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Introduction

Sikkim Manipal University (SMU) is committed to promoting Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4): Quality Education, which focuses on ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all. The University strives to extend educational opportunities beyond its enrolled students by facilitating access to educational resources, digital learning platforms, campus facilities and practical training. Constituent units of SMU promotes professional development, innovation, entrepreneurship and specialised learning opportunities for external participants. These initiatives reflect the University's commitment to improving access to knowledge, strengthening skills and supporting lifelong learning in the wider community.

SMU also promotes community-based educational outreach, youth engagement, civic awareness, health education and inclusive participation through various programmes and institutional support mechanisms. Initiatives such as the *Udaan – The Flight of Creativity* event, faculty development programmes, community health education activities, the District-Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament and the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Yojana Mela demonstrate the University's engagement with students and the wider community. In addition, the University promotes equality and non-discrimination through its Equal Opportunity Cell, SC/ST/OBC and Minority Cell, grievance redressal mechanisms, Internal Complaints Committees and accessibility facilities for persons with disabilities. Through these efforts, SMU seeks to advance equitable access to education,

encourage continuous learning and contribute to inclusive and sustainable development.

1. Free Access to Educational Resources

Sikkim Manipal University (SMU) promotes inclusive access to educational resources by extending learning opportunities to individuals beyond its enrolled student community. The University provides access to campus facilities and equipment to underprivileged learners, helping them access educational and digital learning resources. SMU also provides access to online learning resources through its digital platform, SMU Knimbus - https://smu.knimbus.com/user#/

Additionally, the Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT), a constituent unit of SMU, conducts on-the-job training for Class XII students in Information Technology, enabling them to gain practical knowledge and technical skills. These initiatives support equitable access to educational resources, digital learning and skill development for the wider community.

2. University Events

Sikkim Manipal University (SMU) host events that engage the wider community and provide opportunities for educational and creative interaction. Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT), a constituent unit of SMU, on 31 August 2025, hosted "Udaan – The Flight of Creativity," the 12th edition, jointly organised by the Rotary Club of Gangtok and the Inner Wheel Club of Gangtok. The event brought together more than 1,600 students from all districts of Sikkim, with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim as the chief guest. SMIT provided campus venues and facilities to support the programme. This initiative

demonstrates the University's engagement with external organisations and its support for community participation and student creativity.

The Press Release of the event can be found in:

https://www.sikkim.gov.in/media/news-announcement/news-info?name=UDAAN%2C+an+Inter-school+Scholastic+Festival+2025+Concludes+with+Participation+Across+Sikkim+Schools

3. Executive Education Programmes or Vocational Training

Sikkim Manipal University (SMU), through its constituent units, conducts professional development programmes and specialised training to promote lifelong learning and capacity building among external participants. In July 2025, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT) organised a five-day Faculty Development Programme on Innovation and Entrepreneurship, jointly supported by AICTE and the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell. It attracted 38 participants from various universities, colleges and educational institutions. In September 2025, SMIT also hosted an AICTE-sponsored, one-week Faculty Development Programme on Applications of Generative AI in Contemporary Management, bringing together educators, researchers and industry professionals. Additionally, SMU, through Sikkim Manipal College of Nursing, organised a workshop on comprehensive haemophilia care for healthcare professionals in December 2025. These programmes provide specialised training and professional learning opportunities beyond regular degree courses.





The press release of this event and other similar events are given below:

A. Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT), Majitar, successfully inaugurated a six-day AICTE-sponsored Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Applications of Generative AI in Contemporary Management" on 8 September2025.

SIKKIM EXPRESS

Date:09/09/2025 Day – Tuesday Pg. No. – 07

SMIT hosts AICTE-sponsored FDP on applications of generative AI in contemporary management

SE Report



GANGTOK, September 8: Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT), Majitar today inaugurated a one-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Applications of Generative AI in Contemporary Management" sponsored by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) under its ATAL scheme. The event has brought together educators, researchers, and industry professionals from across the country, informs a press release.

The inaugural session was attended by State Education minister Raju Basnet as the chief guest and Sikkim Manipal University vice chancellor Prof. (Dr.) G.K. Prabhu as the guest of honor.

In his address, minister Basnet highlighted the transformative role of artificial intelligence in re-defining higher education and management practices. He emphasized the importance of equipping faculty members and scholars with future-ready skills, and encouraged the participants to contribute towards building an innovation-driven ecosystem that benefits both academia and industry.

