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Education is the Best Means of Empowerment – President



Udaipur: President Smt. Droupadi Murmu emphasized the significance of education as the most powerful tool for empowerment. She stated that an educated and well-cultured individual not only contributes to their family and society but also to the nation's progress.

but also for their teachers and parents. She expressed that the achievements of these students reflect the combined efforts of everyone who contributed to their education.

The event, held at the Vivekananda Auditorium of the university, was presided over by Governor and Chancellor Shri Hari Bhau Kisanrao Bagde. Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Shri Gulabchand Kataria, and Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Premchand Bairwa, were the esteemed guests of honor. Distinguished Guests and Dignitaries

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sunita Mishra welcomed the dignitaries and presented the university's achievements. On her arrival, President Murmu was greeted with floral bou-



President Murmu was addressing the 32nd Convocation Ceremony of Mohanlal Sukhadia University in Udaipur as the chief guest on Thursday.

Congratulating the students, the President remarked that the convocation was a proud moment not only for those receiving gold medals

quets by Governor Shri Bagde, Governor Shri Kataria, and Deputy Chief Minister Shri Bairwa.

The President awarded Gold Medals to 85 students across various disciplines and conferred PhD degrees on 68 scholars. A total of 102 Gold Medals, including 8 Chancellor's Medals, were dis-

tributed. Among the medalists, 16 were male and 69 were female students, including 9 sponsored awards in memory of Dr. C.B. Mamoria, Prof. Vijay Shirmali, and others.

In attendance were dignitaries such as Minister of Revenue and Colonization Shri Hemant Meena, MPs Dr. Mannalal Rawat and Chunnilal Garasia, along with several prominent university officials and local representatives.

Notable attendees included Prof. Kailash. Sodani from Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS), Prof. SS Sarangdevot from Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, and Dr.. S.N. Sabat, Director General of Police (IPS), whose presence

was particularly significant as his contribution to law enforcement and public safety was acknowledged. Prof. B.L. Choudhury, Prof. K.S. Thakur, and PrAjeet Kumar, Karnataka from MPUAT were also in attendance, enriching the event with their academic expertise.

High Conduct and Duty Elevate the Nation

In her address, President Murmu emphasized the importance of character alongside education. She quoted Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, noting that without character and humility, a person is like a violent animal. The President urged students to uphold ethical standards, lead by example, and contribute to the nation's glory

Excellence of Daughters in Every Field

The President expressed joy in seeing a majority of female students among the gold medalists. She lauded their achievements, stating that women are excelling in every field, which is a source of immense pride for the country.

Message from the Vice-Chancellor

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sunita Mishra expressed her deep gratitude to the President for gracing the convocation with her presence.

In her remarks, she reiterated the university's commitment to academic excellence and research. Prof. Mishra emphasized the institution's role in shaping the nation's future leaders by fostering innovation and intellectual growth.

Additionally, Prof. Kailash Sodani, Prof. SS Sarangdevot, Prof. B.L. Choudhury, and Prof. K.S. Thakur expressed their support and appreciation for the university's achievements, reinforcing the importance of continued academic and research excellence.

Conclusion of the Ceremony

The convocation ceremony concluded as a grand celebration of academic achievements, enriched by the presence of distinguished guests and the inspiring words of President Murmu. It was a day of pride and promise for the students, their families, and the university, as they set forth to contribute to the nation's bright future.

- Nishant Shrivastava

President Murmu Visits City Palace Museum in Udaipur



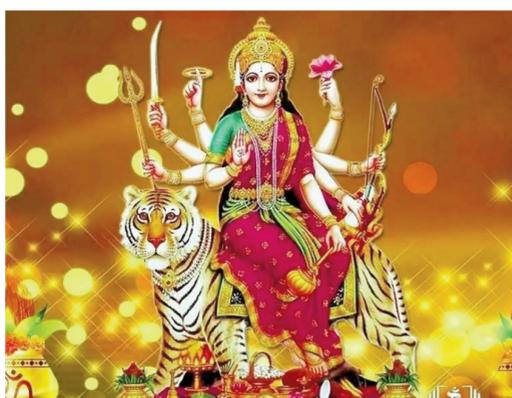
Udaipur: During her visit to Udaipur, President Droupadi Murmu toured the City Palace Museum on Thursday. She arrived at the palace in the afternoon, accompanied by Governor Haribhau Bagde and Deputy Chief Minister Premchand Bairwa. Dr. Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar and Nivritikumar Mewar from the Maharana Mewar Foundation welcomed her. During her visit, Dr. Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar guided the President through the various galleries of the museum, explaining their significance. Udaipur Rural MLA Phoolsingh Meena was also present. After the tour, the President departed for Mount Abu later that afternoon.

Srijan Biz Promotes Women Empowerment



Bhilwara: The two-day Srijan Biz program, organized by Srijan Institute, concluded with a Garba celebration emphasizing women empowerment. Over 60 stalls showcased products from across India. District Collector Namit Mehta praised the women's participation, and various skill workshops were conducted alongside expert-led sessions. Funds raised will support women's development programs, including purchasing handloom machines and training women. The event also featured competitions such as dance drama and Garba, with winners receiving cash prizes. Key attendees included Mamta Modani, Sakshi Modani, and IAS Avadh Nivriti, who motivated the youth during discussions.

Navratri Navshakti: Embracing the Power Within



Navratri, a celebration deeply rooted in the reverence of the divine feminine, can be synonymously understood as Navshakti, or the embodiment of the nine goddesses of power. These goddesses symbolize strength, resilience, and empowerment, serving as powerful archetypes for today's youth to connect with their inner fortitude. During Navratri, young people not only engage in festivities but also find an opportunity to bond with their cultural roots and traditions, gaining a sense of pride in their heritage. By understanding the profound significance of these goddesses, youth are encouraged to embrace the values of courage, wisdom, and nurturing—qualities that are instrumental in shaping leaders and change-makers.

