



### Vedanta introduces new Parental Leave Policy

**Udaipur:** Vedanta Limited, India's leading diversified natural resources company has announced an enhanced parental leave policy for its employees. Building upon its employee friendly policies, the company's maternity leave has been enhanced to 26 weeks. The company has also introduced an adoption leave for 12 weeks and a paternity leave for 1 week. The new parental leave policy is welcomed by its employees as the best-in-class in the industry.

"Vedanta's new and enhanced parental leave policy secures an inclusive and productive work environment for our employees, who are our most valuable asset. We take pride in having a diverse workforce and our evolved people practices make us one of the most desired companies to work for," says Mr. Suresh Bose, Head-Group HR, Vedanta.

Vedanta considers gender parity and inclusive opportunities as among its top organizational priorities. The company has several innovative employee programmes designed for skill development, personal development, healthcare and ensuring work-life balance. Vedanta Limited's 'Leaders Connect' initiative has contributed tremendously to the development of bright future leadership in the company.

### Vidyapeeth - MSW Campus Placement Camp

**Udaipur:** Campus placement camp organized by private company Be Able - principal Dr Manju Mandot, Ashutosh Saxena Deepak Chaudhary & Placement in-charge Dr Sunil Chaudhary informed that 20 students had group discussion and interview with the company and 6 students were selected on an annual package of 1.5 lac.

He also said that in the session 2015-16, students of Social Works were selected by companies like Jindal Steel Work Hissar, Escort Faridabad, Marco House Corporation Ahmedabad, Oasis Beverage Ambala, Educate Girl, RSWM Banswada, etc.

### Dr. Jain claims Ganga hostel well recharged full



It was a time when every day water tankers were called for this hostel in the university campus. The well in this hostel was completely dried up. Water tankers expenditure of two to three lacs per year were done every year. Then Dr Suman Singh the professor in Home science college contacted her old teacher & a roof top rain water motivator Dr P.C. Jain. They both inspected the premises of the hostel & moved on to the roof of the hostel also. Then under his guidance the Roof top rain water harvesting system was installed. Since then the rain water used to fill up the well & there was no need for the water tankers.

Today The NSS girls of the home science visited this well which this year is filled to the brim. They were so happy to see this well that began to celebrate it by doing a JAL NRITYA with Dr P.C. Jain who was singing a Jal -Geet. He then explained them how this rain water came from the roof to the sump & than the overflow of this flows to the well to fill it.

Then he showed them his first Documentary on "Success of rain water harvesting" in this he has shown how for the first time in the history of nation one KUJ ( Small well) reopened after 40 years of closure & than recharged in one of the Dharmshala of Kankroli ( Rajsamand). Similarly 200 year old dust-bin well cleaned in B. Ed College of Rajasthan Vidyapeeth & than recharged this is now full of water. Also a well 125 year old on Rana Pratap nagar Railway station was shown in this documentary which was also recharged. Every body took the pledge that they will use minimum water for bath & save water in their life. They will actively participate in this save -water campaign of Dr P.C. Jain. Dr Vishakha Bansal the program officer of N.S.S. thanked Dr P.C. Jain for this informative talk.

### Freshers Party organised at GITS

**Udaipur:** A freshers party was organised today at Geetanjali Institute of Technical Studies, Dabok to welcome the first year students. Lavish Jain and Priya Dhabai were crowned as Mr Fresher and Ms Fresher respectively.

Principal Dr D.P. Mehta and Finance Controller B.L. Jangid, Managing Director of Geetanjali Group, Ankit Agarwal was the chief guest on the occasion. Ankit addressed the students and gave them guidance towards approaching their career.

The programme was organised by second year engineering students to welcome the first year engineering students. The second year students presented skit, solo dance, group dance and a musical performance on the occasion. First year students did a ramp walk. Head of department of all the streams were present along with the students. The entire event was managed by the second year student community.

### Designers' Forum creates guidelines for IoT in Architecture

**Udaipur:** Designers' Forum is a dedicated group of designers in Udaipur who are looking towards contributing in making world a better place to live.

It's a platform for knowledge sharing of ins and outs of Architecture including interactive sessions with renowned architects, designers as well students. With every event, forum introduces few knowledge partners.

This time it was Decent Furnishings, KEI Wires and Lucky Timbers who displayed their potential products during the event. Forumites, Architect Sunil S Ladha and Amit Gaurav started the workshop with Funtangle - an exercise that dared to be original with hands-on-art.

As a result, participants were amazed to see their own level of creativity and took home a self-made piece of art. Then came the main motive of the workshop i.e. IOTA (Internet of things in Architecture): In 1977 internet was born, but the power of internet has been felt in past decade.

