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### STI Forum 2023

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Co-organised #STIForum 2023 event with @IndiaDSTon Community Resilience Resource Centres for Post-Covid Socioeconomic Recovery. Impactful use cases by @wii\_india @AmritaUni @UPESDehradun on community resilience.

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Leveraging science, tech & innovation (#STI) for #ClimateResilience.

@IndiaDST & @UNDP

IN organized an event at #STI Forum on role of Community Resilience Resource Centres for SDGs & post COVID-19 recovery.

Over 100 participants from 40 countries participated in the forum.



## [The World Design Challenge 2023](https://twitter.com/UPESDehradun/status/1639293355577479169)

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The World Design Challenge 2023 is coming to an end and students from UPES & Algonquin College, Canada are showcasing innovative solutions to global sustainable development challenges. See it LIVE on 27th March.



## World Design Challenge

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UPES is partnering with Algonquin College, Canada via World Design Organisation for the World Design Challenge.

Students from both the schools will put their design skills to the test as they tackle real-world problems.

#StayTuned to know more, begins March 13th.



## Digital Humanities Discussion

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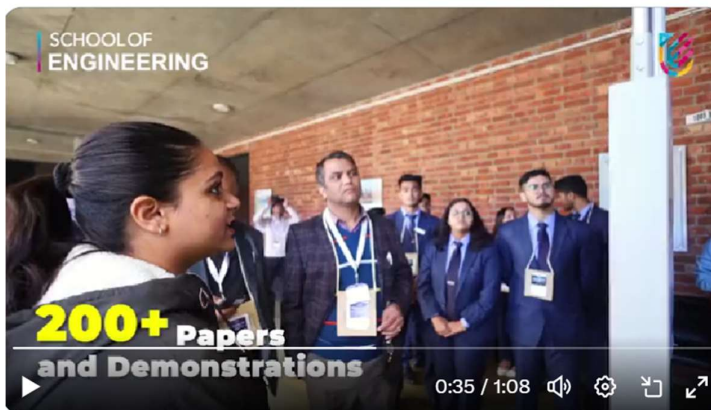
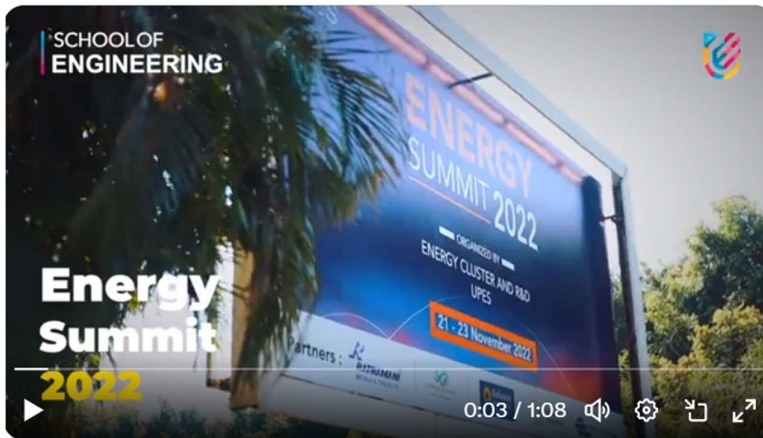
What happened when luminaries from across the globe came together to discuss Digital Humanities? Watch to know what academicians said about its future, its impact on research & the papers presented at the conference.



## [Energy Summit 2022](#)

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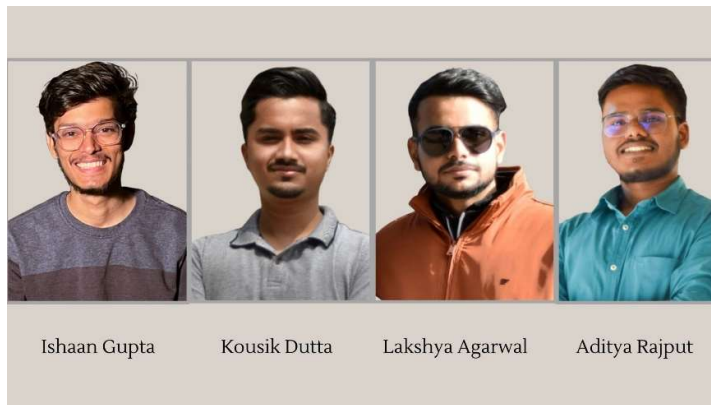
At our Energy Summit 2022, School of Engineering students interacted with global academicians & industrialists. With 1200+ participants & 200+ project demonstrations, students got an opportunity to show their zeal towards leading the nation in its quest for an energy transition.



