

Evaluating the Performance of the Play Kathputaliyan

The performance of the play Kathputaliyan in the Darpan auditorium of Shilpgram, Udaipur, on September 8, 2024, marked the conclusion of the three-day drama festival organized by West Zone Cultural Centre in collaboration with Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur. As a dramatic adaptation of Manisha Kulshreshtha's story "Kathputaliyan," the play was directed by Anurag Singh Rathore.

The play relates the story of Ramkishan, a skilled puppeteer, who begins to look

after his infant child after his wife's untimely death. One day, he is married to a young girl, Sugna, who is already infatuated with Jaggu guide, an imposter. Jaggu easily seduces Sugna into surrendering herself to him by making false promises to marry her. But after marriage, when Sugna sees the selfless devotion of Ramkishan, her consciousness is awakened to realize the meaning of true love. Then, she gets rid of Jaggu and returns to Ramkishan to be a faithful wife and a loving mother. Thematically, the play tries

to convey how one, driven by selfish desires and carnal passions, is reduced to a puppet, an entity bereft of human consciousness, and how one, like Sugna, under the control of mere passions, loses the capacity to distinguish between right and wrong, true and false, and infatuation and genuine love.

The play, at the outset, powerfully introduced Ramkishan's conflict, his loss, and his challenge to take care of his child as a solo parent. Light and music were discreetly used to augment the



theatrical impact of the situation.

As an artist, Narayan Singh portrayed Ramkishan's char-

acter commendably. He expressed Ramkishan's trauma effectively by consistently maintaining certain dullness in

his voice and movement. Later, his calm expressions as Sugna's husband seemed natural and represented Ramkishan's attitude to his wife with full fidelity.

Shivangi Bairwa's performance in Sugna's role was equally commendable. She could flawlessly achieve the transformation from a seduced woman to a woman who was capable of distinguishing between infatuation and true love through her forceful dialogues and expressive gestures.

Dushyant Harit Vyas

appeared impressive in his role as Jaggu. However, occasionally, he fell prey to overdoing in his anxiety to copy a typical Bollywood 'mavali.' His use of local dialect and Hindi in his dialogues presented an interesting mix.

The other artists, including Aradhana Sharma as Dhapu, Dinesh Chaudhary as Sugna's brother, Pooja Gurjar as Sugna's mother, and Kuldeep Medatiya as Mama, performed well. Prabhu Prajapat, Vibhuti Chaudary, Hitesh Nalwaya, Ankit Shah, and Naveen Kumar Chaubisa as male vil-

lagers and puppets and Garima Pancholi and Divya Oberoi as female villagers contributed significantly to heightening the dramatic and thematic impact of the play.

Music by Ravi Yadav, Hitesh Nalwaya, Divyansh, Karan Gurjar, and Shivangi Bairwa, light design by Ravi Ojha, and stage design and props by Harshit Vaishnav and K.G. Kadam were all well done.

The performance, by all means, captivated the theatre-lovers of Udaipur.

-Dr. Paritosh Chandra Dugar

MLSU Education Faculty Welcomes Freshers

An inaugural ceremony was held at the Bappa Rawal Auditorium to welcome the new batch of students enrolled in the four-year integrated course and the two-year B.Ed. course in the Faculty of Education, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur. The event began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp in front of the image of Goddess Saraswati. Prof. Sunita Mishra, Vice-Chancellor of MLSU, extended her best wishes to the attendees. The event was graced by the presence of several distinguished guests, including Prof. M.P. Sharma, Retired



Faculty from Vidya Bhawan, Prof. Meera Mathur, Director and Head of the Management Faculty, Prof. Digvijay Bhatnagar, Head of the Education Faculty, and Dr. Alpana Singh, Head of the Faculty of Education. The purpose of the ceremony was to introduce new students to the environment of higher education and to prepare them to face upcoming challenges. The event emphasized the importance of education, values, and discipline, while providing a platform for interaction with teachers and senior students.

