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3rd DST-INSPIRE CAMP

The 3rd DST-INSPIRE camp was held at MUJ from January 31-February 4, 2017. The five day DST funded camp was inaugurated by Prof. P. K. Dashora, Vice Chancellor, Kota University and Prof. R. S. Sharma, Emeritus Professor BHU was the guest of honor.

In his address, Prof. Dashora emphasized on sharpening three major faculties: language, reasoning and mathematics. The program consisted of lectures in of eminent Scientists, Academicians from reputed Institutes with whom students interacted very well.

The renowned personalities who gave their lectures included Dr. Surendra Pal, Former Senior Scientist ISRO and now VC, DIAT Pune; Prof. R.S. Sharma, BHU; Prof. R.T. Pardasani, Dean Academics, Central University of Rajasthan; Prof. M.K. Pandit, UoR; Prof. Meenakshi Sharma, UoR; Dr. Naresh Ledwani, Mahavir Cancer Hospital, Jaipur; Prof. Krishna Mohan, BISR, Jaipur; Dr. Karmashu, JNU, Delhi; Prof. T.I. Khan, UoR; Dr. S.R. Vadera, Director DRDO, Jodhpur, Prof. Y.K. Vijay, VC, VGU and in house speakers,



Prof. B.K. Sharma, Prof. G.C. Tikkiwal and Prof. Lalita Ledwani.

A total of 120 students from various schools from various schools of Rajasthan namely Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya(JNV) of Bhilwara, Barmer, Kota, Ajmer and Rajsamand; Bhawani Niketan School Jaipur; Subodh Public School Jaipur; KS Lodha School Phalna who had secured 85% or above marks in their tenth board exams participated in this camp.

International Colloquium on Asian Theatre

An international colloquium on “Travel and Displacement in/with Asian Theatre” was held for the first time in India on 18 and 19 February 2017 in the School of Media and Communication. The colloquium was organized in collaboration of the Asian Theatre Working Group of the International Federation for Theatre Research (IFTR). Around one dozen important papers were discussed during the two days colloquium by international participants from Finland, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, Taiwan, Philippines and Singapore.



Higher Education Needs Rethinking

11 Varsities Face Audit for Academic, Research Quality

New Delhi (TOI 10 March): The government suspects that some of the country's most prestigious universities are underperforming and has, hence, asked the University Grants Commission (UGC) to audit them for academic and research quality. The Union ministry of HRD has identified a number of "nonperforming" centrally funded institutions, and of these, 11 will undergo the audit, according to a senior ministry official. Aligarh Muslim University, Allahabad University, Pondicherry University and Central University of Jammu are among the 11 universities to undergo audit. The other seven varsities are Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Central University of Jharkhand, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University at Lucknow, Central University of Rajasthan, Dr Hari Singh Gour University at Sagar, Tripura University and Mahatma Gandhi Antarashtriy Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha. "The list has been forwarded and UGC has been asked to conduct the audit as soon as possible. No specific time frame has been set. The UGC will first set the criteria for the audit and then ...

My intention to quote the above news is just to underline the worries of the concern citizens who feel depressed with the state of higher education in India when we do not find even a single university close to the reputed figure of 200. At couple of accession, a concern has been expressed in this column about the state of academic and research affairs in the central and other government universities. Some people might sense some kind of politics or some vested interest in some cases, but to the large extent it is a fact that the academic condition and the research quality of the new central universities is a serious issue for the nation, who spent huge money of the common taxpayers. It is yet to see the result of the so-called inquiry of these institution but in case a serious concern is not expressed, the entire exercise might turn in to a mockery.

Over the time, several eminent experts of the field have expressed their analysis and remedies as well about the situation comparing the government and private universities, where private universities are performing far better than the government controlled universities, whatever they are. According to experts, the poor

quality of research publications and lack of good faculty are the main reasons for the bad performance by Indian universities. "The higher education system in India has had to cope with huge increase in student numbers, which puts pressure on resources and quality. Also, a large number of Indian universities do not meet our criteria, including the minimum number of research papers to be published each year," said Phil Baty, rankings editor, Times Higher Education (THE). SS Mantha, former chairman of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) said, "Be it established universities like IITs, Mumbai or Delhi universities, we rarely see academic or industrial collaboration in its true sense. Moreover, faculty of international repute plays a large role in rankings, an area where newer universities lag (far) behind." He further adds that "It is not the mere number of research papers that need to be a criteria but the kind of journals they are published in, the citations it has and its application in the industry. Interdisciplinary activities and collaborations are also crucial.

According to experts, the poor quality of research publications and lack of good faculty are the main reasons for the bad performance by Indian universities. This is also true that Indian universities are not given the freedom to be responsive or manage their own affairs efficiently. On the other hand, lack of internationalization in terms of students and faculty, along with poor industry linkages, has stalled the performances of Indian universities.