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Model United Nations (MUNs) provide a platform for students to polish their presentation, documentation and oratorical skills, besides cultivating deep insights on matters of global governance

The UPES MUN Club founded in 2012 hosts International Model United Nations Conference every year. The UPES International MUN is one of the most prestigious diplomatic events in the entire North Indian MUN circuit. The UPES MUN Club also organises MUN workshops to spread awareness amongst students. The club has organised several intra and inter Dehradun MUN conferences for students of various college and schools. Every year 300-400 delegates from institutes like NLU Odisha, St. Josephs School, GGSDS College, GD Goenka, Utkal University and from countries like Sudan, Nepal, Mexico and France, etc., participate in the UPES Annual MUN Conference.

This year, too, they had plans to host International MUN Conference in April, but due to the pandemic, it has been put on hold.

According to Kumar Utkarsh, President, UPES MUN Club,

“Model United Nations is an academic simulation of the United Nations where students play the role of delegates from different countries and attempt to solve real-world issues with the policies and perspectives of their assigned country. Participants get a Study Guide before the conference starts, which briefly outlines both topics and gives a tentative idea of the subject matter. Based on the study guide and the research done, the participants have to write a position paper before the actual conference begins, outlining the point of view of each country previously assigned to the participant.”

MUN provides a platform for students to learn and understand the policies and frameworks at a deeper level as opposed to superficial knowledge of the subject. It allows the participants to engage



in discussions pertaining to international events and sensitizes them towards the various economic, social and military problems faced by countries, eventually paving the way for peaceful coexistence and prosperity. Students, apart from gaining valuable insights on inter-relatedness of things happening in the world, also learn what it takes to be a diplomat and a leader.

Utkarsh recounts his first experience of attending a workshop conducted by the UPES MUN Club in 2016. "The sheer quality of intellect, rigour and purpose, I discovered there, ignited me to work more towards spreading awareness about MUN. I participated in the Intra-Dehradun and the International MUN organised by the club that year. I joined the organising team and continuously stepping up the ladder, today, I lead the team as its President. Being here has helped me to gain a bigger perspective. I also believe that the confidence and people skills I gained here helped me to secure a placement at Nestle in my first attempt," he says.



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The club is committed to upholding the highest standards in terms of compliance, content and student experience. UPES MUN Club has always served the intellectual interests of students and has operated on a no-profit model while allowing all enthusiasts across the globe to participate.

MUNs provide a pedestal to students for upskilling and networking, essential for law and management professionals. MUNs are one of the most diverse events when it comes to utility and soft skills necessary to carve out an advantage in niche fields. Model UN teaches you to remove your personal emotions and look at problems rationally and objectively.

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The exposure enhances the employability factor of students, as they feel much more confident in putting forward their ideas and working with new people.

"Model United Nations conference is a wonderful forum for students to understand global issues. Students study the intricacies of the issues, the history, and the resolutions thereof. It helps students gain leadership skills, debating prowess, knowledge of law, international relations, diplomacy, research, report writing, consensus-building, conflict resolution and cooperation. Insights into global issues and problems motivates youngsters to think about solutions," explains Dr Vinita Singh, Associate Professor, UPES School of Law, and Convener, UPES MUN Club.

## 7th International Conference on Nanostructuring by Ion Beams (ICNIB 2023)

2-4 November, 2023

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ICNIB 2023

The 7th International Conference on Nanostructuring by Ion Beams (ICNIB 2023) is being organized at UPES, Dehradun, from 2-4 November, 2023, jointly with Inter University Accelerator Centre (IUAC) New Delhi.