Prof. M.P. Sharma, as the

chief guest, shared his insights on the keys to success in higher education, stressing the importance of self-confidence, hard work, and time management. The event began with a welcome address by Dr. Alpana Singh, who greeted the new students and familiarized them with the institution's rules and achievements. Prof. Meera Mathur highlighted various aspects of life, including discipline and leadership development, urging students to become self-reliant. A question-answer session followed, where senior faculty and guests addressed the students' queries, helping them clarify their doubts and concerns.

Prof. Digvijay Bhatnagar emphasized the significance of discipline, punctuality, and cultural values. The event also featured cultural performances by students, including dance and singing presentations.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Kumud Purohit, who expressed gratitude to the guests, teachers, and students and extended best wishes for the future. The event was coordinated by Dr. Sapna Mawatwal.

-Shabnam Bano

NIMS University Collaborates with Zinc Academy

NIMS University's Pro Chancellor, Prof. Amarika Singh, visited Hindustan Zinc Football Academy in Udaipur, where he praised the academy's world-class training facilities. A productive meeting between Prof. Singh and Vedanta's CSR Head, Mrs. Anupam Nidhi, discussed football player admissions and training policies under NIMS University's "Outright Sports Policy." Both parties agreed that Zinc Football Academy players would receive top-notch training and access to housing and admissions at NIMS. The collaboration will support talented players, enhancing their skills. Dr. Kuldeep Singh Jhala, Secretary of NIMS Sports Board, emphasized that Zinc Football Academy players will play a pivotal role in organizing the North West Zone Inter-University Football Tournament. This partnership promises new opportunities for Indian football development.



Prof. Amarika Singh Visits Allen Institute



NIMS University Pro Chancellor, Prof. Amarika Singh, visited Allen Institute Udaipur, receiving a warm welcome from faculty, led by Centre Head Shantanu Vijay and Dr. Ashok Acharya. During his visit, Prof. Singh praised the institute's innovative teaching methods, emphasizing education's role in holistic student development. He delivered a lecture on the New Education Policy, highlighting its impact on modern education and encouraging students to embrace technology for enhanced learning. His visit left both students and faculty inspired, fostering new opportunities for growth and academic excellence at Allen Institute.

Dr. Tripathi Receives Prestigious Geospatial Award

Bhilwara: Dr. Lokesh Kumar Tripathi, Associate Professor and Head of the Geoinformatics Department at Sangam University, has been awarded the prestigious National Geospatial Faculty Fellow Award by IIT Bombay. The award was presented on 15th September 2024, during the National Geospatial Awards 2024 (Edition 01) on the occasion of Open Source GIS Day. This event is part of a free/open-source software project for education, initiated by IIT Bombay under the National Education Mission of the Government of India. The National Geospatial Awards aim to recognize professionals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of geospatial technology in India.

The event celebrated the use of open-source geospatial and GIS tools, highlighting innovators in this field. In the inaugural edition of these awards, Dr. Tripathi's exceptional leadership and contributions to geoinformatics were acknowledged, marking him as a thought leader in the academic and professional geospatial community.

On this occasion, Vice-Chancellor of Sangam University, Professor Karunesh Saxena, Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Manas Ranjan Panigrahi, and Registrar Prof. Rajeev Mehta commended Dr. Tripathi, noting that this award reflects his dedication and passion in the field of geoinformatics. His efforts align with the national goals of integrating cutting-edge geospatial technologies into education and research.



SPSU achieved 100% NCC 'B' Certificates

All the 22 second-year NCC cadets from Sir Padampat Singhania University (SPSU) achieved remarkable success in the NCC 'B' Certificate Examination held in February 2024. Their outstanding performance, with each cadet securing either A or B grades, reflects their dedication and hard work.



The Honourable President and Vice Chancellor, Professor (Dr.) Prithvi Yadav, expressed his pride and admiration, reaffirming the university's unwavering support for its NCC platoon. His recognition and encouragement play a pivotal role in nurturing the potential of the cadets, inspiring them to

strive for excellence. Lt. (Dr.) DS Chouhan, Associate NCC Officer and Deputy Dean Student Welfare shared that with their achievement, these cadets are now eligible to appear for the prestigious NCC 'C' Certificate Examination, scheduled for March 2025.

