

# Empowering Girls Through Coding Training



**Udaipur:** On Wednesday, August 23 - Vidya Bhavan in Udaipur inaugurated

a distinctive program called "Abhilasha". The Abhilasha program aims to equip girls

from rural and town areas, who have completed their 10th to 12th grade with coding skills

equivalent to a B. Tech degree in Computer Science. The program aspires to fulfill their dreams.

Around 100 girls from 86 towns and villages across districts like Alwar, Chittorgarh, Bhilwara, Bayawar, Jaipur, Udaipur, Ajmer, Rajsamand, Jalore, Karauli, Bikaner, Kota, Tonk, and Nagaur are part of this training initiative at Vidya Bhavan. Most of these girls come from underprivileged backgrounds, with limited access to educational facilities and opportunities.

Many are first-generation learners, and several have

completed their education up to the 12th grade within their families.

These girls, who predominantly study in government schools in distant villages and towns, will be able to reach careers in software engineering, analytics, and other ambitious fields after receiving coding training.

The comprehensive 15-month "Abhilasha" residential program aims to provide these girls with essential skills, self-confidence, practical experience, and knowledge necessary to tackle real-life challenges. The program also guar-

antees initial employment opportunities ranging from 20,000 to 40,000 rupees per month, facilitating their rapid career growth.

The inauguration event for the Abhilasha program, held at Vidya Bhavan Auditorium, was attended by prominent guests. Bharat Singh Kundanpur, MLA from Sangod, Kota, was the chief guest and expressed his belief that these girls would shine a light on their families and the nation through their engagement with modern coding practices. Rekha Koita, Chairperson of the Koita Foundation, highlighted the

program's significance for girls who face socio-economic barriers in advancing further in education and life.

Ajay S. Mehta, President of Vidya Bhavan Society, emphasized the program's importance for both society and Vidya Bhavan. He mentioned that "Abhilasha" provides these girls with a chance to progress and excel in life.

Nidhi Anarakti, CEO of Navgurukul, detailed the course structure, divided into three stages: Foundation Bootcamp, Coding Bootcamp, and Internship Bootcamp. These stages cover a wide

range of skills, from basic learning habits and perspectives to practical coding exercises and professional development simulations.

The uniqueness of this course lies in its instructor-less, examination-free approach. The open-source e-learning platform, "Meraki," launched by Navgurukul, will serve as the educational host for these girls.

The event saw the presence of esteemed personalities like Former Mayor Rajni Dangi and notable citizens of the city. Dr. Nishtha Jain and Shivani Suji coordinated the program.

## PFC Education Celebrates Its 5th Birthday at Udaipur

**Udaipur:** PFC Education marked its 5th birthday today with a lively celebration at the PFC Education campus. The event was filled with joy and enthusiasm, with active participation from all members. The students of PFC Education actively engaged in the celebration, making it a memorable occasion.

The program commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by PFC Education's Director Meenakshi Bherawani and the team members. This was fol-

lowed by captivating presentations by PFC Education's students that captured everyone's attention.

As part of this special occasion, a ramp walk was organized, and participants showcased their talents. Based on their performances, Mr. and Miss PFC Education were selected. The ramp walk featured three themes - Corporate World, Walk-in Idea, and Fusion of Cultures - reflecting the diverse talents of the students. The winners of Mr. and Miss PFC Education were

chosen based on their interpretation of these themes.

Meenakshi Bherawani, Director of PFC Education, expressed her pride in launching the anthem song for PFC Education on this special day. The anthem song was a collaborative effort of all PFC Education members and students. She shared that the preparation for this song had been underway for several days, involving students in their studies and contributing to PFC Education's anthem song and playing unique roles

in this event.

During the celebration, several education students were recognized for their outstanding performance in their exams and papers. The event witnessed numerous distinguished guests congratulating PFC Education and expressing their hopes for its continued success.

The Department of Geoinformatics conducted the event and was supported by various faculty members, including Dr. Lokesh Tripathi. He expressed gratitude



towards all individuals, including ISRO scientists, who contributed to the success of Chandrayaan 3.

The event was celebrated with the participation of deans, heads of departments, and

faculty members, celebrating the success of Chandrayaan 3. The live broadcast brought the joy of this achievement to the university's academic community and reiterated India's prowess in space exploration.