Ion beam irradiation induced synthesis and modification of nanostructures is the basic theme of this conference.

Topics that will be covered in the conference are:

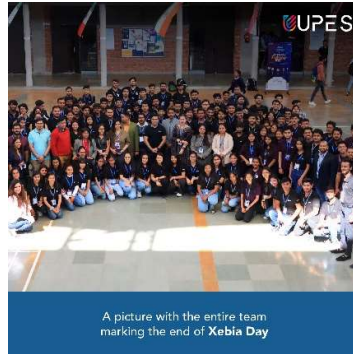
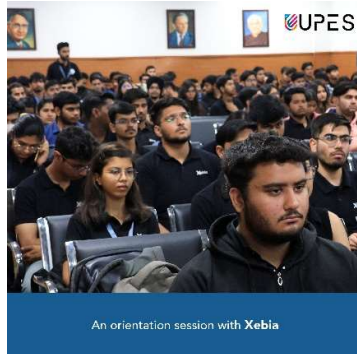
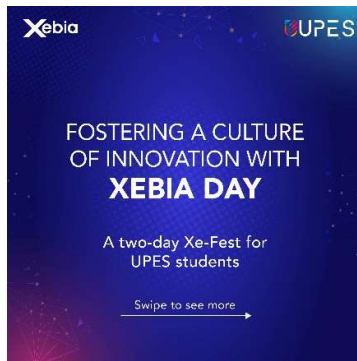
- \* Nano dots and ripples by ion-induced sputtering and diffusion
- \* Nanostructure synthesis and modifications using energetic ions including plasma
- \* Materials modifications in 2-D materials, nanoparticles, thin films, and multilayers
- \* Ion beam interactions, Ion beam simulation of radiation damage
- \* Defect engineering by ion beams
- \* Synthesis of buried nanostructures using ion beams
- \* Polymer micro/ nanostructures, membranes, and nanocomposites
- \* Ion beam induced nano-structuring in materials
- \* Ion beam in sustainable development goals: Energy, environment and health
- \* Synchrotron-based techniques for materials and nanostructures

## UPES and Xebia offering co-branded programs - DevOps and Big Data

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UPES students showcased their programming prowess through multiple challenges in XeFest, held over two days. This event was held in honour of UPES and Xebia offering co-branded programs - DevOps and Big Data.

Swipe to see the highlights of the event.



## Experiential learning for students during visits to ISRO, Bharat Dynamics Limited and Skyroot Aerospace

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UPES students at ISRO's Remote Sensing Data Reception Facility

The industrial tour of the Aerospace & Avionics Engineering students to Hyderabad from April 11 to 15 was an incredible experience for all students

UPES students embarked on a trip organised by the Aerospace Engineering department – led by faculty members Dr. Sudhir Kumar Chaturvedi, Dr. Om Prakash, Mr. Ramesh Kumar, and Dr. Geetanjali Raghav – to gain hands-on knowledge of the principles they had learnt in class. The tour included stops at several aerospace firms and research facilities in Hyderabad.

The first day of the visit began with a visit to the Indian Space Research Organization's (ISRO) National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC). The NRSC is in charge of supplying satellite data to various organisations and institutes in India and throughout the world. The students were given a tour of the centre's activities and facilities, as well as an explanation of the remote sensing technology used to collect and interpret satellite data. The students had the opportunity to meet with the scientists and engineers at NRSC and learn about the applications of remote sensing technology in many sectors.

The second day of the programme included a stop at Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL). BDL is a public sector undertaking of the Government of India's Ministry of Defence. The corporation primarily manufactures guided missile systems and related defence equipment. The pupils were shown around the manufacturing plant and they experienced the various phases of missile development. The students also had the opportunity to meet with BDL engineers and learn about the issues they confront during the manufacturing process.



On the third day, the students went to Skyroot Aerospace, a Hyderabad-based business that creates rocket propulsion systems for tiny satellites. The students were given a presentation on the company's numerous projects as well as its future plans. They were also given a tour of the manufacturing plant and had the opportunity to see the rocket engine manufacturing process. The students met with Skyroot Aerospace engineers and scientists, learning about the company's work culture and approach to innovation.