Engineer's Day at SPSU

Promoting innovative thinking and promoting technological advancements, Sir Padampat Singhania University (SPSU), Udaipur under the visionary leadership of Honourable Vice-Chancellor and President Prof. (Dr.) Prithvi Yadav celebrated Engineer's Day as 'YP Singhania Memorial Lecture'.



in the fond memory of the founder Chancellor on September 15, 2024. Prof. Raghavan K., IIT Gandhinagar, the eminent speaker delivered the lecture on 'Learning from Legends'. In the very interesting and interactive session, Prof. Raghavan explored the lives of Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla, highlighting their ground-breaking theories, inventions, and lifelong commitment to learning. Prof. Prasun Chakrabarti, Dean Research and Lt. Col. Neeraj Kumar, Campus Director welcomed the august gathering and explained the significance of the day. The session was coordinated by Prof. Gour Saha and Dr. Tulika Chakrabarti.

Engineer's Day Celebrated at Sangam University with Techkriti 2024

Sangam University hosted a one-day Engineer's Day event, Techkriti 2024. The inauguration session was presided over by Vice Chancellor Prof. Karunesh Saxena, who highlighted the significance of Engineer's Day and extended best wishes to the future engineers of the country and the institution. Prof. Manas Ranjan Panigrahi, the Vice Chancellor, elaborated on how engineering and technology have improved our lives.

Registrar Prof. Rajiv welcomed all guests, including Professors Rakesh Bhandari and Vinesh Agarwal. Dr. Rajiv Mehta, the Registrar, informed attendees about the numerous engineers associated with the institution who are making their mark both nationally and internationally.

Dean of the School of Engineering, Prof. R.K. Somani, shared insights about the life of Bharat Ratna Mokshagundam Vishweshwaraya, encouraging students to learn from his legacy. Deputy Dean Dr. Vikas Somani reported that over 200



students participated in Techkriti.

Winners in various competitions included Lavina Lakhani, Aarti Somani, Bhumi Lalwani, and Mahi Khandelwal in the Code & Conquer event, while Rahul Patodi and Badal Singh Rathore won in Circuit Mania. Nawab Hussain was the winner in the AI Design Showdown, and Divyapal, Ishita Dadhich, and Saurabh Singh were recognized in Meme Mania.

Winners received trophies and certificates from the guests, with the event coordinated by Niti.

MoU Signed for Free Medical Services

Udaipur: In a major initiative for community health, the School Education Family has signed a one-year agreement with Pacific Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS Hospital), Umarda, to provide free medical services throughout the Udaipur division. This collaboration will facilitate free medical camps organized by PIMS in conjunction with private schools associated with the School Education Family. Services offered at these camps include free consultations, tests, medicines, and specialized medical care in areas such as ENT, dental, eye examinations, pediatric, psychiatric consultations, gynecology, and general medicine. Family Health ID cards will also be distributed. The agreement was signed in the presence of key figures including CP Rawal, Divisional Incharge; Girish Joshi, Divisional President; and Dr. Kamlesh Shekhawat, Medical Director of PIMS. The first camp will be held on Sunday, September 22, at The Elite Smart School in Dabok.

Preventing and Treating Schwannoma Tumors

Schwannoma tumors, originating from Schwann cells in the peripheral nervous system, are typically benign but can sometimes be malignant. The most common type, vestibular schwannoma, affects the inner ear, causing hearing loss, tinnitus, and balance issues. Other symptoms include visible lumps, numbness, and muscle weakness. Diagnosing schwannoma requires imaging tests like MRI, CT scan, ultrasound, or biopsy.

Treatment options include surgery, radi-

ation therapy, and in malignant cases, chemotherapy or immunotherapy. Unani medicine offers herbal remedies like Rogan Kalonji, Yashtimadhu, and Giloy for managing symptoms, though professional consultation is essential.

