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Sangam University: A Beacon of Academic Excellence Under the Visionary Leadership of Prof. Karunesh Saxena

Bhilwara: In a remarkable achievement that underscores its commitment to excellence, Sangam University has soared to new heights by securing the 37th position in India and 3rd in Rajasthan in the prestigious IIRF rankings. This significant accomplishment, as shared by the dynamic Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Karunesh Saxena, during a press conference, is a testament to the university's relentless pursuit of academic distinction and innovation.

Innovative Courses and Expansion:

With an eye on the future, Sangam University is introducing an array of new courses from the 2024-25 session. The introduction of B.Sc. Nursing and B.Sc. GNM courses is set to provide top-tier nursing education in Bhilwara. The university's curriculum expansion also includes Physiotherapy, MA in Educational Technology, PG Diploma in Educational Leadership, and Diploma in Guidance and Counseling, further broadening its academic

International Certifications:

The university has been honored with ISO 21001:2018 and ISO 14001:2015 certifications, signifying excellence in educational organization management systems and adherence to internationally recognized environmental management standards. This milestone highlights Sangam University's dedication to maintaining high standards in education and sustainability.

Global Collaborations:

Sangam University's commitment to global education is reflected in its strategic MOUs with leading universities in Malaysia, Dubai, Vietnam, and Bangladesh. These partnerships pave the way for enriched academic exchanges and collaborative research opportunities.

Excellence in Sports and NCC:

The university's prowess is not confined to academics alone. It has shown stellar performance in sports, with 197 athletes participating in 22 dif-



ferent competitions. NCC cadets have proudly represented the university in national camps and the Youth Exchange Program in Nepal, while NSS students showcased their talents at the National Youth Festival in Nasik.

Professional Development and Research:

To bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, Sangam University has launched an

MDP program tailored for working professionals. In compliance with UGC directives, the Indian Knowledge System has been integrated into the curriculum, promoting traditional wisdom alongside modern education.

Government Support and Digital Initiatives:

In a significant boost, the Government of India has sanctioned a project worth INR 4.33 crores for Sangam University, aimed at funding

technical startups. The university's commitment to digital transformation is evident as degrees, diplomas, and certificates are now accessible in the Digital Locker, with all gradesheets uploaded till the 10th convocation.

A Hub of Events and Research:

Sangam University has successfully organized various academic and extracurricular events, including micro-courses, workshops on NEP 2020

implementation, research workshops, national moot court competitions, and alumni meets. These initiatives reflect the university's vibrant and dynamic academic environment.

Visionary Leadership:

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Karunesh Saxena, with his innovative vision, emphasized the importance of continuous innovation in education. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. Manas Ranjan Panigrahi celebrated the historic milestone of publishing over 100 patents, while Registrar Prof. Rajiv Mehta extended heartfelt gratitude to all contributors.

The event, meticulously conducted by PRO Dr. Rajkumar Jain, was a fitting tribute to the collective efforts driving Sangam University's success.

Under the inspiring leadership of Prof. Karunesh Saxena, Sangam University is not just achieving milestones but setting new benchmarks in higher education, making it a beacon of academic excellence in India and beyond.

Dr. Arvinder Singh of Arth Creates Third World Record

Udaipur: In an awe-inspiring achievement, Dr. Arvinder Singh, the CEO of Arth Group, has secured his third world record, further solidifying his place in the World Book of Records, London. While many struggle to achieve even one world record, Dr. Arvinder has now surpassed his own remarkable feats, having obtained 168 degrees, diplomas, and certificates. This extraordinary accomplishment was honored by Rajasthan's Deputy Chief Minister, Dr. Prema Chandra Bairwa.

A Lifetime of Learning: At 53, Dr. Arvinder's educational accolades are more than three times his age. From 1989 to 2024, his relentless pursuit of knowledge has led him to earn 168 degrees, diplomas, and certificates, outstripping his previous record of 123. His diverse qualifications span 94 academic and 74 non-academic subjects, showcasing his multifaceted expertise.

A Distinguished Career: Dr. Arvinder's accomplishments are unparalleled. He is the first doctor to achieve mastery not only in medical science but also in management, law, cosmetology, cosmetic dermatology, and digital marketing. His dedication to education has seen him honored at prestigious institutions such as Oxford University and the British Parliament for his contributions to medicine and education. Recognized as a 'Global Master Mind' at the



Asia Business Conclave in Singapore and as one of the 'Best of 100 Indians,' Dr. Arvinder's impact is global.

