

## Faculty Development Program Launched on Outcome-Based Education: Paradigm Shift in Higher Education



**Bhilwara:** As part of an unprecedented initiative in the realm of transformative approaches in higher education, Outcome-Based Education (OBE), Sangam University has established the AIU-Sangam University - Academic and Administrative Development Center (AIU-AI-ADDC) under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). The Director and Nodal Officer of the center, Professor Preeti Mehta,

explained that the primary objective is to conduct short-term professional development programs for faculty members and specialized training programs for administrative officials of member universities, focusing on the use of technology and the adoption of blended learning methods.

In this context, the inaugural session of the Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Outcome-Based Education was held from October 14 to

18. This program is being conducted in a hybrid mode, with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the university, Professor Manas Ranjan Panigrahi, highlighting that 56 educators from nationally renowned institutions are participating in this FDP.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Karunesh Saxena, emphasized the importance of implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) based on OBE and stated that the aim of this pioneering program is to revolutionize higher edu-

cation by adopting OBE and ensuring a student-centered approach.

The Chief Guest, Ranjana Parihar, Joint Secretary of AIU, New Delhi, shed light on the necessity of OBE-based pedagogy and the objectives behind the establishment of the ADDC. Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General of AIU, New Delhi, also extended his best wishes for the success of the program.

A total of nine sessions will be conducted in this FDP, fea-

turing various experts. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Karunesh Saxena, discussed different aspects of outcome-based education in the first session and addressed questions related to online and offline topics.

Professor Preeti Mehta concluded the inaugural session with a vote of thanks. Professor Rajiv Mehta congratulated the organizing team for this initiative, while Dr. Seema Kabra anchored the inaugural session.

## NCC BOOT CAMP at SPSU



**Udaipur:** As part of the best practices at Sir Padampat Singhania University, Udaipur, first-year non-NCC students actively participated in an enriching NCC Boot Camp organized in collaboration with the NCC Group HQ, Udaipur.

The event commenced with a warm welcome from Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Prithvi Yadav and Group Commander Col. Bhaskar Chakravarty, who shared valuable insights into the organizational structure and functioning of the NCC. Each day of the camp began with invigorating morning sessions that included running, physical training (PT), yoga, and hands-on training in tent pitching and weapon handling techniques. Students also attended a series of engaging guest lectures on various topics, such as the Art of Living, the Indian Armed Forces, the incentives available for NCC cadets and received valuable guidance on SSB interviews. In addition to these educational sessions, participants enjoyed various sports activities, including volleyball, basketball, tug-of-war, and athletics, fostering a spirit of competition and camaraderie.

In his closing address, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Prithvi Yadav motivated the students to uphold justice and serve the nation with dedication and diligence. Throughout the four-day NCC Boot Camp, students greatly benefited from activities designed to cultivate discipline, teamwork, personality development, and leadership skills. The event was expertly led and coordinated by Lt. (Dr.) D. S. Chouhan, Deputy Dean, Student Welfare and Associate NCC Officer, SPSU.

## Workshop on Stress Management for MBBS Students

**Udaipur:** As part of the World Mental Health Week celebrations, a workshop on stress management and coping strategies was organized today for MBBS students at Pacific Medical University. The event was jointly conducted by the Departments of Psychiatry and Clinical Psychology at

Pacific Medical College and Hospital.

The workshop was inaugurated by Pacific University President Dr. M.M. Mangal, Dr. Sangeeta Chauhan, Dr. Neeta Sahi, Dr. Ritu Bhatnagar, and Dr. S.G. Mehta with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. Dr. S.G. Mehta of the Psychiatry



Department emphasized the growing mental health challenges in the medical profession, particularly highlighting the importance of stress management during the journey of becoming a doctor.

Dr. Deepak Kumar Salvi from the Clinical Psychology Department introduced the

students to mindfulness practices, explaining how staying present and practicing mental clarity in daily life can help reduce stress. MPhil trainees also gave an interactive presentation, discussing the types of stress, its physical and mental impacts, and effective stress management techniques.

## All Set for the 4th National Divyang Cricket Championship

**Udaipur:** Preparations are complete for the 4th National Physical Disability T-20 Cricket Championship, jointly organized by Narayan Seva Sansthan (NSS) and the Differently Abled Cricket Council (DCC). The tournament, set to take place in Udaipur from 15th to 25th

2017, the Sansthan continues its mission of empowering differently-abled individuals. The institution has previously hosted National Para Swimming, National Blind Cricket, National Wheelchair Cricket Championships, and the Third National Disabled Cricket Championship. Their suc-



October, will feature 400 differently-abled cricketers from 24 states and over 100 sports officials. A total of 67 matches will be played across five grounds in the city, with all matches in the T-20 format.

The inauguration ceremony will take place on 15th October at 11 AM, with Rajasthan's Cabinet Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Avinash Gehlot, presiding over the event at the Field Club. The event details were shared by Devendra Choubisa, Trustee and Director of Narayan Seva Sansthan, in a press briefing.