Prof. G.K. Prabhu also addressed the gathering, stressing on the interdisciplinary nature of AI applications and the need for continuous learning to adapt to rapid technological advancements.

Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Jha, director (i/c), SMIT, highlighted how the FDP aligns with the institute's vision of preparing faculty members and students for the challenges of the future.

Hosted by the Department of Management Studies, this offline FDP runs from September 8 to 13. The program is specifically designed for faculty members, Ph.D. scholars, and postgraduate students interested in exploring the transformative potential of artificial intelligence in various domains of management, the release mentions.

"Over the next six days, the FDP will provide a rich blend of expert lectures, hands-on workshops, research discussion, and an industrial visit—helping the participants understand how generative AI is shaping management practices in marketing, finance, HR, production, and the value chain. A special industrial visit to SBL Pvt Ltd (Pharma), Rangpo, is scheduled to provide real-world exposure within the manufacturing sector."

The inaugural session also had Prof. (Dr.) Ajeya Jha, vice chancellor, Arunachal University of Studies, Arunachal Pradesh and resource person Dr. Abhijit Chandra, assistant professor, VGSOM, IIT Kharagpur.

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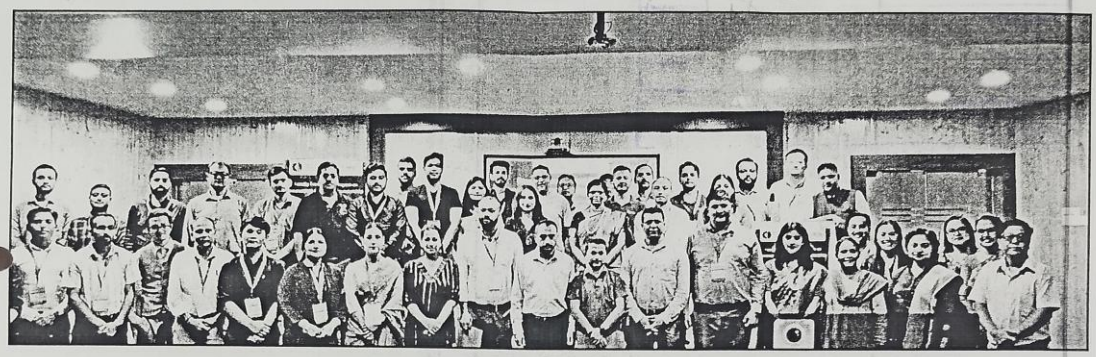
B. Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT) successfully conducted a five-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Innovation and

Entrepreneurship, jointly organised by AICTE and the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC).

SIKKIM EXPRESS

Date:27/07/2025 Day – Sunday Pg. No. – 02

SMIT Faculty Development Program on innovation and entrepreneurship concludes



Our Correspondent

RANGPO, July 26: Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology successfully hosted a weeklong Faculty Development Program (FDP) on innovation and entrepreneurship. Organised jointly by AICTE and the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC), the programme was designed for faculties teaching BCA, BBA and BMS students in various colleges in and around Sikkim.

The five-day event was attended by 38 participants including faculties from Sikkim Manipal University, SRM University Sikkim, ICFAI University Sikkim, Medhavi University Sikkim, Assam Downtown University, Inspiria Knowledge Campus Siliguri, Government Pharmacy College, Sajong, Kewzing ITI, Rangpo ITI, PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Mining and Government Senior Secondary School, Majhitar.

The FDP aimed to equip educators with knowledge and skills to foster innovation, encourage entrepreneurship, support research commercialization, builds capacity to mentor student entrepreneurs, strengthen startup ecosystems, and promote an innovation culture. Key topics include evangelizing entrepreneurial mind-set among students, idea generation, Business Model Canvas (BMC), value propositions, MVPs, Finance for Startups, IPR basics, legal frameworks, technology transfer, and incubation management. It blends conceptual learning with practical insights for impactful mentoring.

The event saw engaging participations from all the participants and the invited speakers gave insight into the various aspects of innovation culture and entrepreneurial mind-sets to be inculcated into the higher education system.

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C. A one-day workshop titled *"Building the Foundation for Comprehensive Hemophilia Care"* was successfully organised on 6 December 2025 at the MEU Hall, SMIMS, Sikkim, by the Sikkim Manipal University College of

Nursing (SMCON), in association with Sikkim Manipal University (SMU), Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal, and the Hemophilia Chapter, Siliguri, with support from the National Health Mission (NHM), Sikkim.



