

SPSU : Mesmerizing Caranatic Violin Performance by Dr. M. Lalitha & M. Nandini (LN Sisters)



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MPUAT : 20th Research Council Meeting

Udaipur: The 20th meeting of the Research Council of Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology (MPUAT), Udaipur, was convened under the chairmanship of Dr. Ajit Kumar Karnataka, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, at the Research Directorate on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Addressing the scientists on this occasion, Dr. Ajit Kumar Karnataka, the Chancellor of MPUAT, stated that our university is at the forefront of agricultural research. He highlighted the university's achievements in developing advanced new varieties of maize, groundnut, and opium along with 37 patented technologies. Moreover, scientists have received 14 individual awards and 2 national awards for their projects, and collaborations have been established with various institutions. He emphasized the importance of aligning research activities with the needs of society, including producers, marketers, and consumers.

Dr. Karnataka stressed the need for the university to focus on the development and valorization of specific agricultural products in its jurisdiction to enhance its reputation globally. Furthermore, he urged the dissemination of research findings through Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and other groups to ensure their sustainable integration into society.

Dr. S.K. Sharma, Assistant Director (Human Resources) at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi, emphasized the importance of addressing climate change, which affects not only other crops but also horticultural crops, fisheries, and poultry farming. He advocated for attention to temperature management and increasing carbon levels in the soil. He emphasized the need for special attention to water management and the adoption of integrated farming systems, including horticultural crops and mushroom cultivation.

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At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Arvind Verma, Director of Research, welcomed all participants and presented a report on the decisions taken at the previous meeting held on April 15, 2024. Regional Directors of Agricultural Research Centers, Directors of Agricultural Science Centers, Senior Scientists, and officials from the Rajasthan government's Department of Agriculture were present at the meeting.

The meeting concluded with the release of the status reports of Zone IV A and Zone IV B published by the Research Directorate.

Sangam University Sets Vibrant Tone for La Union 2024 Kickoff

Bhilwara: Sangam University in Bhilwara commenced its annual cultural, sports, and technical extravaganza, "La Union 2024," with a colorful start. The inaugural ceremony of this two-day event welcomed esteemed guests, including Professor Dr. Anand Sharma from the Department of Management at the Central University of Haryana, and special guest Principal Monamoyri Mukherjee from Arihant International School in Bhilwara.

Professor Anand Sharma conveyed congratulations to Sangam University for the impressive start of La Union 2024. Dr. Karunesh Saxena, the Vice Chancellor of Sangam University, motivated all participants to strive for excellence and highlighted the importance of sportsmanship.



Dr. Shweta Bohra, the organizing secretary of La Union, revealed that more than 300 students took part in the diverse array of events over the two days. Activities included relay races, shot put, long jump, volleyball, business brawl, IPL auction, street plays, tech scribble, chess, stand-up comedy, dress-out-of-waste, basketball, box cricket, street dance, and park pictorial net arena.

The inauguration witnessed lively presentations by Sangam University students, adding to the vibrant atmosphere of La Union. The organizing core team included convener Prof. Vineesh Agrawal, co-convener Dr. Anurag Sharma, and members of the Student Core Committee such as Harsh Soman, Aryan Sethia, Srishri Raj, Preetam, Sejal Sancheti, Suraj, Deepak Bhatt, Vishwajeet, Kashi, Nirvita, Khushi, and Abhinav Jain, among others.

Faculty members including Professor Manas Panigrahi, Registrar Professor Rajeev Mehta, and CEO Sanjay Yadav from Sangam University were also present at the inauguration of La Union.

BNPG : Celebrates World Art Day with Gusto

Udaipur: The Fine Arts Department at BNPG College, Bhupal Nobles PG College, celebrated World Art Day on April 15 with great enthusiasm. This day is also celebrated as the birth anniversary of the renowned Italian artist and polymath Leonardo da Vinci. On this occasion, Chief Guest Prof. Kuldeep Singh Gaud of Meera Girls' College praised the artworks.

Dr. Renu Rathore, the Principal of BN College, stated that under the guidance of Dr. Kanchan Ranawat, Head of the Fine Arts Department, excellent artworks, including portraits and paintings of Vinci, were displayed. Many other paintings were also created to encourage students to participate in upcoming competitions.