## Mission Kotra : Prestigious Award Winner

**Udaipur:** Tarachand Meena, the former District Collector, has been honored with the prestigious SKOCH Award for the successful implementation of Mission Kotra. He initiated the Mission Kotra campaign in the remote tribal area of Kotra in Udaipur district in January 2022, focusing on comprehensive development and upliftment. Under his leadership, significant progress was made in improving the social and economic conditions of the region along with the development of fundamental infrastructure.

Tarachand Meena attributed the success of the award to his entire team. He had also previously received the CM Excellence Award for Mission Kotra. Mission Kotra aimed to address the challenges and create awareness among the marginalized and tribal communities in the Kotra block. It involved various developmental activities such as training programs for skill development, self-employment opportunities, transportation, agriculture, marketing of forest products, irrigation, and more.

The campaign organized village-level camps, linking hundreds of families' children with the Palanhar scheme, worked on silicosis prevention, extended pension benefits, and issued disability certificates for the differently-abled. The provision of uninterrupted internet service from Gujarat and establishment of BSNL towers for better network connectivity were notable initiatives. Additionally, new buses were introduced for improved transportation, a new agricultural produce market was launched to ensure fair prices for tribal farmers, and land allocation was carried out for industrial development. The administration actively reached the farthest and most backward revenue villages in the Kotra block to promote e-governance and provide various government scheme benefits. The development efforts undertaken under Mission Kotra significantly improved the lives of people in the region. Tarachand Meena's leadership played a pivotal role in achieving these positive outcomes.

## 6-Day Women Entrepreneurship Development Program Organized

**Udaipur:** A one-week Women Entrepreneurship Development Workshop sponsored by the Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is being conducted from August 22 to August 28 under the guidance of the Atal Bihari Center for Entrepreneurship and Small Business and Skill Development Center, Department of Management Studies. The inauguration event for the workshop was held today. The event was graced by Dr. Neeta Mehta, President of the Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as the chief guest, and Mr. Kaustubh Bhattacharya, former Operating Officer of Commerce and Industry, as the Guest of Honor.

At the commencement of the program, Professor Meera Mathur, Director and Chairperson of the Department of Management Studies, extended a warm welcome to the guests and introduced the workshop. She highlighted that the workshop encompasses all crucial aspects of women's entrepreneurial development, such as creating business plans during challenging times, tackling personal finance challenges, and addressing challenges unique to women entrepreneurs. Dr. Neeta Mehta shed light on women's contributions to entrepreneurship and emphasized that achieving the dream of a 5 trillion economy will be challenging. She urged women to actively participate in entrepreneurial activities to contribute to this vision.

Mr. Kaustubh Bhattacharya highlighted the importance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) and motivated students to elevate their businesses to an international level. Expressing gratitude to the guests, Professor Hanuman Prasad, Director of the program, stated that this program has been consistently organized over the past three years and will continue in the coming years. He encouraged students to progress alongside the "Smiling FMCGs" (Fast-Moving Consumer Goods). The program was coordinated by Dr. Neha Nagauri and saw the presence of more than 150 students, including Dr. Sonu Nagori, Dr. Puja Devija, Dr. Jyoti Suhaika, Dr. Swati Bandi, and Rano Nagauri.

## Seminar on 'Fit India Youth, Healthy India'

**Udaipur:** A national seminar on "Fit India Youth, Healthy India" was organized at the Physical College of Pacific University, Udaipur.

The chief guests of the program were Dr. Arjun Singh Rana, Vice-Chancellor of Swarnim Gujarat Sports University, and distinguished guest Prof. B.P. Sharma, Group President of Paher University, along with President Prof. K.K. Dave from Paher University. On this occasion, Dr. Hemant Pandya, Principal of Pacific College of Physical Education, welcomed all the guests and informed them about the university's achievements in sports this year. Brand Ambassador of the Fit India Movement, Prof. Arjun Singh Rana, mentioned that our country has the world's highest number of young people. We have 21% of the world's youth, which greatly contributes to our progress. He also emphasized the importance of yoga and pranayama to keep the body fit while avoiding addictions and vices.

Distinguished guest Prof. B.P. Sharma stated that sports have been a part of our culture since ancient times, and all our sports contribute to physical fitness and mental strength. He highlighted the need to integrate our culture and sports heritage.

Rahul Agrawal, Chairman of Pacific University, conveyed in his message that efforts are being made to establish a sports university within the premises of Pacific University, and the necessary resources will also be made available.

