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- INTERNATIONAL RELATION CELL -

GRADUATE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES IN THE USA

INTERACTIVE INFORMATION SESSION BY-

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK, USA

SPEAKER:

DR. ASHOKKUMAR M. SHARMA

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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY | UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK, USA

Title of the Activity	Expert Talk on "Graduate Studies and Research Opportunities in the United States"
Organized by	International Relations Cell, Department of Mechanical Engineering & Department of Electrical Engineering, Sarvajanik College of Engineering and Technology (SCET)
Date	17 July 2026
Time	10 AM to 12:00 Noon
Venue	TIFAC Seminar Hall, SCET
Resource Person	Dr. Ashokkumar M. Sharma, University of Arkansas, USA
Target Audience	Final & Prifinal year students of Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Department, SCET
Number of Participants	84
Faculty Coordinator	Dr. Hiren A. Shah

Objectives

The objective of the programme was to create awareness among students and faculty members about higher education and research opportunities in the United States. The session aimed to provide guidance on graduate admissions, scholarships, research opportunities, funding, graduate assistantships, and career prospects.

Guest Speaker

The session was delivered by **Dr. Ashokkumar M. Sharma**, Associate Professor and Graduate Coordinator, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, **The University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UA Little Rock), USA**.

Dr. Sharma has an outstanding academic and professional background spanning more than two decades. He completed his **B.E. in Mechanical Engineering** from The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, **M.Tech.** from Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology (SVNIT), Surat, and **Ph.D. in Biosystems Engineering** from Oklahoma State University, USA. He subsequently served as a **Postdoctoral Associate** at the Bioeconomy Institute, Iowa State University, USA. He has been serving at UA Little Rock since 2016 and is currently an Associate Professor and Graduate Coordinator. Notably, Dr. Sharma also served as a faculty member in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at SCET during 2006–2007, making his visit a proud homecoming for the institution.

Programme Highlights

The programme commenced with a welcome address by **Dr. Hardik Desai, Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering**, followed by the traditional floral welcome of the guest speaker by **Dr. Pankaj Gohil, Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering**. The guest speaker was formally introduced before delivering the expert lecture. The session was attended by faculty members and students from the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Departments.

During the lecture, Dr. Sharma shared valuable insights on:

- MS and PhD opportunities at **The University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UA Little Rock), USA**.
- Research-based graduate education and career pathways.
- Graduate admissions process and application preparation.
- Funding opportunities, including Graduate, Teaching, and Research Assistantships.
- Selection of graduate programmes and research advisors.
- Industry and academic career prospects after graduate studies.
- Emerging interdisciplinary research areas at UA Little Rock.

Drawing upon his academic and research experience, Dr. Sharma also guided students on preparing competitive graduate applications, building research profiles, and planning successful international careers.

The lecture was followed by an interactive Question-and-Answer session, where students and faculty members actively participated and sought guidance on higher education and research opportunities in the United States.

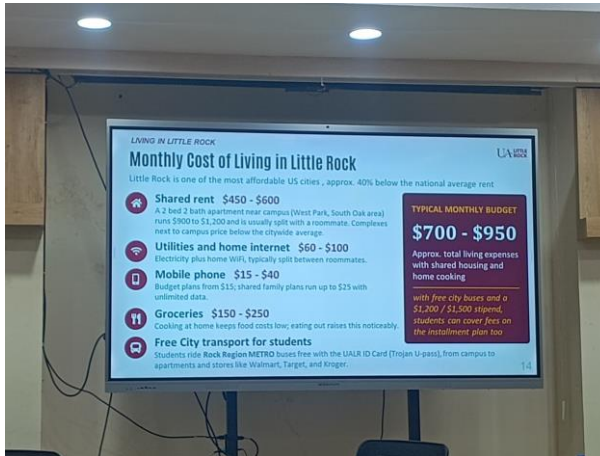
After the technical session, Dr. Sharma met with **Dr. Hiren Patel, Principal, SCET**, and **Shri Ashishbhai Desai, Registrar, Sarvajanik University**, to discuss opportunities for future academic collaboration between **Sarvajanik University** and **UA Little Rock**, including faculty research collaboration, joint seminars, student guidance for graduate studies, faculty and student exchange programmes, and long-term institutional partnerships. The programme concluded with the presentation of a memento to the guest speaker, followed by the Vote of Thanks delivered by **Dr. Hiren A. Shah, International Relations & External Affairs Officer, SCET**.

