
Orientation – cum – Induction - 2024
*“Orientation Program held at Department of Environmental Science
to welcome the new students”*
University School of Vocational Studies and Applied Sciences

The Department of Environmental Science, University School of Vocational Studies and Applied Science successfully organised an Orientation Program for the new batches of students viz. B.Sc. (Hons.) in Environmental Science, M. Sc. in Environmental Science and Ph. D. program on the 8th of August, 2024 (Thursday). The event was attended by Dr. Bhaswati Banerjee, Head of the Department, all the faculty members, freshers, students from senior batch of M.Sc. program and research scholars.

At the outset, Dr. Bhaswati Banerjee, Head of the Department welcomed the new students to the department and made them acquainted about various aspects of the department and programs run under it. Emphasizing on the importance of punctuality and regularity, she encouraged the students to attend the classes sincerely by stating that “being regular and attentive in lectures is like being half prepared for the examinations”. She introduced Prof. N. P. Melkania *in absentia* who is the senior most faculty of the Department and serving the university in the capacity of Dean, USoVSAS and USoBT as well as Dean, Academics.

After the welcome address, Dr. Asha Pandey, Assistant Professor who also holds the position of Warden in one of the hostels spoke at length about the facilities in hostels and acquainted them of the rules and regulations of university. She also encouraged the students to utilize the college facilities - library resources, computer facilities, meditation center etc., and participate in co-curricular activities along with their regular learning and curricular activities. Further, all the faculty members introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of the courses they will be taking in the semester. They boosted the morale of new students with their words and collectively assured the new-comers that they are committed to the process of teaching and learning. Furthermore, various job opportunities after the completion of degree and its relevance in the society were discussed in detail. The students were encouraged to share their concerns, both professional and personal, for an enriching experience. Special emphasis was laid on participation in various events held by department which reverberated the ethos of Department of Environment Science centered around holistic development of students.

Gautam Buddha University had previously organised an orientation and induction programme for all the freshers at university level on 6th - 7th August. It was graced by dignitaries like Prof. Ravindra Kumar Sinha, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Gautam Buddha University, Shri Babloo Kumar, Additional Commissioner of police, Gautam Buddh Nagar and Dr. Rajendra Singh, Ramon Magsaysay Awardee, a renowned conservationist and environmentalist as well as various position holders in administration of Gautam Buddha University. The departmental level orientation program played a crucial role in close interaction amongst the faculty members, seniors and juniors which paved the path for a smooth session ahead.

After the interaction session, the students were taken for a tour around the School building to acquaint them with the lecture hall, laboratories etc. by Dr. Shiv Shankar and Dr. Saba Shirin accompanied by other faculty members as well. The freshers were mesmerised by various state of the art and sophisticated instruments available in the Environmental Science Laboratory. They were given a brief information about each of the instruments and related protocols. The lab tour motivated them to take the practical aspect of their respective programs seriously and pursue research work diligently. Overall, it was a very well organised event which successfully achieved its purpose of acclimatization and orientation of the freshers in the department.