The tour was not just limited to industrial visits. The students also got a chance to explore the city of Hyderabad and its rich cultural heritage. The students went to several historical sites, including the Charminar. The students also sampled the city's food, including the famed Hyderabadi biryani. The Aerospace Engineering students gained valuable knowledge during the industrial tour. They were able to see the actual application of the principles they learnt in class. The visit also gave them an understanding of how the aerospace business works and the issues it encounters. The visit taught the kids the value of innovation and how it propels the industry ahead. The students also had the opportunity to connect with industry engineers and scientists and learn from their experiences.

Overall, it was a wonderful learning opportunity for them. It impressed upon them the importance of innovation to thrive in the fast-evolving digital world.

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PRADEEP JAGWAN · JANUARY 28, 2022

Healthhack award by German Government

Screengrab from the International Health Competition: HealthHack 2021 awards

The metropolitan region of Hanover Braunschweig Göttingen Wolfsburg, Government of Germany, organised the International Health Competition: HealthHack 2021 to tackle various challenges in the healthcare sector. Suraj Singh, a student from UPES School of Engineering, won the prize for designing a device that reduces oxygen wastage and leakage

When the wastage and leakage of oxygen in hospitals became a matter of concern during the second wave of COVID-19, Suraj Kumar Singh, a student at UPES School of Engineering, proposed an effective solution to minimize the wastage, leakage, and misuse of oxygen at all levels and ensure the best utilization of oxygen for patients.

Recognising his innovation, the Metropolitan region of Hanover Braunschweig Göttingen Wolfsburg, Government of Germany, awarded Suraj with a prize money of 750 EUR at the International Health Competition: HealthHack 2021.

HealthHack 2021, the fourth edition in the series, was organised to tackle various challenges in the healthcare sector. The event had 223 participants from 39 countries, 20 submitted projects, three winning teams and an audience award.

The judging was conducted by Kai Florysiak, Management Metropolregion GmbH, Germany; Rifat Fersahoglu-Weber, Chairman of the AWO district association in Braunschweig, Germany; Prof. Dr.

Thomas M. Deserno, Deputy Executive Director of the Peter L. Reichertz Institute; Raphael Koßmann, Head of Regional Contracts, Lower Saxony at TK Dirk Engelmann Head of TK State Representation Lower Saxony.

Health hack award 2021

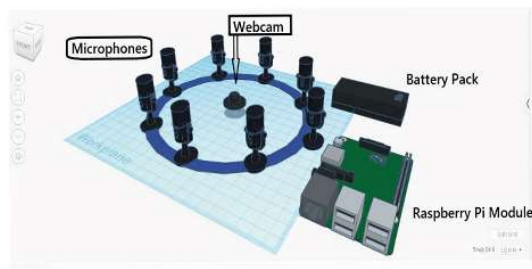
Screengrab from the award ceremony

Talking about the motivation behind building this technology, Suraj said, “The world is going through a severe health crisis, and in today’s era of innovation, the youth can help overcome the challenges posed by the pandemic by being problem solvers and creating solutions.”

“I was watching the news and saw that there was an oxygen gas leakage while transferring from the Capsule Mobile Tank to a hospital in Maharashtra. I wanted to contribute my bit for mitigating the suffering around me. This is when I started brainstorming, read various books and started thinking of a low-cost and productive method that could be implemented immediately,” he added.

Suraj had his eureka moment when he noticed that his household gas cylinder was leaking. “The cylinder was making an audible hissing sound, and I inferred that if the leakage is too low, it would at least generate an ultrasonic noise source that is distinguishable from mechanical noise sources,” he said.

“I decided to design an acoustic camera that can be used to detect the sources of these noises by increasing the number of microphones. I also created multiple layers of wide array microphones to capture the leakage. I aimed to make the leakage (sound of leakage) visible through the coordination of camera and microphone,” Suraj explained.



Oxygen leakage plug device

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In addition, the device can also be used in transferring Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) from a capsule (mobile tank) to tanks installed in hospitals.