# Now Even Mahashweta Devi Is Taboo!

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The swearing in of the union government with full majority of Bhartiya Janata Party has marked an unprecedented era of demeaning the autonomy of the institutions of higher education. The spree to exercise the hegemony of the ruling party and its front organizations has been witnessed in several instances at the level of union government as well as state governments where Bhartiya Janata Party is in power. In M.L.Sukhadia University, Udaipur last year Prof. Ashok Vohra of Delhi University delivered a lecture in the department of Philosophy. Some members and sympathizers of ABVP, student wing of Bhartiya Janata Party, made some clippings out of context and spread it on social media creating a lot of furor in the town as well as the campus. They accused the organizers and the speaker of insulting Hindu Gods. ABVP state vice president who now is a claimant of the post of vice chancellor, led the hate campaign and members of RUCTA (Rashtriya), a teachers organization affiliated with BJP also took a stance against the HOD of the Philosophy department as she is a progressive and liberal thinker. The University cowed down before the pressure of outside political elements and the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities filed an FIR against the guest speaker Prof. Ashok Vohra. The whole design was to attack and humiliate Prof. Sudha Chaudhary, whose academic excellence and popularity with the students caused many hearts to burn. The same modus operandi has been observed in Central University of Haryana. On 21st September, 2016 the department of English and Foreign Languages of the school of Language, Linguistics, Culture and heritage staged a play based on a story "Draupady" written by the Sahitya Academy Award winner world known author and activist late Mahashweta Devi. The story is prescribed in the syllabus. It highlights the question of patriarchy and how the state also works to maintain the status quo. There is an incident of a rape of the protagonist by the state security forces which is not a new thing in this coun-

try. The story is set in the background of 1970s. To provide statistical evidence an epilogue was added having data of violence by security personnel over women. Like Udaipur, a section of students who are members of ABVP and the sympathizers made video clips of the performance and choosing some clips which suited their nefarious designs made them viral. This has also led to a lot of violent demonstration of political power both by BJP and Congress. The Mahendergarh district where the University is situated abounds in ex-servicemen. The hooligans have succeeded through their loud propaganda that the play was an intrigue and well planned design to insult the armed forces. Unfortunately it is the Vice Chancellor who took a bold and impartial stand initially, is not well now and the rest of the people cannot take the pressure of local politicians and ex-servicemen. As a result the members of the department of English are intimidated. Particularly Dr. Snehsata and Dr. Manoj Vidyalankar are facing a tough time since they were the coordinators of the programme. Although the HOD Dr. Sanjiv says that they have tendered an unconditional apology if the play has hurt anybody's feelings, the witch hunt is going on. Even after ten days the series of politically motivated demonstrations have not ceased. The confidence of teachers and sincere students is shaken. The Vice Chancellor R.C. Kuhad has formed a committee to examine the matter which is likely to meet and hear the version of all concerned on Tuesday. Dr. Snehsata told that an Intelligence Bureau official has been calling her personally and enquiring about her schooling, education and personal life. They have reached up to her village and are enquiring about her father's professional and personal life. They have also highlighted her inter-caste marriage to prove her as an anti-social element. "Have I done such a big crime by highlighting the marginalized women's issues that I am being questioned as a terrorist? I don't know what would happen in the coming times but I do know that I haven't done anything wrong," she says.



By enacting a play based on Mahashweta Devi's story the department has done precisely the duty which is enshrined in the Central Universities Act 2009. The objectives of the Central Universities as stated in the Act are, "the objective of University shall be to disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in such branches of learning as it may deem fit; to make special provisions for integrated work in humanities, social sciences, science and technology & in its educational programmes; to take appropriate measures for promoting innovations in teaching-learning process and interdisciplinary studies and research; to educate and train manpower for the development of the country." Enacting a play is an innovative form of providing instruction. The content of the play is based on social reality of some part of India at a particular point of time. The text forms the part of syllabus and the whole programme was approved by the university administration and Rs. Ten thousand was sanctioned for the purpose. Even after the play there was no eyebrow raised. In fact the authorities congratulated the coordinators for a nice performance. Only after the hooligans raised the ruckus, the problem was caused. Central University of Haryana grew up in a liberal atmosphere when the founder Vice Chancellor Prof. M.C. Sharma created opportunities of such open debates on the campus and encouraged students to participate in them. I have been the Dean of School of Language, Linguistics, Culture and Heritage of the university and Dr. Snehsata is

