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Literature is the Apt Tool to Combat Hatred: Prof. Sudhi Rajiv

Udaipur: "Literature is an apt tool to combat hatred. For centuries literature has propagated the message of love, be it the love of God, love of one's own country or love between man and woman. Love is a synthesized feeling of what is the best in human nature. Literature is the reflection of human imagination and emotion. Thus, it is love that flows like an undercurrent in the world literature. Love is the force that takes hatred and fear away. In the world of incessant strife in the name of religion and power, it is love that can bring lasting peace and happiness." These thoughts were expressed by Prof. Sudhi Rajiv, Vice Chancellor, Haridev Joshi University of Journalism and Mass Communication, Jaipur in the inaugural function of the XIX international conference of Rajasthan Association for Studies in English as its chief guest. The conference was organized at Lohia Government College, Churu on 20-21 November, 2022. Prof. Mahaveer Singh, Principal of the college presented the welcome address. Organizing Secretary of the conference Dr. Sumer Singh, Head, Department of English intro-

duced the guests to the audience. Prof. Hemendra Singh Chandalia, Vice President of the Association presented the concept note of the conference. He said that the forces of division have torn the world in conflicts. The communal and fascist forces in India have created a vicious atmosphere. It is the duty of writers, poets and teachers to dispel this gloom and create an atmosphere of mutual love, respect and harmony. In the concept note he referred to writers from Greek, Latin, Russian, Chinese and Indian Literatures who wrote about various shades of love and thus propagated the message of love, peace and harmony. Dr.K.S.Kang, General Secretary of the Association presented the annual report of the conference.

Sh.Dula Ram Saharan, Chairman, Rajasthan Sahitya Academy, Udaipur addressed the audience as the guest of honour. He said that the purpose of literature is to bring together people and make them enjoy the best that is available in human life. Literature also becomes a tool of protest in the reign of tyrants and dictators. He said that today when

the ruling establishment at the center is trading in hatred and violence it is the duty of the enlightened writers, poets, journalists and teachers to propagate the message of love and tolerance. He said that the theme of the conference is relevant to the present times. Noted Rajasthani writer and poet Padmshri Dr. Chandra Prakash Deval in his address said that humanity is the essence of the world of literature. The spirit of freedom and creativity are inherent in human nature. Hatred and violence are not natural. He said that unfortunately human history as it comes to us valorizes the victorious in battles and thus indirectly glorifies violence. Though there have also been works of anti war literature but they have not been so well popularized. There is a need to fight the forces of hatred and violence for lasting human progress. In the inaugural session Prof. Sudhi Rajiv, Vice President of the Association was felicitated for her elevation to the position of the Vice Chancellor. Prof. H.R.Isran read the citation and the guests offered a shawl as a token of respect to her.

The souvenir of the conference, the annual journal of the Rajasthan Association for studies in English and a book titled Legions of Liberty: Exploring Prison Literature edited by Prof. H.S.Chandalia



were released by guests in the inaugural session of the conference. Prof.Suman bala, Delhi University, presented the key note address while Ms.Roswitha, an ex official of German Embassy and a creative writer in English gave Prof. S.N.Joshi Memorial Lecture. Presiding over the inaugural session Prof. Rajul Bhargava, President of the Association said that hate is a product of fear. It is hate that

brings blindness. Hate teaches us to remember our differences while love teaches us to forget and forgive. Dr.Sanju Jhahhariya, convener of the conference offered a vote of thanks. Dr. Rukhsana Saifi,

"Meeting Hatred with Love: A Note on Gandhi's Philosophy of a Peaceful World. This session was chaired by Dr.K.S.Kang.A number of technical sessions were held in the afternoon in which the dele-

Geet Govind. This session was chaired by Dr. Bhumika Sharma, Head, Department of English, Central University of Rajasthan, Kishangarh, Ajmer.

Parallel technical sessions were held chaired by Dr.K.S.Kang, Dr. Anant Dadheech, Dr. Khushpal Garg, Dr. H.R. Isran and Dr. Shubha Dwivedi.

The valedictory session of the conference was chaired by the Principal of the college Prof. Mahaveer Singh. In his speech he made very pertinent remarks about the need to fight hatred in all walks of life. In particular he spoke of religion being used as a tool for gaining political advantage. He said that India, with its huge size and rich diversity cannot be ruled by the followers of any one religion. The chief guest of the session was Sh. Faruq Afridi, noted writer and Officer on Special Duty, Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Jaipur. In his speech he referred to the works of numerous writers from world literature and said that love is a universal feeling which has been expressed the world over. He said that fascist forces are on a rise in India and have tried to destroy the composite cul-

ture of our country. He said that such conferences will enhance the secular character of our nation. Prof.Hussain Raza Khan, Chairman, Rajasthan Urdu Academy, special guest of the session spoke on the tradition of Sufi literature in India and said that the Sufis seek God through love. He mentioned several works of literature written in Urdu to establish that literature in India exists in many languages but their spirit is one. In the beginning of the session Dr.Sumer Singh, organizing Secretary of the conference, introduced the guests while Prof. H.S.Chandalia welcomed the guests.