Among those present at the event were Co-Chairpersons Dr. Ritu Tomar, Dr. Sangita Rathore, Dr. Manisha Shekhawat, and participating students such as Deepak Salvi, Shiv Pratap Singh Nathawat, Dinesh Wagariya, Jayprakash Meena, Jitendra Panchal, Ishwar Nayak, Surajmal Jat, Suyash Sharma, Manish Puri, Piyush Vyas, among others.

The institution's Chairman, Colonel Prof. Shiv Singh Sarangdevot, Secretary Dr. Mahendra Singh Rathore, and Director Mohabbat Singh Rathore, extended congratulations on World Art Day. This information was provided by Public Relations Officer Dr. Kamal Singh Rathore.

Mewar Tourism Club clinched the title

Udaipur: Mewar Tourism Club emerged victorious in the Mewar Tourism Cup 2024, defeating RTCC by five wickets in the final match. RTCC set a target of 170 runs, with Captain Om Badiyas leading with 51 runs. In response, Mewar Tourism Club chased down the target in 19.3 overs, led by Captain



Prateek Parihar's unbeaten 47 runs. Anshul Babel was awarded the Man of the Match. The tournament, spanning 12 days, featured 16 teams and concluded with a grand closing ceremony attended by esteemed guests.

Paras Health: Saving a Life from Hydatid Disease

A patient suffering from hydatid disease, a severe condition caused by parasitic cysts, found a new lease on life at Paras Health, Udaipur. Experiencing debilitating symptoms such as high fever, abdominal pain, and body ache, the patient sought treatment at Paras Health, where a team of healthcare specialists embarked on a complex journey to save their life.



Dr. Abhishek Vyas, a Consultant in Laparoscopic, General, and Bariatric Surgery at Paras Health, elaborated on the critical condition of the patient upon arrival. A ruptured cyst, coupled with the spread of infection throughout the body via the bloodstream, posed a grave threat. Immediate surgical intervention was imperative to prevent further complications. The surgery, lasting several hours, aimed to meticulously remove all traces of the parasitic infection. Post-operation, Dr. Abhishek Vyas conducted thorough investigations, identifying the culprit as Echinococcus granulosus, commonly known as a tapeworm. This parasite, transmitted through the feces of infected animals like sheep and dogs, poses a significant risk to individuals, especially those in agricultural settings. Expressing profound gratitude, the patient credited Paras Health, Udaipur, along with Dr. Abhishek Vyas and Dr. Abhay Jain, for their timely intervention and expertise. The successful treatment not only saved a life but also shed light on the dangers of hydatid disease and the importance of prompt medical attention.

Workshop on 'Bioseramic and Performance Repair'

Udaipur: Taking a significant step towards advancing dental care, the Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry at Darshan Dental College and Hospital organized a workshop on 'Bioseramic: The New Era' CD and hands-on workshop.

Coordinator and Head of Department, Dr. Ruchi Arora, explained that with bioseramics, we can achieve more reliable performance repair while preserving the structural integrity of the tooth. Dr. Prashant Bhasin, President of the International Association of Dental Research (PDT Group), shed light on the importance of bioseramic material in advanced dental practice. The college's Principal, Dr. Vikas Puniya, discussed performance repair, emphasizing its significance.

Dr. Manju Jain: The Solar Cooking Advocate

Udaipur: When someone suggests cooking without gas, induction, or traditional stoves, many thoughts may come to mind about how it's possible to prepare food without wood or fuel expenses. However, Udaipur's Dr. Manju Jain has the solution. Resident of Arvind Nagar, Sundarvas, this 70-year-old doctor has been cooking in a solar cooker for the past 42 years, creating a wide array of dishes, each more delicious than the last.

Affectionately known as the 'Solar Woman', Dr. Jain has been recognized with the prestigious Platinum Shakti Award for her remarkable endeavor. Originally trained as a homeopathic doctor, she had to leave her practice to care for her ailing family members. However, she seamlessly transitioned into managing household responsibilities, finding tremendous assistance from her solar cooker.

While tending to the physical well-being of her family, Dr. Jain found that the solar cooker played a significant role in providing nourishing meals efficiently. Over the past 42 years, she has continuously promoted the use of solar cookers, spreading awareness about their benefits and environmental conservation.