World Records and Honors: Dr. Arvinder's journey of world records began in 2022 with 123 degrees, diplomas, and certificates. In 2023, he achieved a different kind of world record by crossing the dangerous Khardung La pass in Leh-Ladakh on a quad bike despite an 80% physical disability. His latest record in 2024, with 168 qualifications, marks his third world record.

A Leader in Innovation: In 2009, Dr. Arvinder became the first and only doctor to top IIM in India. His commitment to India led him to decline a lucrative job offer in Scotland in 2008 to continue his work at home. Recognized as one of the top ten business entrepreneurs in 2002, Dr. Singh has also excelled in sports, winning a gold medal in pistol shooting and setting a record in scuba diving. His accolades include the Business Leader Award, and he has twice been invited as a TEDx speaker.

Continuous Self-Improvement: Dr. Arvinder attributes his success to setting personal benchmarks and continually striving to surpass them. This relentless pursuit of excellence drives him to learn and achieve new goals daily.

A Passion for Learning: Expressing his joy over the third world record, Dr. Arvinder emphasizes that learning is a lifelong process. His curiosity and commitment to gaining precise knowledge from reputable institutions have propelled him to achieve this world record. He takes immense pride in bringing international recognition to India's education sector.

Dr. Arvinder Singh's journey is a testament to the power of relentless pursuit and passion for learning. His achievements inspire countless individuals and set a new standard for excellence in education and beyond.

New Reservation Policy in Favor of the Dalit Community: Mr. Verma



Jaipur: A new debate on reservation has emerged since yesterday. Former District Collector of

Sri Ganganagar and retired IAS officer Mr. Mahavir Prasad Verma stated that while it is true that the Constitution does not prohibit the children of a Dalit Chief Secretary or a Dalit Director General of Police from

availing reservation benefits, it is equally true that until these high-ranking officials are excluded from the reservation system, the Dalit laborers living in villages, hamlets, or urban slums will never truly benefit from it.

Mr. Verma emphasized that a Dalit Chief Secretary or a Dalit Director General of Police can provide their children with educational resources and support, which a Dalit daily wage laborer cannot even imagine. As a result, the benefits of reservation are repeatedly availed by the elite with-

in the Dalit community, leaving the poorer sections behind in perpetual poverty and misery.

He argued that the original concept of reservation was to uplift the Dalit community residing in villages and urban slums. Therefore, to ensure that reservation benefits reach the most disadvantaged, it is necessary to exclude the affluent Dalits from this system. Mr. Verma called for the implementation of the creamy layer concept within the SC/ST reservation system.

It is disheartening, he noted, that

since this decision was announced, not a single Dalit intellectual has supported its immediate implementation. Some claim that this decision is an attempt to divide the community, but Mr. Verma compared this argument to the resistance faced by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar during his struggle for reservation. He pointed out that despite opposition, reservation has helped the Dalit community progress, albeit slowly.

He also mentioned the significant changes in the OBC community since the implementation of the

Mandal Commission's recommendations 35 years ago, despite similar opposition at the time. Mr. Verma called for the immediate implementation of the decision to ensure that those left behind get an opportunity to advance.

As a retired Dalit IAS officer himself, Mr. Verma expressed that he does not wish for his grandchildren to take the place of a deserving Dalit child from a village or urban slum. He urged others in similar positions to think along these lines for the betterment of society.

Live After Death: National Organ Donation Day Workshop at RNT Medical College



Inaugural Address:

Dr. Vipin Mathur, Principal and Controller, welcomed the attendees and emphasized the need and significance of organ donation. He mentioned that one donor can save the lives of 7 to 8 people through organ donation, thus living on even after death. He referred to the historical example of Maharishi Dadhichi, who donated his body for a noble cause, creating a weapon from his bones to defeat evil. Dr. Mathur highlighted the lack of awareness in India about organ donation, which prevents many patients from receiving the organs they need, and encouraged more people to consider organ donation.