He said that the theme of the conference is relevant to the present time as there are organized attempts to jeopardize the secular and socialist ideals of the constitution of India. Dr. Sanju Jhahhariya, convener of the conference presented the report of the conference while co-convenor Dr. Chitra Dadheech, offered a vote of thanks. The session was convened by Dr. Chitra Dadheech and Dr. Anant Dadheech.

-Dr.Sumer Singh
Organizing Secretary

NEW RULES OF Ph.D. WILL APPLY 4 YEARS OF U.G. WILL MAKE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A Ph.D

Udaipur: The Academic Council meeting of Mohanlal Sukhadia University was held on Saturday under the chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor Professor IV Trivedi. The new rules of Ph.D. implemented by U.G.C. have been implemented after some amendments. It was also decided to conduct the examinations of one semester of U.G. and P.G. at the departmental level, which is lagging due to Corona and the Lockdown.

University spokesperson Dr. Kunjan Acharya said that the new rules of Ph.D. implemented by U.G.C. were put on the table by Dean PG Studies Professor Neeraj Sharma with amendments, which were adopted and accepted. Under the new provisions, 8 Ph.D. scholars will now be allotted to Professor, 6 to Associate Professor, and 4 to Assistant Professor. Along with this, the provision of a super numeric

seat already running for the T.S.P. area has been kept unchanged.



In the new rules made under the new education policy, a limit of a minimum of 3 years and a maximum of 8 years has been fixed for doing a Ph.D. This exemption for Divyang and women will be valid for ten years. Under the provision made in the new education policy, students who have secured 75 percent marks in the 4-year graduate integrated examination will

also be able to be admitted to Ph.D. Along with this, the compulsion to publish the research

set by the administration. Still, it has been made a rule that after the change of the guide, the researcher will have to work with the new focus for at least 2 years. Only after that will he be able to submit his research work. The name of the new direction will also be decided at the level of the Departmental Research Committee.

Along with this, it was also decided by the Academic Council that due to the Covid-19 pandemic and 2 people down, the classes and examinations of U.G. and P.G. in the University are running behind by one semester. Therefore it was decided that the examination of one current semester would be conducted departmentally. Only the university's name is visible in the emblem (logo) till now. The name of the place is not known in it. Along with this, its structure also changed with time. To bring uniformity in this, a committee con-

sisting of Prof. SK Kataria, Prof. Hemant Dwivedi, and Dr. Avinash Panwar has been constituted, presenting the logo in a revised and modified form.

The list of Ph.D. scholars, gold medalists, and chancellor's medalists of the last year was also approved for the convocation ceremony to be held on December 20.

Registrar Chhogaram Devasi, Deputy Registrar Mukesh Barber, Professor CR Suthar, Dean College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Professor CP Jain, Dean College of Science, Professor PK Singh, Dean College of Commerce, Dr. Rajshree Chowdhary, Dean Law College, Controller of Examinations Dr. Rajesh Kumawat, attended the meeting. University Estate Officer Rakesh Jain, Heads of Departments, and other administrative officers were present.

The Biggest Outdoor Event of IIMU : Udaipur Runs

Udaipur: IIM Udaipur organises the sixth edition of 'Udaipur Runs', the biggest outdoor event of the institute's annual sports fest, Utkrishi. The theme for this year's event was "Aikyam Sahcharya", which translates to "United Companionship". The aim is to promote unity, and synergetic companionship. This is an especially pertinent message that symbolizes cooperation and unity the nation has shown as it recovers from the pandemic. #RunForEquality campaign was promoted by Samman, the Internal Committee at IIM Udaipur, which aimed at raising awareness about gender inequality.



Shaktawat and Lieutenant Colonel Apurva Singh.

The event was supported by multiple prestigious brands, such as Secure Meters, Title Sponsors, Udaipur Blog, Digital Outreach Partner, Mewari Runners, Running Partners, Paras Healthcare, Hospitality Partner, Choudhary Offset Pvt. Ltd., Printing Partner, Radio City 91.9 FM, Radio Partner. Innocent Street Friends Society, Goodness Partner, VSS Hero as Logistics Partner, and Saffron, Food Partner.

Udaipur Runs is a part of Utkrishi, the annual sports fest of IIM Udaipur, which aims to foster a sporting culture within the IIMU community and leave a lasting positive impact on the city of Udaipur.

The event was a resounding success that saw participation from over 1200 people. The participant pool was varied, and it saw individuals from Udaipur Police and Mewari Runners Running Club as well. Udaipur Runs hosted prominent guests; Ironman Rishabh Jain, Ironman Jitendra Patel, Brigadier Commander S. Ramakrishna (VSM), Major Pratik Bhattacharya, Colonel KDS Shaktawat, Mrs. Kratika

Professor Seema Jalan honored with Excellence Award

Udaipur: Professor Seema Jalan, Head of the Department of Geography at Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, has been honored with the 'Excellence Award-2022'. This award was given to Prof. Seema Jalan for his remarkable contribution to the practical use of Geographical Information Technology by the International Union of Geographical Information Technologists at its recent session in Bangalore.