the first scholar to get a Ph.D. from the school. She has been bred on liberal human values. Therefore nothing that she does can attract any doubt. It is good that the FEDCUTA has supported the teachers in a statement. The FEDCUTA notes with concern the ugly row brewing over the staging of the play Draupadi at the Central University Haryana, Mahendergarh. The play was based on a story written by the world renowned author Mahashweta Devi. From all accounts the play was staged by the English literature department in memory of the late Mahashweta Devi and has attracted adverse reactions and protests in the name of nationalism from the local ABVP outfit, some ex-servicemen and some local community leaders. In response the university administration has constituted an enquiry committee to look in to the matter. The main objection to the play is to the scene where two soldiers engage in the horrific act of rape of the protagonist for not revealing some information. This has been construed as an attempt to malign the Indian soldiers who were martyred at Uri in a terrorist attack recently. The FEDCUTA condemns such a construction on a story placed in the context of the 1970s and the attempt to play chauvinistic nationalist politics with it. Indeed as the well known scholar Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak had pointed out many years ago that through this story Mahashweta Devi was giving an anti-colonialist message. She was in fact opposing the terrible legacy of the colonial mindset which inevitably used rape as a weapon of war and as a 'the-

ory and practice of most efficient information retrieval' as depicted in the story. Mahashweta Devi herself had forewarned in this context that she was working for a change in the social system and did not believe in 'mere party politics'. FEDCUTA believes that such a deeply humanist message should be upheld and certainly no party politics should be encouraged over the play. Indeed this kind of politics demeans the martyrdom of the soldiers who fell prey to forces of terror created by imperialism and colonialism in the first place. The FEDCUTA believes that the politics over the play are an attempt to stifle the freedom of expression and creativity of a young English department at a young university." Similar feelings have been expressed by Prof. R.N. Vyas, former Dean of the University College of Social Sciences and Humanities, M.L.Sukhadia University, Udaipur who is now teaching at Malaysia. He remarks very categorically, "At first I completely agree with the event organised by the scholars of the CUH. I salute the coordinator, indicated exclusively by the administration for the epilogue, Dr. Snehsata for befitting response to authorities, not only bravely replying, explaining and clarifying the background, happenings, and raisons d'être of staging the chosen play, but also gone further to re-strengthen the cause of academic institutions and their expressive freedom along with giving eye opening evidence of the selective attack and atrocities committed against women in general and by the university

administration in particular. The theme of the play is an appropriate example of growing atrocities of a section of armed personals against the marginalised citizens, mainly playing in the hands of ruling class consisting of national and multinational capitalists and corporates to appropriate resources of people, long pushed into the present habitat, through the process of displacement in the name of development, which is nothing but a collaborative loot of neoliberalism even using the corrupt notions of religion, culture, nationalism and manipulated history. The play written by one of the socially conscious and concerned scholar writer narrates part of the whole game. If universities fraternity are not allowed then which section of the society will be able to raise their voice against these atrocities." The government of Rajasthan, time and again issues notifications in its circulars suggesting the colleges to buy books written by the right wing writers. The Union HRD Minister had earlier declared the Christmas Day as a working day to commemorate the birthday of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpai. In Rajasthan, the holiday of Eid was cancelled last year in government colleges to commemorate Deen Dayal Upadhyay's anniversary and hold blood donation camps. The posts of Vice Chancellors have become political posts which are to be filled by politically connected professors. The Vice Chancellor of University of Rajasthan is an example. In Udaipur, the post of the Vice Chancellor of M.L.Sukhadia University is lying vacant and often there are news paper stories about the prospective candidates who are all linked with BJP. Not even for the same of eye wash, do the ruling party people say that the VC will be appointed on merit. The chain of events at Central University of Haryana is very unfortunate. Having been a part of the department, I am sure that there is no political intrigue in enacting the play. It has been done in the right academic spirit and the political mud-slinging on the University and the upcoming department must stop immediately.

### Businesses Increasingly Relying On Astrologers

**Udaipur:** Today's world is full of risks and uncertainties with fortunes fluctuating from one extreme to the other. This pervades all fields, especially businesses and industries. Due to the stiff competition and extremely volatile situations in business and industrial atmosphere, businessmen and entrepreneurs are nowadays relying more and more on astrologers. This is a reality of today's business diaspora. This can be proved by the fact that the number of calls made

by businessmen to GaneshaSpeaks.com has increased substantially during the year 2015-16. Yet another interesting fact about this is that there is a substantial increase in duration of the calls. For instance, in April 2015, the average duration of a call was 5 minutes, while in April 2016, it increased to 8 minutes. The year-on-year increase in May is from 7 minutes to 9.5 minutes, while for June, the increase is from 8 minutes to 11 minutes.

### Surgical operation is an apt and timely retort to the terrorists

**New Delhi:** The founder and President of World Sufi Forum and All India Ulama & MshaiKh Board, Syed Mohammad Ashraf Kichochwi congratulates the Indian establishment and the Prime minister Narendra Modi on his stern act against terrorism. He laudes India's surgical strikes in the wake of the Uri attack perpetrated by the Pakistani terrorists on the Indian army near the LoC in Jammu & Kashmir in which over 18 Indian Army were martyred. The Founder of World Sufi Forum welcomed the motive behind this operation preventing terrorists who infiltrate or attack the Jammu & Kashmir region.