Having provided live training sessions in solar cooking to over 1000 women and young girls, Dr. Manju Jain has taught various recipes, ranging from lentil soup, curry, idli-sambar, rice, to snacks like samosas, cakes, and cookies. She has actively participated in offline and online awareness programs conducted by various schools, colleges, and organizations, alongside radio talks organized by All India Radio.

Dr. Manju Jain's initiative not only reduces energy consumption but also contributes to a

cleaner and greener environment. Her inspirational efforts empower women and youth to adopt eco-friendly practices while enjoying delicious meals cooked with the power of the sun.

Empowering Women Through Health Education

Udaipur: On the auspicious occasion of Chaitra Navratri and New Year, in honor of women, a program on free eye check-ups and awareness of healthy lifestyle was organized for female students and employees of Geetanjali Institute of Technical Studies (GITS) under the joint initiative of N.C.C., N.S.S., and Geetanjali University.

Dr. N.S. Rathore, the director of the institute, emphasized women empowerment, stating that women are the epitome of creation. It is our duty to nurture, refine, and educate this creative power. Our country is progressing rapidly with enthusiasm. However, we can sustain this progress only when we provide women with equal education, opportunities for advancement, and security. In this context, discussions were held on vaccination for prevention of infections, importance of hygiene during menstruation, and the necessity of HPV vaccination, in the presence of Dr. Shabdika Kulshreshtha. Additionally, under the supervision of Dr. Arpita Sharma, a free eye care camp was organized for female students and employees, where they actively participated, making the program successful.

Speaking on the occasion, the institute's financial controller, B.L. Jangid, said that security and a healthy lifestyle are everyone's equal rights. Organizing this program to reach out to women is a small step taken by the GITS family.

Youth Empowerment Program at Sai Tirupati University

Udaipur: The University Grants Commission (UGC), under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, initiated a nationwide campaign titled 'Illuminate India's Journey by 2047: A Vision for a Developed India' to raise awareness among the youth of the country. As part of the preliminary assessment by the Higher Education Department, the country conducted specialized educational programs by organizing various experiential teaching programs.

Sai Tirupati University (STU), Udaipur, facilitated participation in this program through the link provided by the UGC. STU was assigned the responsibility of conducting three specific activities: an essay competition, poster competition, and debate under the theme 'Lifestyle for Environmental Initiative: Life'.

The management, faculty, staff, undergraduate, and postgraduate students of STU enthusiastically participated in this program. Thirty students participated in the poster competition on the topic 'Lifestyle for Environmental Initiative: Life', including students from all batches, including interns and MBBS students. Following this, an essay competition was organized with the participation of 50 students. Fifteen students participated in the debate competition. The adjudication of all these events was done by senior faculty members.

A large number of students, teachers, and staff attended all the programs, encouraging participants. Chairman Ashish Agrawal and Mrs. Sheetal Agrawal provided all the necessary facilities and resources for the smooth conduct of the university-level programs. STU's Chancellor Dr. B.L. Kumar, Registrar Dr. Devendra Jain,

Principal and Controller Dr. Sureshchandra Goyal, Medical Superintendent Dr. Chandra Mathur, and the entire university administration provided unconditional support and assistance for the successful implementation of the program. The evaluation of various activities was conducted by Dr. Praveen Khairkar, Dr. Hariram, Dr. Nitesh Mangal, and Dr. Chintan Doshi. The program was coordinated by Professor and Head of the Community Medicine Department, Dr. Dilipkumar Parikh. Members of the Community Medicine Department, medical social workers, and employees actively contributed to the organization of this event."

Kota-Bundi Lok Sabha Seat: A Hotly Contested Battle Yet Again

Kota: Once more, the Kota-Bundi Lok Sabha seat finds itself at the center of a fierce political showdown, this time featuring Om Birla and Prahlad Gunjal. The current Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Om Birla's presence has significantly elevated the profile of this constituency. With 20,88,853 voters expected to participate, all eyes are on this electoral contest. Historical trends indicate that no Lok Sabha Speaker contesting elections has managed to secure a return to the Lower House. Om Birla, representing the BJP in the Kota-Bundi constituency, faces stiff competition from Congress candidate Prahlad Gunjal. The pivotal question remains: Will a new record be set, or will tradition prevail? It's worth noting that Prahlad Gunjal, formerly aligned with Om Birla, has recently switched sides to join the Congress party, posing a direct challenge to his former associate. The outcome of this electoral duel will be revealed on June 4th.