To capture the leakage sound, Suraj used a Dish Antenna to place the large microphones to create a web of microphones, increasing the sensitivity due to its concave shape. The equipment consisted of a camera for capturing the image, a group of digital microphones and a Raspberry Pi Model 3 to measure data from the digital microphones simultaneously and then transfer the data to a desktop post processing.

Suraj said, "I have proposed a 3D Model of the Design. During my research, I found that such devices are used in the Railway organisations in the US and Europe to detect leakage in the mobile tanks that are carried, and the result comes in the form of this image."

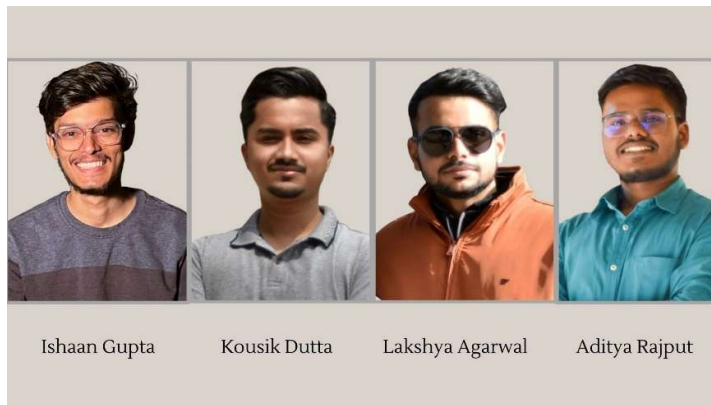
"I believe that such technology needs to be worked on urgently to make the device available for immediate use, especially when we are currently in shortage of cryogenic tanks and oxygen is being transferred at a massive scale. When we start questioning the things around us, the quest for learning begins and leads to innovation. I had enrolled myself in the geosciences program but worked on projects from different fields such as aviation, automotive, blockchain, and many others," he added.

Rishi Dewan, Department of Physics, UPES School of Engineering, said, "Nearly four years back in 2017 when I first interacted with Suraj in the classroom, I could easily differentiate him from others due to his technical and innovative approach in academics. He is brilliant in many fields and is known for his do-or-die attitude. During the pandemic when he had put forward his practical solution to tackle the oxygen crisis, I was excited to help and support him. This project seems to be technically sound, commercially viable, and can save human lives during this crucial time."

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[PREETI ANEJA](#) · SEPTEMBER 21, 2020



UPES has added yet another feather to its cap by becoming the Nodal Centre of National Service Scheme (NSS) for Uttarakhand

Since its inception, UPES has made enormous strides in the higher education landscape. It created yet another milestone in its epochal journey recently when it was chosen to serve as the NSS Nodal Centre for all other private universities/colleges in Uttarakhand. UPES NSS will now be a government-funded NSS unit. UPES has received sanction for an NSS team of 250 student volunteers as a fully government-funded NSS unit, in addition to the already existing two units, each with 100 student volunteers in self-financed mode. Not only this, UPES NSS wing would collaborate with the NSS Regional Directorate, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka, for organising two national programs during the celebration of Fit India Movement under the banner of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat.

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Talking about how this accomplishment would benefit UPES students, Dr Shailey Singhal, Programme Coordinator, UPES NSS, says, “Being the nodal centre of NSS for all the private universities in Uttarakhand is a big responsibility and simultaneously an opportunity to connect at the national level. I strongly believe that it will provide our students an expanded platform for experiential learning and enrich their leadership skills. They will get a chance to contribute towards societal development, helping in their overall grooming.”

Reflecting on the reasons that actually helped the team to bag this honour, Prof. Amar Shukla, Program Officer, UPES NSS, explains, “We, at UPES, believe that teaching and learning should go beyond classrooms and students should be nurtured to become future leaders and responsible members of the society and nation at large.”

“NSS team at UPES made the most of every opportunity that came their way. The unconditional support from our Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sunil Rai and our registrar Dr. Veena Dutta also encouraged us to aspire higher and deliver,” he adds.

