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MLSU ON THE MOVE AS VISIONARY Prof. AMARIKA SINGH TAKES OVER

Firm determination, deep commitment, great vision, creativity and concern for others are some qualities that are difficult to find in one person. However, Prof. Amarika Singh V.C., MLSU, has all of them and many more. No wonder MLSU has seen several positive changes during a short period of eight months of his tenure.



Open-minded Prof. Singh started interaction with the teaching faculty, students, alumni, office staff and parents in the very first month of his taking up his new assignment. And this enabled him to analyze the problems and decide the line of action. He opened his doors to everyone who had any grievance and the result is that there have been no strikes or agitation. Over one hundred persons were selected and asked to submit details of their achievements. Ninety-eight persons were confirmed in one day. He feels that Ph.D. holders have much better chances of getting jobs. That is why the number of research projects has gone up to 170. Out of 2 lac students, about 48,000 belong to S.T. and S.C. if the number of Ph.D. seats for these tribal categories is increased, a larger number of them will get good jobs, and that



in turn would inspire others to take up research. He is trying to get 200 seats reserved for them. Now the Board of Management also has one member of the tribal community.

It is also proposed to build a tribal family hostel with fifty rooms where students and their parents would be able to live together.

Talking about the recently launched New Education Policy, he says that the University organized 175 webinars for discussions and dissemination. According to him, the main thrust is on making education job-oriented. The University has designed no less than ninety-six such courses. All efforts have been made to provide employment and income. For example, the women of Kailashpuri make flower garlands and Gajras for marriages that hotels take. Over two hundred Adivasi boys have been trained how to work at petrol pumps. As part of Corporate Social Responsibility, musical instruments are made, and training in playing them is being provided. The Arts and education Depts of the University go out to the villages to teach different skills. Efforts are also being made to get rid of social evils like divorce. Prof. Singh keeps in constant touch with industries in the neighboring areas like cement so as to explore the possibility of the placement of his students there.

He believes that one should lead others by setting one's example. That's why he takes his classes regularly and also walks into other classrooms and teaches about important issues like the environment. This has enthused the faculty to take regular classes. Deeply concerned about pensioners, he not only interacts with them frequently but is also trying to pay them regularly.

His University's website has completely updated information about results, degrees, etc. No wonder it has become the best website among universities in the state. Meetings of the Academic Council are held every month. The finances of the University have gone up to 58 crores from 42 crores. His advice to rural students is to take all the precautions against Covid. The University has already distributed over 150,000 masques. Parents should realize the importance of education and see to it that their wards attend classes and stud-



ies regularly. Prof. Singh's dream is to make his University the best in the country by 2022 and the best in the world by 2023 when his tenure is over. And with his passion, perseverance, deep insight, and vision, the dream is bound to come true.

-Ashok Mathur

Discrimination minimize but remains At all levels with women : Shuchi Sharma



Proposal for Increase age of Retirement of College Teachers has dropped for Time Being

Udaipur: (Dr. Munesh Arora) Today in India women are discriminated at all levels, whether it is the education or job sector. Women must face discrimination in her life time more or less. This was said by former Higher Education Secretary Shuchi Sharma while in Udaipur. During a special meeting Shuchi Sharma says that today the level of discrimination against women has reduced but not finished. Time is changing the way women are coming forward and setting new records in every field. Women changed the thinking of a society and also break so many barriers. Now a day women have achieved so many targets in society.

Recalling the services rendered as an officer Shuchi Sharma said that she got an opportunity to work in positions considered exclusively for men. The function of the Municipal Corporation and JDA should be made for men. But I believe that such positions should be provided to women for the benefit of the common men. Women are coming into jobs have the mentality to join on easy working posts. They do not like to go to field posting and problematic duty posts and their family also has the same mentality, which is wrong. Women should be more posted on public links posts because she has a soft heart and solve the problem of common men easily.

The former Higher Education Secretary said that a large number of colleges were opened in Rajasthan during her time, and the process of recruitment of 980 posts of college teachers has also started. But even today the situation can't be very impressive there are huge numbers of teacher's vacancies in the colleges. To solve this problem we made provision to provide a reasonable amount to the guest faculty teacher. Also in the colleges in most of the subjects online lectures were arranged during the Corona period. It is true that the colleges have lack infrastructure and do not have sufficient staff. Students are not getting adequate facilities. Efforts have been made to resolve the students. We will get a positive result soon. Efforts are being made to implement the same curriculum in all universities in the state to improve education. Shuchi Sharma said that the proposal to increase college teachers' retirement age from 60 to 62 file came to her. The UGC has also recommended this but considering the far-reaching consequences and the number of unemployment in the state, the idea has been postponed for the time being. But we have conducted DPC and try to solve maximum problems of teachers.