Addressing Inquiries:

A panel of experts, including Dr. Vipin Mathur (Senior Gastroenterologist), Dr. D.K. Sharma (Gastro Surgeon), Dr. Mukesh Sharma (Cardiologist), Dr. Vinay Nathani, Dr. Tarun Ralot (Neuro Physician), Dr. Gaurav Jaiswal (Neuro Surgeon), Dr. Varun Laddha (Urologist), and Dr. Sunil Gokhru (Transplant and Organ Retrieval Nodal Officer), answered various questions from the attendees. The experts advised maintaining a healthy lifestyle, consulting specialists when ill, and not discontinuing treatment without a doctor's recommendation. They discussed the adverse effects of self-medication and provided detailed information on organ transplants and brain death. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Rajveer Singh and Senior Nursing Officer and Transplant Coordinator Harish Choubisa.

Pledge to Donate:

Approximately 600 participants, including RNT Medical College staff, medical and nursing students, and social workers, took the organ donation pledge. Additionally, over 60 participants registered their pledges on the NOTTO website and downloaded their certificates. Interested individuals can scan a QR code to register their organ donation pledge and download the certificate.

Honoring the First Organ Donor's Family:

The family of the first brain-dead organ donor from RNT Medical College, late Mankalal from Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh, was honored with shawls and turbans, along with a certificate of appreciation. Various events were held during the Organ Donation Awareness Month in July 2024, including quiz competitions among PG and UG students, essay and slogan competitions among nursing students, and rangoli and poster presentations. The winners of these competitions were also awarded certificates during

Over 600 People Pledge to Donate Organs

Udaipur (Dr. Munesh Arora): In celebration of National Organ Donation Day, a public awareness workshop titled "Sawaal Aapke, Jawaab Hamare" was organized at the New Auditorium of Ravindra Nath Tagore Medical College on Saturday. The event aimed to highlight the importance of organ donation and encourage more people to pledge to donate their organs. Over 600 attendees took the organ donation pledge during the workshop. Experts from RNT addressed questions on topics including liver, kidney, brain, and heart donations.

Education Department's Unusual Directives Cause Confusion Among School Principals



Banswara: Recent directives from the Rajasthan state government have left school principals in a state of confusion as the education department initiates a review of employees appointed over the past five years. The department has mandated principals to verify that the individual who took the exam is the same as the one currently employed, a task that many find challenging and legally questionable.

Concerns Raised by Rajasthan Teachers' Association Siyarama: Siyarama Sharma, the state administrative president of the Rajasthan Teachers' Association Siyarama, expressed concerns over these directives. He highlighted that recruitment agencies conduct thorough examinations and send all relevant documents to the Directorate of Education in Bikaner. Following an impartial review, these documents are then sent to district levels where another round of verification occurs before allocating schools to the appointees.

Issues with the New Verification Process: Once at the schools, newly appointed teachers complete several affidavits and begin their duties. However, the current directive requires school principals to certify the authenticity of the appointments, despite having no involvement in the initial recruitment process. Sharma pointed out that principals have never played a role in detecting fraud in these cases.

Responsibility Lies with District Officials: The onus of document verification lies with district inspection teams and the District Education Officer, who should be held accountable for any discrepancies. Sharma noted that for the past five years, a similar set of officials has been overseeing the recruitment process in Banswara, hinting at potential collusion. He called for FIRs against these inspection teams and their immediate dismissal from service.

Difficulties in Implementing the Directives: General Secretary Naveen Kumar Sharma emphasized the impracticality of the directive. Principals lack the means to verify that the individual who took the exam is the same person now employed. Identifying candidates who used proxies or cheated during exams is also beyond their capability. Consequently, the investigation has been reduced to merely verifying academic documents.

Beyond the Principals' Capabilities: The organization argues that examining application forms, photos, signatures, and other certificates is beyond the principals' remit, especially when dealing with forged disability or sports certificates. Given that documents undergo three to four levels of scrutiny before appointments, it is unreasonable to expect junior staff to question these verifications.

Past Instances of Harassment: Siyarama recounted an incident from 2008, where a teacher at Nutan School who exposed fake candidates in a D.L.Ed exam faced relentless harassment from the department. This teacher's efforts led to an FIR being filed by the assistant center head instead of the center head, raising concerns about higher-level interference and inadequate protection for whistleblowers.

Skepticism Over Investigation Integrity: The recent actions against the District Education Officer, who was made a scapegoat and later reinstated, further fuel suspicions of superficial investigations and administrative cover-ups.

Call for High-Level Investigation: In light of these issues, there is a call for a comprehensive review to ensure fair and transparent procedures, emphasizing that accountability must be established at all levels to prevent future misconduct.