, Dr Simon Yesu, Registrar, SAU, Mr M.D John Moses, Chief Finance Officer, SAU and Dr A.S Varekan, Controller of Examinations, SAU joined by the faculty, staff and the students of Religious Studies. This block will be used by the Masters students, it comprises three classrooms and one staff room. This facility will help the department flourish.



Inauguration Of First Block, Department Of Religious Studies



On March 17th 2023 Pr Ezras Lakra, President, Southern Asia Division, Pr Victor John, Secretary, Southern Asia Division and Mr Riches Christian, Treasurer, Southern Asia Division were present for the inauguration of the first block of Religious studies, This block has three classrooms and this will benefit the undergraduate students.



An Interview of Our Vice Chancellor Dr. Sanjeevan Arsud by Mihir Jaiswal: U.S. India SME Council's Incredible Inc.50 Celebrations 2023.

The interview of our honorable Vice Chancellor Dr. Sanjeevan Arsud by Mihir Jaiswal was profiled in the U.S. India SME Council's Incredible Inc.50 Celebrations 2023 Publication. Dr. Sanjeevan threw light on the various aspects of a University. He gave a concise explanation of the role of the Vice Chancellor and also emphasized the importance of harmonious coordination between academics and administration. He described his journey to Vice



Chancellorship as a gradual, consistent growth from being an undergraduate to becoming an assistant professor, associate professor, and professor, to holding other administrative offices and finally being found suitable for the post of Vice chancellor by the sponsoring body, all within the same institution. He commented on the changes that have taken place in the educational sphere over the past few decades and how the focus has evolved to prepare students to be globally competent. The interview closed with Dr. Sanjeevan showcased the uniqueness of Spicer Adventist University, its focus on serving society, and how alumni of Spicer have gone out to become eminent leaders, making a difference around the globe.

Alumni Publications



Elisha Pulivarti, an alumnus of Spicer, currently the President and CEO of the US India SME Council, acknowledges the immense contribution of SMEs (Small and Medium- Sized Enterprises) towards a country's economy. He has published an article in Volume 9, Issue 6 of Excel India, a national English news magazine titled 'NASA-ISRO collaboration good for SMEs: India joining Artemis Accords, a NASA initiative is a major decision in the bilateral relations'. He talks about the recent collaboration between ISRO and NASA and how it will have a positive impact on the SMEs of both India and the US. He comments on how this sharing of information and expertise will open up a window of opportunities in the field of space exploration. He

also adds that this collaboration will pave the way for a range of commercial opportunities benefiting the SMEs of both countries.