Narayan Seva's Ongoing Commitment to Divyang Sports:

Having organized multiple national-level events since

successful organization of the Wheelchair Cricket Championship even earned recognition in the Guinness Book of World Records. This upcoming tournament is yet another step towards promoting the potential of differently-abled athletes and giving them a platform to shine.

24 Teams to Compete: Teams from Rajasthan, Kerala, Delhi, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Baroda, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Mumbai, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Chandigarh, West Bengal, Vidarbha, Tamil Nadu, and Bihar will participate.

## PIMS Hosts Event for World Mental Health Day

**Udaipur:** The Pacific Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) Hospital in Umarada organized an event for World Mental Health Day. This year's theme was "Prioritizing Mental Health in the Workplace." The program saw participation from medical and paramedical students, faculty, and others.

Professor Praveen Khairkar discussed strategies for dealing with individuals who prioritize themselves over others in the workplace. Dr. Archish Khivsara addressed the mental health issues prevalent in work culture and offered suggestions for creating a better environment.

On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Dr. Prashant Nahar, Medical Superintendent Dr. Sarita Kant, and Director of Medical Labs Dr. Chandra Mathur honored the winners of various creative activities. Dr. Nahar emphasized the importance of resilience, respect, and a growth-oriented mindset in the workplace. He encouraged everyone to build a supportive team atmosphere to enhance mental health.

This event served as a reminder of the necessity of considering mental health. It highlighted the need to foster a culture of support, enabling all of us to move toward a better and more successful future.



## Udaipur's Paarshva Parmar Shines

**Udaipur:** Rising chess star Paarshva Parmar made a significant impression at the National U-11 Chess Championship in Hyderabad, securing an impressive 11th place. Despite narrowly missing a medal due to the Buchholz tiebreak system, his performance showcased remarkable talent and resilience.

At just 11 years old, Paarshva started as the 22nd seed and achieved a total score of 8.5 points, with a FIDE rating of 1793. His journey included notable victories over strong opponents, such as Suhas Meddi and Maras Sahajveer Singh.

Although a medal eluded him this time, his FIDE rating increased by +33.2 points, marking significant progress in his chess career. Paarshva's success has inspired young enthusiasts in Udaipur, positioning him as a role model in the chess community. With aspirations for future tournaments, the chess community eagerly anticipates his continued achievements as he emerges as a promising talent on the national stage.

## One in Ten Suffers from Mental Illness: Dr. Jeengar



**Udaipur:** The Department of Psychiatry at Geetanjali Medical College and Hospital concluded its "Mental Health Awareness Week" on October 10, coinciding with "World Mental Health Day." The event's Chief Guest was Dr. Rakesh Vyas, Vice-Chancellor of Geetanjali University, with Special Guest Dr. Manjinder Kaur, Additional Principal.

During the lecture, Head of Psychiatry Dr. Jitendra Jeengar highlighted that approximately 10% of people in India suffer from mental illnesses, with 70-80% of patients never reaching psychiatrists. There is a significant shortage of psychiatrists in the country, and due to the stigma and superstitions surrounding mental illness, many patients opt to see other doctors instead of mental health professionals. Dr. Jeengar emphasized the importance of treating mental illness, as it increases the risk of suicide, affects one's ability to handle personal responsibilities, disrupts daily life, and raises the likelihood of developing other diseases like heart conditions. It also increases the tendency toward substance abuse.

Professor Dr. Manu Sharma provided an overview of the activities conducted throughout Mental Health Awareness Week. The week began on October 4 with a lecture on "Time Management in the Workplace" by Dr. Jeengar, held for the administrative staff of Geetanjali Medical College. On October 5, a poster-making competition took place, with prizes awarded to Sahil Upadhyay, Moomal Kunwar Rajput, and Rhythm Maheshwari. On Sunday, October 6, about 150 doctors participated in a walk around Fateh Sagar Lake to raise awareness about mental health.

On October 7, Dr. Jeengar delivered a lecture on "Stress Management in the Workplace" to nearly 900 employees at the Udaipur Railway Training Center. On October 8, nursing and pharmacy students performed street plays at various public places to spread awareness. Finally, on October 9, an open mic session was organized at Geetanjali University, where students Sakshi Meena, Narendra Prajapati, and Muskan Singh were awarded for their performances.

## Art Exhibition on the Nine Forms of Goddess Durga and Vijaydashami

**Udaipur:** The Department of Visual Arts at Bhupal Nobles PG College organized an art exhibition in celebration of Sharadiya Navratri, International Girl Child Day, and Vijaydashami. During this exhibition, the nine forms of Goddess Durga were depicted on canvas.