Outcome

The expert talk provided students with valuable exposure to graduate education, research opportunities, funding mechanisms, and career pathways in the United States. The interactive session enhanced students' understanding of the graduate admission process and motivated them to pursue higher studies and research at internationally reputed universities. The discussions with the Principal and Registrar also initiated dialogue on strengthening international collaborations through faculty research, academic exchanges, joint seminars, and future institutional partnerships between **Sarvajanik University** and **The University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UA Little Rock), USA**.

Photographs





Attendance sheet

Sarvanik College of Engineering & Technology, Surat
International Relations Cell
Mechanical Engineering Department & Electrical Engineering Department
Jointly Organize

Expert Talk on "U.S. Graduate Studies & Research"
17 July 2026 (Friday) | 10:00 AM onwards | TIFAC Hall, SCET
Speaker: Dr. Ashokkumar (Associate Professor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, USA)

Attendance Sheet

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અમેરિકામાં ઉચ્ચ અભ્યાસની તકો અંગે નિષ્ણાત વ્યાખ્યાન

પ્રશ્નોત્તરી સત્રમાં વિદ્યાર્થીઓએ કુચેલા પ્રશ્નોના જવાબ રજૂ કરાયા



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સરવાજનિક કોલેજ ઓફ એન્જિનિયરિંગ એન્ડ ટેકનોલોજી (SCET), સરવાજનિક યુનિવર્સિટીના આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય સંબંધ સેલ, મિકેનિકલ અને ઇલેક્ટ્રિકલ એન્જિનિયરિંગ વિભાગના સંયુક્ત ઉપક્રમે "Graduate Studies and Research Opportunities in the United States" વિષય પર નિષ્ણાત વ્યાખ્યાન યોજાયું. કાર્યક્રમના મુખ્ય વક્તા તરીકે ડૉ. અશોકકુમાર એમ. શર્મા, એસોસિયેટ પ્રોફેસર અને ગ્રેજ્યુએટ કોઓર્ડિનેટર, યુનિવર્સિટી ઓફ આર્કન્સાસ એટ લિટલ રોક (અમેરિકા) ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા હતા. તેમણે અમેરિકામાં MS અને PhD અભ્યાસ, પ્રવેશ પ્રક્રિયા, સ્કોલરશિપ, ગ્રેજ્યુએટ

આસિસ્ટન્ટશિપ, સંશોધનની તકો તથા કારકિર્દી આયોજન અંગે વિદ્યાર્થીઓને માર્ગદર્શન આપ્યું. પ્રશ્નોત્તરી સત્રમાં વિદ્યાર્થીઓએ ઉત્સાહપૂર્વક ભાગ લીધો. કાર્યક્રમ બાદ ડૉ. શર્માએ સરવાજનિક યુનિવર્સિટીના રજિસ્ટ્રાર શ્રી આશિષભાઈ દેસાઈ સાથે સૌજન્ય મુલાકાત કરી હતી. આ મુલાકાત દરમિયાન SCET અને યુનિવર્સિટી ઓફ આર્કન્સાસ એટ લિટલ રોક વચ્ચે ભાવિ શૈક્ષણિક સહયોગ, વિદ્યાર્થી-ફેકલ્ટી એક્સચેન્જ અને આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય તકો અંગે રચનાત્મક ચર્ચા કરવામાં આવી હતી. અંતે મહેમાનનું સ્મૃતિચિહ્ન અર્પણ કરીને સન્માન કરવામાં આવ્યું અને કાર્યક્રમ સફળતાપૂર્વક પૂર્ણ થયો.

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