Shuchi Sharma said like centre we should have Regulatory Authority in the state so that complaints of private universities and private colleges can be properly investigated and strict action can be taken against them. Today, there is a need for radical change in the education sector, but the economic burden creates the biggest problem in these reforms. Recalling his Social Justice and Empowerment Department's services she said that there is a need of a Social Audit that will be more effective. Social Audit can work on the needs of its region and people evaluate them. Today this department has also become like government services transfer posting, and other governmental activities going on at the village level it's not good. Also in contrast of thoughts when this department was started, its imagination was different, today it has been entirely governmental. When Shuchi Sharma asked whether she was willing to go to Politics, she said that there is so much loot and groupism everywhere that's why she does not find her fit. When she was asked about her art and painting, she said she liked to stay close to nature. Nature gives us every think, in my paintings you see different shades of nature. She will increase her art in future. Also try to solve the problems of common man approach to her.

Once again demand for Culvert in Bedla

Udaipur: The construction of a culvert that reaches the crematorium in Bedla, attached to the city, has once again been demanded by citizens to the administration. Under Pratap Singh Rathore's leadership, Up pradhan of Badgaon Panchayat Samiti, representatives of all the society, have demanded the bridge's construction. Rathore said that after the water is flooded in the river, the dead bodies are not able to take the Moksha Dham for about seven months a year. Due to the water in the river, the villagers have to lift the dead body and decide the journey of four kilometers. In this regard, recently, eminent people have submitted a memorandum to the Collector and demanded construction of a culvert before the rainy season.

A Dedicated Teacher, Playwright, Theatre Personality and Poet : Khursheed Nawab



Knowing a personality like Dr. Khursheed Nawab is a very enriching experience. As one interacts with him the layers of his scholarship and creativity unfold slowly. He is an introvert personality who keeps his achievements in a low profile and is so humble that he does not tell easily about his long creative and academic journey. I first heard of him through my brother Dr. Karun Chandalia, M.D. Pali Dairy (R.C.D.F.) in 1982-83, who was then a student of the College of Dairy Science. He was participating in a play and told me that Mr. Khursheed Nawab was directing that play. Since then I started following him. In 1983 I joined Rajasthan Patrika as a sub editor. While working on the desk I kept reading about Nawab Sahab's active involvement in theatre activities. Udaipur has been fortunate that way. Great playwrights and performers have enriched the world of drama in Udaipur. Manishi Pdt. Janardan Rai Nagar not only wrote the famous play Chanakya but also performed in drama. Padma Shri Devi Lal Samar, Mangal Saxena, Bhanu Bharati, Ashok Banthia, Bina Kak, Rizwan Zaheer Usman, Mahesh Nayak, Dr. Laique Hussain, and several other theatre personalities have contributed immensely. Khursheed Nawab is also another such name who has consistently written and directed plays in Hindi as well as Urdu.

Besides this, he has been associated with literary societies like Yugdharma, Navkriti and Anjuman Taraqqi-e-Urdu. News of his poetry recitations often appeared in newspapers. Sometimes I also participated in the sessions of these bodies and listened to his poetry recitations live sitting in the audience. His poems are very emotional renderings of his commitment to secularism, nationalism and universal brotherhood. He has imbibed the traditions of Urdu as well as Hindi poetry and is a perfect practitioner of both.

A few years back he came to meet me at my department. He expressed his son's desire to pursue Master's course in English Literature. Sahil, his son was then serving in the Gulf those days. Nawab Sahab wanted him to return to India and live with him. We planned it and by dint of his hard work Sahil passed his M.A. English Literature with a first division and was immediately selected as an Assistant Professor of English in an Engineering College where he is serving successfully to the full satisfaction of his students, family and the management. I came closer to the family and was invited to some of the family functions too. This made it possible for me to learn that Nawab Sahab is a prolific writer, poet, theatre personality and performer. The list of his achievements would make anybody jealous of him. An author of twelve books, a poet who penned down more than three thousand Gazals, wrote sixty five plays, thirty three radio plays, acted in Indian and Foreign films and performed in more than forty plays Nawab Sahab has been felicitated more than two dozen times by different national and state level institutions. His publications include Bandhano Ke Beech, Roshan Andhere, Khwar Bhi, Gulzar Bhi, Bandishon ke Darmiyan, and three books on Children's literature. Besides his M.A. and B.Ed. degrees he has obtained Adeeb, Adeeb Mahir and Adeeb Kamil. Several students have made their place in the world of drama and literature under his guidance. He continues to perform, write and direct even now.

- Dr. H.S.Chandalia