GITS Students Shine with Rocket Launch

The Mechanical Engineering Department at GITS held an exciting rocket launch after a two-day workshop, where students showcased their innovative mini space shuttles. The launch captivated the audience, highlighting the students' technical skills and creativity. An opening address inspired participants, while hands-on guidance throughout the workshop ensured success. The event concluded with a certificate ceremony celebrating the students' dedication and achievements, making the day a memorable and inspiring success.

Successful Surgery for Spinal Deformity

Udaipur: A 13-year-old child from Jupna village underwent successful scoliosis surgery at Pacific Medical College and Hospital (PMCH), Bhilo Ka Bedla, restoring his ability to stand straight. The child had struggled with a severe spinal curvature since early childhood, leaning to one side and experiencing no improvement despite local consultations.

At PMCH, spine surgeon Dr. Subhash Sharma diagnosed the child with a 70-degree curvature of the spine through X-rays and MRIs. The corrective surgery, lasting five to six hours, was conducted by Dr. Sharma and a dedicated team, resulting in a corrected curvature of just 12 degrees.

Dr. Sharma noted that scoliosis can be con-

genital or develop with age. The procedure was performed at no cost, supported by the hospital's management and the Chiranjeevi Health Scheme. The child's family expressed heartfelt gratitude to PMCH's leadership for their invaluable assistance, celebrating the child's complete recovery.

B.N. Girls College Hosts Literary Competitions

Bhupal Nobles University's Sanskrit and English Departments organized literary competitions during Literary Week. Dean Dr. Shilpa Rathore highlighted the importance of enhancing verbal skills, while Dr. Madhavi Rathore emphasized the role of language in building confidence. Competitions included Shloka Recitation, Impromptu Speech, and Debate, with active student participation. Winners were announced by Dr. Pankaj Marmat and Dr. Urmila Purohit, and esteemed university officials praised the students' efforts and emphasized the value of such events for personality development.

Successful Removal of Large Brain Tumor

Udaipur: Paras Health has successfully performed complex brain surgery on a 57-year-old woman suffering from significant symptoms due to a large tumor measuring 7 cm x 7 cm. After two years of weakness, headaches, and speech difficulties, she consulted Senior Neurosurgeon Dr. Amitendu Shekhar. Utilizing a minimally invasive technique with the Cavitronic Ultrasonic Surgical Aspirator (CUSA), the tumor was completely removed without damaging surrounding brain tissue. The woman

experienced significant improvement and was discharged just seven days post-surgery, now living a healthy, tumor-free life. Dr. Shekhar emphasized the importance of early detection and timely intervention.

Dr. Manu Sharma Honored

Udaipur: At the 39th National Conference organized under the guidance of Dr. Jitendra Jeengar, Secretary of the Indian Psychiatry Society and Head of the Psychiatry Department at Geetanjali Medical College & Hospital, Professor Dr. Manu Sharma was honored with the prestigious **Dr. Shiv Gautam Oration Award**. Additionally, Professor Sharma was appointed as the editor of the official journal of the Indian Psychiatry Society Rajasthan Chapter, "Annals of Psychiatric Research".

During the event, third-year student Dr. Anjali Sharma was awarded the Jaipur Award, while second-year student Dr. Divyansh Mathur won the debate competition on Artificial Intelligence.

MPUAT Honors Senior Pensioners Ceremony

The MPUAT Pensioners Welfare Society organized a Senior Pensioners' Felicitation Ceremony, honoring those aged 70+, 75+, and 80+ with gifts and mementos. Distinguished guests included Cabinet Minister Babul Kharadi, MLAs Phool Singh Meena and Tarachand Jain, and MPUAT Vice Chancellor Dr. Ajeet Kumar Kamata. The Vice Chancellor highlighted the university's 54 patents and upcoming launch of a community radio station for farmers. Officials assured support for pensioners' concerns during the event.