SIKKIM EXPRESS

Date:08/12/2025 Day- Monday Pg. No. – 2

Workshop on hemophilia care for health care professionals in Sikkim held

SE Report

GANGTOK, December 7: A one-day workshop titled 'Building the Foundation for Comprehensive Hemophilia Care' was held at the MEU Hall, SMIMS Building, here on Saturday.

The programme was organised by Sikkim Manipal College of Nursing (SMCON), Sikkim Manipal University (SMU) in association with Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, and Hemophilia Chapter, Siliguri, with support from the National Health Mission (NHM), Sikkim.

The workshop, aimed at enhancing the capacity of healthcare professionals in the early identification, diagnosis and multidisciplinary management of hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, informs a press release.

The workshop witnesses active participation from healthcare professionals across the state, including clinicians and staff nurses from Central Referral Hospital (CRH), Pakoyng District Hospital, Singtam District Hospital, and the Urban Primary Health Centre, reflecting a coordinated statewide effort to strengthen hemophilia care.

The inaugural session began with a welcome address by Dr. Keerthilatha Pai, followed by a detailed overview of the workshop by Dr. Sreejth Govindan, who highlighted current challenges in hemophilia care.

Addressing the gathering, SMIMS pro vice chancellor and dean Dr. Muralidhar Pai underscored the need for structured multidisciplinary engagement.

Vice chancellor Dr. GK Prabhu, who was present as the chief guest, stressed the urgency of early diagnosis and improved access to specialized treatment.

Dr. Sreejth disclosed that Sikkim currently has 19 confirmed hemophilia cases, calling for expanded surveillance, district-level screening initiatives, and greater public awareness to identify unreported cases.

Dr. Anjeline D'Souza gave scientific deliberations on bleeding disorders, while Dr. Sulochana K spoke on screening and diagnostic pathways, and Dr. Mathangi Kumar gave a session on oral health concerns in hemophilia.

A panel discussion involving Dr. Mathangi Kumar, Dr. Sulochana K, Dr. Sreejith Govindan, and Sujata Minda highlighted the importance of integrated, patient-centered care.

The post-lunch schedule included an online lecture on Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (IPCP) by Dr. Ciraj AM, followed by a session by Dr. Sulochana B on the role of nurse specialists in hemophilia management, emphasizing patient education, emergency readiness, and infusion support.

The programme concluded with a post-test and feedback session coordinated by Rajani Sharma, who also served as the master of ceremony.

Participants appreciated the workshop for its depth, relevance, and contribution toward strengthening Sikkim's capacity for comprehensive hemophilia care.

SMCON principal Prof. Champa Sharma delivered the vote of thanks, the release mentions.

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4. Community-Based Educational Outreach and Awareness Initiatives

Sikkim Manipal University (SMU) undertakes educational outreach and awareness activities that engage young people and the wider community. A number of educational outreach programmes have been conducted by SMU and its constituent units beyond campus. These activities demonstrate SMU's role in extending educational awareness, civic engagement and practical knowledge beyond routine academic teaching.

Health Hygiene programme





HEALTH EDUCATION AND CLEANLINESS DRIVE

Venue - Ray Mindu Village Under

Date – 01 November 2025

MBBS Second Year students under the Department of Community Medicine conducted education outreach program at Ray Mindu Village on Health Education in which basic village school students were educated on basic health habits for healthy life style.

Similar programme was also conducted for monastery monks on 15 February 2025.





DISTRICT-LEVEL VIKSIT BHARAT YOUTH PARLIAMENT

On 23 March 2025, SMU hosted the District-Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament for the Gangtok Nodal District. The programme brought together 55 shortlisted participants from Gangtok, Mangan and Pakyong districts of Sikkim. The event provided a platform for young participants to express their views and engage in discussions on national development and democratic issues, particularly the theme "One Nation, One Election: Paving the Way for Viksit Bharat." The initiative encouraged youth participation, civic awareness, leadership and informed discussion on matters of national importance.



PRADHAN MANTRI VIKSIT BHARAT YOJANA MELA

On 9 October 2025, SMU hosted the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Yojana Mela, organised by EPFO, Gangtok, to promote awareness of employment opportunities, provident fund benefits, savings and social security schemes. SMU and the students invited from various other schools participated in interactive awareness sessions on financial literacy and employment-related government initiatives.