Syed Mohammad Ashraf states: "In January 2004, Pakistan had assured us that it would not use its territory as breeding ground for terrorism against India. We hoped Pakistan would keep its promise. But it backed out of its word recently in the Uri attack. Given this, the surgical strike has conveyed to Pakistan the sentiments of our countrymen: Pakistan must stop sponsoring terror".

He further states: "The surgical operation is an apt and timely retort to the terrorists emboldened by the Pakistan government. We should understand that surgery comes into play as the last resort when all medicines have failed. There has been a pressing urge for the surgical strikes for a long time.

### Little Seedlites Tryst with Nature

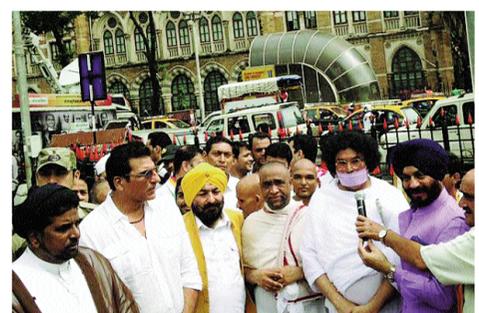
**Udaipur:** Nursery students of the Seedling Modern Public School, NH8 branch went for their first picnic, where they came in touch with lush green environment. With a variety of things to do, including exploring nature and playing in the open they discovered a whole new element of fun. Enjoying camaraderie with their co-students and teachers outside the confines of a classroom or school was very evident on their little faces as they seemed to relish every moment of their tryst with nature.

### OYO: Sunrise check-in from 6 AM

**Udaipur:** OYO, India's largest branded network of hotels, has launched a much-needed solution assuring early check-in up to 7 days prior to booking. This is sharp disruption - to the prevalent industry norm across the world, with each hotel having its own arbitrary check-in time (usually 12 noon), and guests left stranded and helpless. The new feature is the latest in the list of pioneering solutions introduced by OYO to deliver efficient, predictable and standardized stays to travelers. This facility is being offered free of cost in many OYOs, and at a nominal charge in others. With this launch, OYO has become the first hotel brand in the world to offer guaranteed early check-in to guests.

### Religious Leaders took part in Flag March to pay tribute to Uri soldiers

**Mumbai:** A Flag March was organized at the Azad Maidan-Jai Jawan Army Memorial to pay tribute to the resolute 18 Army Jawans who laid down their precious lives for the country while protecting the integrity and sovereignty of the country during a surprise attack by terrorists at Uri Army Camp on September 17, 2016. The event was organized by Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti, All India Anti Terrorist Front.



The Flag March was headed by Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni M. S. Bitta- Chairman, All India Anti-Terrorist Front, Jain Acharya Shri Sagarachandra Sagar Surisvarji- Founder of Vishwa Jain Parishad. Besides, Bollywood actor Mukesh Rishi also joined the Flag March. Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni Ji and Jain Acharya Shri Sagarachandra Sagar Surisvarji paying tribute to the soldiers said that people in the country live and work peace-

fully because soldiers of our military forces guard our countries borders. They said that the level of toughness with which our armed forces deal with enemy nations is same as the level of compassion and kindness with which they save lives during times of natural calamities. On this significant occasion, Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni Ji and Jain Acharya Shri Sagarachandra Sagar

Surisvarji both announced to give Rupees 5 Lakh to each affected families of the martyrs of Uri attack. Following cue, Shri M. S. Bitta- also announced that a special program will be organized at the Prestigious Vigyan Bhawan to posthumously honour the resolute soldiers and to distribute the monetary assistance to the family members of the martyrs on the sublime occasion.

### Five Lakh donation to each family of 18 soldiers

**Udaipur:** More than 2000 people gathered at Azad Maidan Jay Jawan Army memorial to pay tribute to 18 army officers who lost their life in Uri (Jammu & Kashmir) attack. It was headed by World Peace Ambassador & Founder of Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni Ji, Chairman of All India Anti Terrorist Front M. S. Bitta & Founder Of Vishwa Jain Parishad Jain Acharya Shri Sagarachandra Sagar Surisvarji. The function was organised by SRK Foundation and Spread The Love Foundation. Founder of Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni Ji & Founder Of Vishwa Jain Parishad Jain Acharya Shri Sagarachandra Sagar Surisvarji declare to give 5 Lakh to each family of Martyrs of Uri. Dharam guru from different communities like Jainism, Parsee, Muslim, Hindu, Christian etc came to be part of this event.