Prof. Jalan is a national-level scientist in the field of Geographic Information Technology. Under his guidance, the 'Geospatial Skill Development Center and Entrepreneurship Cell' is being established in the university, which will be the first center in this field in state universities.

Experts' Reaction To Repo Rate Hike: RBI's Move To Balance Inflation

RBI has announced a hike in Repo rates for the fifth consecutive time. The difference this time accounts for 35 bps, leading the interest rate from 5.90 to 6.25. RBI has been announcing minimum possible increases in repo rate for the last few months in order to curb the inflation that the country is facing due to global trends. The reasons for increasing rates are the war at trade routes, global recession, increasing prices of raw material costs and various other factors that lead to a direct and indirect hike in prices. Though this hike will impact the home loan interest rates to score higher, the real estate market is expected to stay robust as the sector is believed to offer prominent returns on investment as compared to other industries.

"The 35 bps repo rate hike will have a prominent impact on loan borrowings, which have witnessed a healthy demand this year. The inflation rates are also taming and we expected that there would be no further hikes as it would cause a dent in the real estate, which has marked a great improvement this year. For the momentum to continue, there needs to be stable loan borrowing rates for investors' benefit, the consistently increasing repo rates could dampen the outflow of money that is being invested in real estate spaces," said Mr. Sumit Agarwal, Director, Sales & Leasing, Bhutan Grandthum.

Mr. Uddhav Poddar, MD, Bhumika Group, said, "With inflation taming down, we were hopeful of no more rate hikes. The present hike in repo rate is beyond the comfort level of the real estate sector. The 0.35% hike will take the repo rate from 5.9% to 6.25% taking the home loan interest rates upwards of 9%. It will increase the cost of servicing loans and for new buyers also increase the cost of real estate. We can only hope that the situation improves and that it turns out to be the last hike."

"RBI's step to increase the repo rates by 35 basis points has created a little tough situation for investors as it will bring a hike in loan interest rates. Though it can be dealt with after some time as residential projects have been in massive demand for quite some time now, housing prices will undergo a hike as a result of this announcement. This will somehow be helpful for the realtors to deal with the rising input costs but cost adversely to the homebuyers. The effort by the RBI to reduce inflation is entirely reasonable, but prices for real estate developments will undoubtedly rise in the near future," said Mr. Salil Kumar, Director - Marketing & Business Management, CRC Group.

The repo rate and the reverse repo rate are continually adjusted by RBI in response to shifting macro-economic circumstances. All economic sectors are impacted each time the RBI modifies interest rates, albeit in different ways. Some market segments profit from the rate increase while others suffer. Even if this move was designed solely to fight inflation, India may endure economic stagnation by the conclusion of the upcoming fiscal year. This, however, might only happen if the inflation-growth scenario remains the same.

Mr. Prateek Mittal, IIT Alumni, Executive Director, Sushma Group, said, "A marginal 35 basis point increase in the repo rate is hardly going to make any difference. The current total repo rate is only slightly higher than the pre-pandemic levels, and therefore, We don't see it making any impact on the real estate sector. However, in case the hike ends up achieving the RBI's stated objective of curbing inflation, it will definitely be good for the country's economy. And what is good for the economy will also leave

a positive impact on the sector."

Mr. Ansh Batra, Director, Buniyad Group, said "The repo rate hike was inevitable but this time RBI has taken a relatively moderate approach by raising it by 35bps which now stands at 6.25 per cent. Earlier, there was an upsurge of 50 basis points in the preceding RBI MPC meetings. Though the approaching intention is correct to ease the inflationary effects which continue to stifle the economy, a proper mechanism needs to be developed to oversee the after-effects of the hikes, has it been able to achieve the end goals, and how is it impacting the real estate markets. The luxury won't be affected that much. But the mid-housing markets can be seriously impacted as buyers of the segment would again see increased costs of borrowings and loans. It can further diminish the affordability levels of affordable housing homes."

Harvinder Sikka, MD, Sikka Group, said, "RBI raises repo rate by 35bps to 6.25%, although the industry was expecting RBI to remain repo rate to the same. The hike is minimal, we believe that the market would get accustomed to it quite soon. RBI's move to curb inflation will somehow definitely cost the economic class of society as this would lead to an increase in the price of projects. Loan interest rates are also set to increase, but the real estate sector is expected to be strong and stable. The demand for residential projects is expected to grow. We believe that the residential segment has been doing exceptionally well in the recent past and it will remain the same in approaching months, as efficient projects await buyers."

Indians prioritise owning a home, and demand for housing has changed from small homes in metro areas to larger homes in the suburbs. Small homeowners' demand for homes is hence anticipated to remain strong despite increasing mortgage rates.