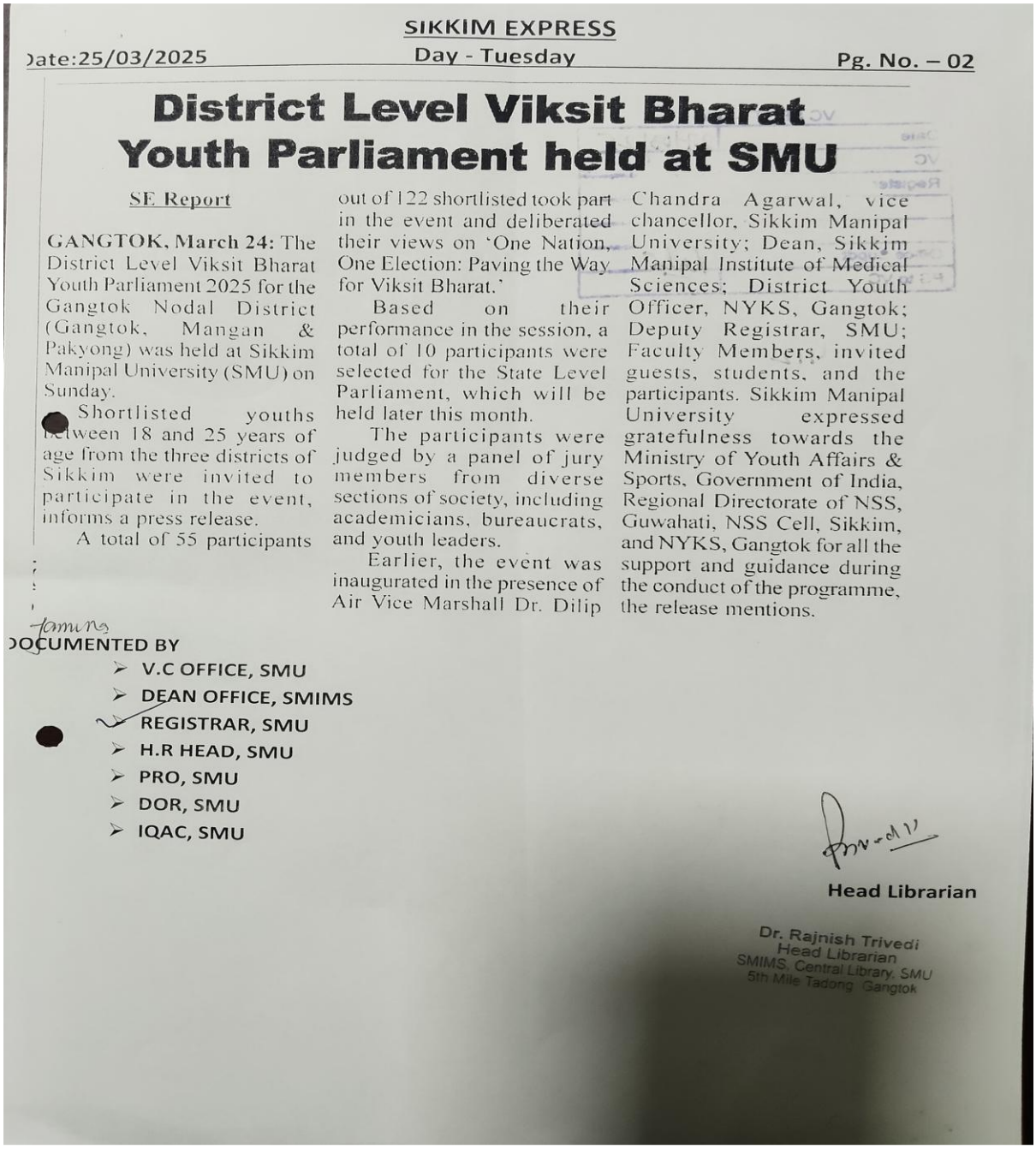




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A. District Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025



SIKKIM EXPRESS

Date:25/03/2025 Day - Tuesday Pg. No. – 02

District Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament held at SMU

SE Report

GANGTOK, March 24: The District Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025 for the Gangtok Nodal District (Gangtok, Mangan & Pakyong) was held at Sikkim Manipal University (SMU) on Sunday.

Shortlisted youths between 18 and 25 years of age from the three districts of Sikkim were invited to participate in the event, informs a press release.