UPES NSS has organised a number of activities during the last two years (2018-2020), including blood donation camps, nukkad nataks on road safety, awareness drives on health and hygiene, banking awareness programs in various villages; teaching in primary schools, tree plantations, etc. The team, comprising faculty members like Dr. Shalini Vohra, Dr. Shilpi Agarwal, Deepesh Kumar, Neeti Goyal, Rehan Sheikh and Shambhavi Kurtkoti (student presidents), mentored the teams to ensure timely execution of the planned activities.



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“Our active contribution helped us in building credibility and faith that eventually led to this big responsibility of nurturing and supporting all the private universities in Uttarakhand and we are indeed looking forward to a lot of good work together,” says Prof Shukla.

Sharing details of their upcoming plans and activities, Prof Ashish Jain, Program Officer, UPES NSS, explains, “The responsibility of being a Nodal Centre of NSS in Uttarakhand is a testimony to the trust in Brand UPES. As NSS aims at fostering social responsibility, inculcating dedication, commitment to solving social problems and developing a personality through community service, we aspire to take forward the legacy and would be extending the desired nurturing and mentoring to NSS units of other private universities.”

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UPES School of Law graduates Divyanshu Gupta, Hari Priya, and Kartikey Kesarwani describe their journey to success

UPES alumnus Divyanshu Gupta (B.A. LL.B. with specialisation in Energy Laws, 2013-18), fresh from his success at the Bihar Judiciary Examination 2022 – he secured 2nd rank – reminisces the day he made up his mind to join the legal profession.

It was the day in 2000 when the Madhya Pradesh government decided to retrospectively stop the salaries of employees in government-aided schools. The decision hit families hard and Divyanshu's father lost about 15 years' worth of salary.

"I grew up watching my family suffer through a financial crisis," Divyanshu says. "I kept my faith alive in the judiciary, continuously hoping and waiting for relief," he adds.

The succour came in 2015 when the Supreme Court set aside the government decree and ruled in favour of the employees.

"That is when I decided to be a part of the judiciary, to contribute towards maintaining this trust the public has in the institution and towards making the justice delivery system swift and efficient," the Bihar Judiciary Examination topper says.

Divyanshu credits UPES with providing him the opportunity to participate in various national and international moot court competitions which greatly expanded his skills repertoire.

"UPES played a constructive role in helping me improve my knowledge and analytical skills," he says. "I was raised in a small town, but the exposure at college boosted my confidence. I befriended bright minds from across the country which greatly changed my cultural and social outlook and trained me to deal with the day-to-day challenges of life," he adds.

Divyanshu, a first-generation lawyer in his family, had a rigorous schedule when it came to preparing for the competitive examination. He moved to Delhi for coaching and succeeded in clearing the Prelims. For the Mains, he decided to go back to his hometown and rely on self-study. His hard work yielded results when he secured Rank 2 in the Bihar Judicial Services this year.

For the last two years, Divyanshu has also been guiding college students and judicial service aspirants to prepare for these exams. He holds pro-bono classes online and wants to create a

platform where selected officers and teachers can guide aspirants from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Hari Priya's success story is no different. Graduate of B.Com. LL.B. with specialisation in Taxation Laws, Hari Priya secured 117th rank in the Bihar Judiciary Examination 2022.

The UPES alumna also expresses gratitude towards the university for her success and glory.

"My dream of becoming a judicial officer and bringing about change in society is finally coming true," Hari Priya gushes. She attributes her practical training and courtroom learning experiences to the School of Law and advises law aspirants to persevere and exercise patience.

"Patience and perseverance are the keys to success. Above all, the right mindset is a prerequisite to becoming a great judge. Compassion and kindness are added imperatives," she asserts.

She hopes to serve the nation to the best of her abilities and write a book when she can on life inside a courtroom.

Kartikey Kesarwani pursued B.A. LL.B. with specialisation in Energy Laws from 2012 to 2017. He is jubilant about obtaining Rank 31 in the Bihar Judiciary Examination and is keen to bring about social change through his work.

He advises law aspirants to read a lot, be exceptionally organised, maintain a healthy perspective and not be too hard on themselves even if they stand face-to-face with failure.

About his alma mater, he says, "The numerous moot court competitions helped me hone my skills. Our teachers were always available with advice and words of encouragement whenever we needed them. My success wouldn't have been possible without them."