On this occasion, Registrar Sharad Kothari, in his message, expressed that the MOU has been signed for academic collaboration between Swarnim Gujarat Sports University and Pacific University. Faculty Chairman of Science and Technology, Dr. Dilendra Hirani, Dr. Khel Shankar Vyas, and Dr. Kapilesh Tiwari were also present at the event.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Jitendra Singh Chundawat, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Pacific College of Physical Education, and Dr. Divya Shekhawat conducted the program.

## Inspirational Event on 'World Entrepreneurs Day' at Pacific University

**Udaipur:** Pacific University organized engaging activities on World Entrepreneurs Day to foster innovative and entrepreneurial thinking among students. The Pacific Entrepreneurship Development Cell aimed to enhance students' skills in various fields for entrepreneurial development and showcased initiatives. President Prof. K.K. Dave shared insights on finance, technology, mining, agriculture, pharma, hospitality, fire and safety, and polytechnics. He also provided information on government schemes and financial assistance available to students. Prof. Dave encouraged students to play an active role in job creation.

The event featured participation from 10 teams, each comprising 10 students. The teams were tasked with creating boats from 20-20 paper sheets. The boats had to be structurally sound and dimensionally accurate. President Prof. K.K. Dave also emphasized the importance of industrial operations, quality control, and lean Six Sigma practices in the industry. The event also focused on effective product designing, development, and marketing. Prof. Anurag Mehta, who conducted the program, discussed product designing, development, and marketing to prepare students for competitive markets. Dr. Deepika Chaplot, Dr.

Priyanka Chaudhary, Dr. Mohammed Abid, and Neelima Bajaj played key roles in organizing the event."

## GMCH: Dr. Atul Luhadia and Dr. Amit Gupta Selected for Panel Discussion

**Udaipur:** In the two-day National Chest Conference PSCP-2023 held in Delhi, Dr. Atul Luhadia and Dr. Amit Gupta, specialists in respiratory diseases at Geetanjali Medical College and Hospital, Udaipur, were chosen from Udaipur for panel discussions on topics related to asthma and sleep medicine, respectively. Dr. Atul discussed the latest guidelines on asthma, highlighting the potential reduction of asthma symptoms and disease control through anti-inflammatory reliever medications delivered via inhalers. He also emphasized the effectiveness and safety of inhaler medications.

During the conference, Dr. Amit Gupta discussed sleep medicine. He shed light on the symptoms of obstructive sleep apnea, such as loud snoring during sleep, irregular breathing rate during sleep, excessive daytime sleepiness, lack of concentration in daily tasks, etc. He stressed that if a person exhibits such symptoms, it could indicate obstructive sleep apnea, and it's advisable for them to undergo polysomnography or a sleep study test to diagnose and initiate timely treatment. This approach

helps prevent severe negative consequences and complications associated with this condition.

## MMPS Celebrates Chandrayaan-3's Success with Enthusiasm

**Udaipur:** Maharana Mewar Public School's Vivekram Singh Bhadoriya Science Club celebrated the significant occasion of Chandrayaan-3's successful landing on the moon's southern pole with great enthusiasm.

Nine students of Class 9 presented their detailed understanding of Chandrayaan 3's mission, which was showcased at the school. Under the guidance of eminent scientists, Dr. Rakshit Bhargava and some members of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Club, including students Ouday Ahmad Nawab, Vivekram Singh Bhadoriya, Ruchir Gupta, and ISRO's Scientist Somanath C., an enthralling presentation was delivered.

The mesmerizing dance performances by Chandni and Varuni Gaur added charm to the event while Harnavi Raj Singh and Honey Shrivastav explained to the students about ISRO's achievements and the reasons behind them. Saurabh Sharma's eloquent poetry left everyone spellbound. Harnavi Raj Singh's impactful speech motivated students to follow ISRO's path with dedication.

The program was organized by scientists

and faculty members with full cooperation.

## Workshop on Graphic Designing in VIFT

**Udaipur:** A digital demand marks the present era. The number of internet users is consistently increasing. Recognizing the demand of the youth segment in VIFT, a two-day workshop on graphic designing and digital education was organized in collaboration with Erith Animation. Designing experts Robin Khaitan, Pawan Garg, digital media specialist Devrishi Mehta, and digital marketing expert Sarvesh Pancholi emphasized on embracing the latest trends and innovations through regular updates.