A total of 55 participants out of 122 shortlisted took part in the event and deliberated their views on 'One Nation, One Election: Paving the Way for Viksit Bharat.'

Based on their performance in the session, a total of 10 participants were selected for the State Level Parliament, which will be held later this month.

The participants were judged by a panel of jury members from diverse sections of society, including academicians, bureaucrats, and youth leaders.

Earlier, the event was inaugurated in the presence of Air Vice Marshall Dr. Dilip Chandra Agarwal, vice chancellor, Sikkim Manipal University; Dean, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences; District Youth Officer, NYKS, Gangtok; Deputy Registrar, SMU; Faculty Members, invited guests, students, and the participants. Sikkim Manipal University expressed gratefulness towards the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Regional Directorate of NSS, Guwahati, NSS Cell, Sikkim, and NYKS, Gangtok for all the support and guidance during the conduct of the programme, the release mentions.

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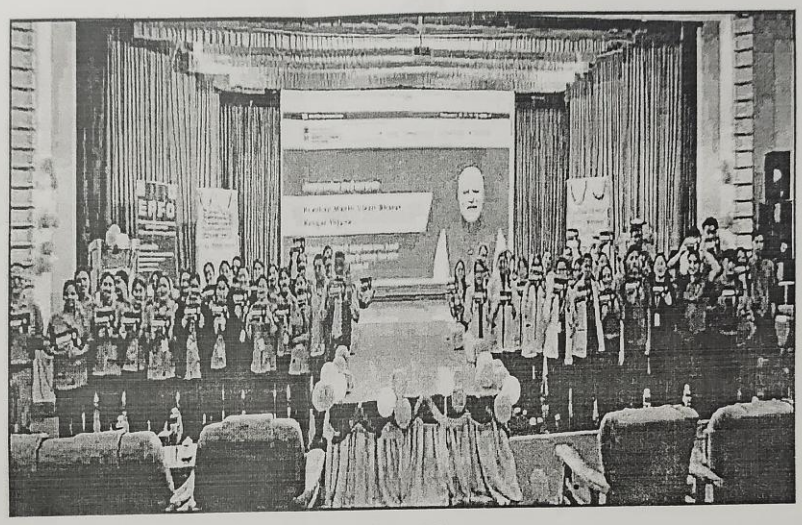
B. Sikkim Manipal University host Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Yojana Mela on 9 October 2025**.**

SIKKIM EXPRESS

Date:10/10/2025 Day - Friday Pg. No. – 02

Sikkim Manipal University hosts Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Yojana Mela

SE Report



GANGTOK, October 9: The Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Yojana (PMVBY) Mela was held at Sikkim Manipal University here today.

The event organised by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Gangtok, to spread awareness about government initiatives promoting employment and financial security among the youth, informs a press release.

During the mela, officials from EPFO highlighted the benefits of the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY) for students who will soon be entering the job market. The scheme provides incentives to employers for creating new employment opportunities and ensuring social security coverage for fresh job seekers.

In an interactive session, students were sensitised about the importance of early savings, provident fund enrolment, and the power of compounding in building long-term financial stability.

Officers explained how regular contributions to the provident fund not only provide social protection but also help individuals accumulate a significant corpus over time through compounded growth.

The event drew active participation from university officials and students, making it a valuable platform to promote financial literacy, awareness of government schemes, and the spirit of a Viksit Bharat by 2047, the release mentions.

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5. Educational Outreach and Awareness Programmes on Youth Engagement, Democratic Participation and Government Initiatives

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6. Institutional Mechanisms and Initiatives for Promoting Equality, Inclusion and Non-Discrimination

Sikkim Manipal University (SMU) promotes an inclusive, equitable and non-discriminatory environment to ensure that students and other participants have equal opportunities to access university activities and facilities. The University has established an Equal Opportunity Cell, SC/ST/OBC and Minority Cell, Student Grievance Redressal Committees and Internal Complaints Committees to address discrimination and ensure the protection of individual rights and dignity. SMU also provides facilities for differently-abled persons and has mechanisms to address gender-related grievances and prevent sexual harassment. Its policies and institutional support systems promote equal participation irrespective of gender, religion, ethnicity, social background or disability.

SMU provides designated toilet/washroom facilities for persons with disabilities. The image shows easily accessible Toilet/Washroom Facilities for Persons with Disabilities



Accessibility Facilities for Persons with Disabilities at SMU. Personal Assistant facility is provided at the University Building entrance for persons with disabilities.