Navshakti offers lessons in leadership and community involvement. Inspired by the strength and attributes of the goddesses, young people often step up to take responsibility within their communities. Whether organizing social causes, leading peer groups, or orchestrating cultural events, they channel these divine qualities into action. The spirit of Navshakti fosters leadership marked by empathy, resilience, and wisdom, empowering the next generation to take initiative and serve as positive influencers in their environments.

The celebration of Navshakti also underscores the power and importance of gender equality. The embodiment of the divine offers a powerful message to young women, encouraging them to recognize their own potential, defy societal expectations, and challenge gender norms. Navshakti empowers women to see themselves as embodiments of strength, while also inspiring young men to support and value this empowerment. Together, this mutual respect and appreciation cultivate a society that honors the potential of both genders.

The diverse qualities represented by Navshakti—ranging from nurturing to bravery—spark creativity and innovation among youth. Inspired by these archetypes, young people are encouraged to think creatively, explore their artistic talents, and develop new ideas across various fields. The goddesses' example encourages them to be fearless in the pursuit of their dreams and to approach problems with courage and ingenuity.

Beyond creativity, Navshakti also serves as a source of introspection and personal growth. The teachings and virtues associated with these goddesses inspire young minds to cultivate discipline, compassion, and perseverance—attributes essential for personal and professional success. As they reflect on the qualities of Navshakti, youth are motivated to embark on a journey of self-improvement, striving for excellence in every aspect of their lives.

Moreover, the spiritual aspect of Navshakti encourages deeper self-awareness and spiritual growth. Engaging with the divine feminine fosters a sense of connection to something greater than oneself, instilling inner peace and spiritual awakening. This spiritual engagement helps youth find balance in their lives, guiding them toward mindfulness and a higher sense of purpose.

In essence, Navratri and the celebration of Navshakti empower young people to harness their inner strength, embrace their cultural heritage, and step confidently into roles of leadership, creativity, and personal development. Through this ancient tradition, youth are reminded of the timeless values of courage, wisdom, and compassion, which not only shape their individual paths but also help build a more empowered and equitable society for all.



- Lawanya Sharma

MPUAT becomes First to Implement New Education Policy



Udaipur:(Dr.Latika Vyas): Maharana Pratap Agricultural and Technology University has made history by becoming the first university in India to implement the recommendations of the New Education Policy (NEP). During a grand event titled "Diiksharambh 2024," held at the Rajasthan Agricultural College's auditorium, the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ajeet Kumar Karnataka, announced the rollout of these transformative changes for newly admitted students.

The event was graced by Dr. Rakesh Chandra Agarwal, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Education) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), who officiated the launch. Over 500 first-year students from Udaipur, Dungarpur, and Bhilwara districts attended the ceremony, marking a significant step toward high-quality education in agriculture.

Dr. Agarwal emphasized the importance of a stress-free learning environment, encouraging students to pursue education with joy and enthusiasm. He highlighted that the NEP aims to prepare students to tackle both national and global

challenges. The initiative, a culmination of nearly four years of effort since the committee's formation in 2021, seeks to transform India into a "knowledge society."

Dr. Agarwal noted that the recommendations from the Sixth Dean's Committee have been compiled into a comprehensive document and stressed that passion and vision are more important than formal educational qualifications, citing examples of successful individuals who have made their mark with limited schooling.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Karnataka praised the university's achievements, including the acquisition of 25 patents by its scientists in 2024, underscoring the institution's commitment to organic and natural farming. The event also featured calls for the construction of student hostels, as voiced by various deans and directors.

As part of its commitment to modern education, the university also inaugurated smart classrooms in the Electrical Engineering Department, equipped with state-of-the-art technology and interactive teaching resources, further enhancing the learning experience.

In a related initiative, a Millet Hut was inaugurated to promote the cultivation and consumption of millet, vital for both health and local traditions. The event showcased various millet-based products and emphasized the importance of these grains in rural and urban communities.

With these groundbreaking initiatives, Maharana Pratap Agricultural and Technology University is poised to lead the way in educational reforms, fostering a new generation of skilled agricultural professionals ready to face the future.

Aryan Lekhika Manch Honored Journalists



Kota: The Aryan Lekhika Manch of Kota organized a monthly symposium on Sunday at the auditorium of a private coaching institute, where poetry recitations, storytelling, story reviews, and the honoring of journalists took place. The president of the Manch, Rekha Pancholi, highlighted the interdependence between journalists and litterateurs. She emphasized that just as writers reflect the society through their writings, journalists also play a significant role in holding up a mirror to society and raising awareness.

Senior Journalists Dr. Prabhat Kumar Singhal, Rajesh Tripathi, Dinesh Kumar Gautam Mama, Dhanraj Tank, Bhupendra Sharma, and Deepak Sharma were honored during the event. Chief guest Bina Jain Deep, special guests Jitendra Nirnolhi, Sarika Mittal, and Dr. Veena Agrawal shared their thoughts. Vijay Joshi expressed his views on the art of storytelling, while Nahush Vyas and Mahesh Pancholi recited their poems. Rekha Pancholi also presented her story. The event was compered by Dr. Aparna Pandey, with many other distinguished literary figures such as Shyama Sharma, Manju Kumari Rashmi, Sadhna Sharma, Anuradha Sharma, and Dr. Yugal Singh in attendance.