The inauguration of the exhibition was marked by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by B.N. University Chairperson Colonel Prof. Shiv Singh Sarangdevot, President Dr. Mahendra Singh, and Managing Director Mohabbat Singh Rathore. College Dean Dr. Renu Rathore welcomed the guests and participants, explaining that the exhibition was organized under the guidance of the Department Head, Dr. Kanchan Ranawat.

The event was attended by Joint Secretary Rajendra Singh Thana, Associate Dean Dr. Ritu Tomar, Dean of the Commerce and Management Faculty Dr. Rajendra Singh Shaktawat, Dr. Sangeeta Rathore, Dr. Kamal Singh Rathore, Dr. Rajni Arora, and Chanchal Mali. Participating students, including Priyanka Sharma, Roshan Lal, Suyash Sharma, Jignesh, Bharti Goswami, Ghanshyam Lohar, Dinesh Vagharia, and Ranveer, also highlighted various aspects of art during the occasion.

## Grandparents Day Celebration

**Udaipur:** The College of Home Science and Family Studies at Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur, organized a Grandparents Day event. The program began with students from the HDFS department welcoming their grandparents with traditional tilak ceremonies, with over 35 grandparents in attendance.

In her welcoming speech, Dr. Suman Audichya, the head of the department, likened grandparents to a banyan tree, under which the entire family experiences comfort and peace. She emphasized the important role of grandparents in the changing social environment, encouraging all to share their thoughts on how both new and old generations can beautifully nurture their relationships amidst societal changes. It was highlighted that children should receive abundant love from their grandparents while also passing down traditional values.

In today's society, working parents often rely on grandparents, who play a crucial role in family strength, safety, and security. Various entertaining games were organized for the grandparents, which they thoroughly enjoyed. The event was attended by Mrs. Aruna Vyas, Mrs. Anjana Kumawat, and Mrs. Rekha Rathore, along with all PG students from the department. The digital coordination of the event was managed by Ravindra and Rajee.

## DPS Udaipur Shines in National Competitions

**Udaipur:** Delhi Public School (DPS) Udaipur celebrated remarkable achievements as Satish Dangi secured All India Rank 1 in the National Judo Championship, winning gold in the 50 kg category, while sixth grader Harvik Dangi earned All India Rank 3 and a bronze in the 25 kg category. Their coach, Mr. Chahat Jain, praised their dedication. Additionally, seventh grader Riana Sharma won first place in an "On-the-Spot" painting competition during Udaipur's Wildlife Week, recognized by Collector Mr. Arvind Poswal. Principal Mr. Sanjay Narvariya commended the students, highlighting the school's commitment to nurturing talent in sports and arts.

## Sania Khalid Lands ₹51 Lakh Package at Microsoft

**Bikaner:** Sania Khalid, a B.Tech student in Computer Science and Engineering at Bikaner Technical University (BTU), has secured a prestigious position at Microsoft India with an impressive annual package of ₹51 lakh. Dr. Sudhir Bhardwaj, the Training and Placement Officer, praised Microsoft for recognizing talent. Sania attributes her success to a commitment to continuous learning and skill enhancement. Vice Chancellor Prof. Ajay Kumar Sharma congratulated her, noting the university's efforts in securing placements. Principal Dr. Yadunath Singh highlighted the growing national impact of BTU graduates in various employment sectors, reinforcing the university's commitment to student advancement.

## Sojatia Jewelers Honored with Icon of the Jewelry Industry 2024 Award

**Udaipur:** Sojatia Jewelers, a prominent name in Udaipur's jewelry industry, has been awarded the prestigious Icon of the Jewelry Industry 2024 award. The recognition was bestowed upon them at the GJS Night event organized by the All India Gem and Jewelry Domestic Council at Mumbai's Jio Convention Center. The award was received by the Director of Sojatia Jewelers, Dr. Mahendra Sojatia, in acknowledgment of their remarkable contributions to the jewelry industry.

GJS Chairperson Mr. Sanyam Mehra praised Sojatia Jewelers for their outstanding achievements and highlighted Dr. Sojatia's entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to excellence. He mentioned that Sojatia Jewelers have not only excelled in craftsmanship but also won over customers with their contemporary designs and fair making charges. Mr. Mehra further added that Sojatia's contributions have played a significant role in shaping the future of the Indian jewelry industry, and it is a matter of pride for them to honor a jeweler from Rajasthan with this prestigious award.

Dr. Mahendra Sojatia, in his acceptance speech, emphasized the importance of the jewelry industry in contributing to India's GDP and providing large-scale employment, especially to skilled artisans. He noted that the future of the industry lies in adopting systematic business approaches and the latest techniques to ensure sustainable growth. Dr. Sojatia also pointed out the increasing customer preference for purchasing jewelry with bills, which not only provides satisfaction to both the buyer and seller but also generates substantial revenue for the government. Sojatia Jewelers have previously been honored with the India's Most Trusted Retail Jeweler award and the Authenticity Award, further solidifying their reputation for excellence in the jewelry industry.