Chairperson of the Association, Ashish Agrawal, stated that in recent years, there has been an increasing demand for both local national, and international levels in digital marketing and graphic designing. VIFT organizes workshops from time to time to guide students and the youth on career paths. Graphic designing expert Robin Khaitan conveyed to participants that a few years ago, the need for designers was mostly in big companies, but today, every institution, big or small, requires designers, and they are offered attractive packages. He discussed the reasons behind creating new designs and their success. Renowned digital media expert, Sarvesh Pancholi, explained that individuals interested in building a career in this field need to first understand digital medi-

## Urban Square Mall Organizes Blood Donation Camp; More Than 35 Units of Blood Donated

**Udaipur:** Urban Square Mall, a prominent shopping destination in Udaipur, successfully hosted a blood donation camp. The event witnessed a substantial turnout of individuals who actively participated in blood donation. Over 35 units of blood were collected during the camp. The program showcased various activities aimed at promoting social welfare and also motivated people to engage in blood donation.

A special performance of mesmerizing dance by differently-abled and orphaned children from Narayan Seva Sansthan captivated the audience and garnered their enthusiastic support. The presence of the attendees greatly boosted the children's enthusiasm. The day concluded with a live musical performance that aimed to foster unity and patriotism.

Udhav Poddar, the Managing Director of Urban Square Mall, expressed immense pride in hosting the blood donation camp as a step towards contributing to society. He extended gratitude to all participants who selflessly engaged in the essential act of blood donation to serve the community. More initiatives like these are planned for the future, Poddar added, to continue such impactful events.

## Story telling Competition at C.P.S. School

**Udaipur:** A storytelling competition was organized on Saturday at the Central Public School, New Bhupalpura. Students from classes 1st and 2nd participated in this event with great enthusiasm and zeal, showcasing their acting skills. Class 1st - B and Class 2nd - B secured the first place in the competition.

The Chairperson mentioned in their opening remarks that acting is an excellent means for children to learn and teach languages. At the end of the competition, the Principal, Mrs. Poonam Rathore, and the Headmistress, Mrs. Krishna Shaktawat, congratulated the participants and extended their best wishes for their bright futures.

## "No Bag Day" Workshop Sets Unique Record in Schools

**Udaipur:** In collaboration with the School Education Department, the Rajasthan government established a unique record on Saturday by conducting simultaneous "Good Touch-Bad Touch" training sessions in over 65,000 schools across the state, reaching more than 6.315 million students, parents, and staff members.

Designed by IAS Navin Jain, the "Good Touch-Bad Touch" training module is considered the simplest and most effective method of teaching this crucial subject to children in grades one to eight. Through just four charts, this subject can be easily conveyed. Under the "No Bag Day" series on August 26, the information was effectively conveyed to children through large banners, and subject experts and trained teachers provided further insights. According to department officials, the training is planned to be provided in three sessions during this academic year. A total of 65,162 schools in the state participated in the training program, with more than 6.315 million students, staff, and parents attending. Udaipur Exudes Enthusiasm: The campaign received significant enthusiasm in the Udaipur district as well. Training programs were conducted in all schools in the district, with participation from over 377,000 students. Officials were present during the training sessions, ensuring they were impactful. Some schools used flexible sheets, touch-sensitive movies, and even short plays to educate children about safe and unsafe touches. "Sparsk" volunteers Dr. Sofia Nalvaya, Shradha Murdia, and Radhika Agrawal actively participated in these training sessions, sharing essential information with the children. District Education Officer Asha Mandawat and ADEO Lalitkumar Dak inspected the programs in various schools.

## Prof. Bhanavat Appointed as Director of IQAC

**Udaipur:** Professor Sunita Mishra, the Vice-Chancellor of Mohanlal Sukhadia University, has appointed Professor Shoorveersingh Bhanavat, the Head of the Department of Accounting and Business Statistics, as the Director of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC).

Professor Bhanavat has published 68 research papers in national and international journals. Among them, 11 research papers have been awarded the Best Paper Award. He has also published over 25 popular articles in various Hindi newspapers. He recently completed a research project on carbon taxation. Professor Bhanavat is currently the Principal Investigator of a blockchain accounting research project sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. He was twice honored with the International Research Award by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in 2021 and 2022.