Coincidentally, I have been associated with three of the said 11 universities and have firsthand experience, how the research is treated and how the academic standard and the results are manipulated. Unfortunately, the role of NAAC is also under question who give them A or A+ grade, like Central University of Rajasthan managed to get A grade and Hindi Vishwavidyalaya was accredited with A+ grade.

-Ravi Chaturvedi

MUJ signs MOU with ISEP, Portugal

Jose Carlos, Professor, Instituto Superior de Engenharia do Porto (ISEP), Portugal visited Manipal University Jaipur for the Conference of IUCEE for Academic Synergisation and Research Association on 12th & 13th January 2017.

On this occasion, MUJ and ISEP signed an MOU for following activities, which include faculty exchanges for short periods of up to three months, for the purposes of delivering lectures, engaging in research and participating in ongoing joint projects in various subject areas; mutual participation of faculty in conferences, congresses, and symposia sponsored by each institution; sharing of research and published materials in disciplines and areas of interest to both institutions. Apart from these arrangement, undertaking joint projects in research and curriculum development with an assistance of the institutional and official networking in the country of each institution and in appropriate international frameworks and organizations. The MOU includes the student exchanges for varying lengths of time, general academic cooperation

Instituto Superior de Engenharia do Porto, or



Polytechnic of Porto - School of Engineering is a public polytechnic higher learning and research engineering institute, located in the city of Porto, Portugal. ISEP offers a wide range of programmes in different fields of Engineering, with an emphasis on applied science and technology.

It is believed that the MOU will provide a framework for mutual synergisation of both the institutions and may be developed as per specific needs.

Interactive session on "Liberal Arts"

An interactive session on "Liberal Arts" was organized by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), MUJ on 13th February, 2017. Mr. Yogesh Atal, renowned sociologist was the chief guest for the session. Prof. Yogesh Atal is currently Professor Emeritus at the MP Institute of Social Science Research, Ujjain. He discussed the opportunities in the field of Liberal Arts and the importance of learning and research therein. He stressed that the stream of Liberal Arts is an emerging stream as it offers scope for lateral thinking and is becoming a new favourite at University education. Discussing the concept of liberal arts education he emphasized that it prepares students to work in a variety of jobs.



Workshop on “Cyberspace Security

A day long workshop on “Cyberspace Security” was organized by the Department of Business and Commerce, MUJ on 13th Feb., 2017. The workshop was aimed at the understanding of the real life privacy and security of this digital world.

Mr Rakshit Tandon, Cyber Security expert and presently Consultant, Internet and Mobile Association of India conducted the workshop. Prof. M.L.Vadera, Director, School of Business and Commerce welcomed the gathering presided by Prof. Sandeep Sancheti, President, MUJ, Prof. Kumkum Garg, Pro-President, MUJ, and Dr. Vandana Suhag, Registrar, MUJ.

Mr.Tandon revealed the facts related to digital privacy and security with the help of cases across India and persuaded the audience to ponder over the issue of secure environment around us. He also asserted to think twice before giving away personified information to other devices. He advised students to take utmost care before clicking on the “I agree on the Terms and Conditions” option. The participants learned some essential safeguards while using internet on mobiles and computers.



In his inaugural speech, Prof Sancheti stressed upon the idea that the information and the ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) that store and process it are critical to business success. Our intellectual property, confidential or sensitive information provide competitive advantage, whether in the form of a product design, a manufacturing process or a negotiating strategy.

Kathak Workshop by SPICMACAY

SPIC MACAY Chapter of MUJ organized a 5 days Kathak Workshop from 10 to 14 February 2017 in the MUJ Campus for our students. More than 30 students registered so for the workshop and half of them participated in the final performance.

Pt. Rajendra Gangani, Sangeet Naatak Akademi Awardee, directed the workshop. He is a Kathak dancer trained in the Jaipur Gharana. The workshop generated a keen interest among the students. At the closing of the workshop, a short performance was also given by the participants. At this occasion, Prof. Sandeep Sancheti, the President of the MUJ along with other guests were also present and appreciated the participants. He presented Memento to Pt. Rajendra Gangani.



ACCA workshop on “Professional Accountants- The Future: Generation next”

Department of Business & Commerce, Manipal University Jaipur organized ACCA workshop on “Professional Accountants- The Future: Generation next” on 21st February 2017 in auditorium for business and commerce students. A powerful global presence within the profession, ACCA inspires its members and students towards greater success and prosperity. Benefit from qualifications that are endorsed by employers and institutions around the world, and a career’s worth of valuable resources and support.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Sandeep Sancheti, President, MUJ, Prof. Nilanjan Chattopadhyay, Dean, Faculty of Management and Commerce, Dr N.K. Garg –Professor Emeritus (Design) & Advisor International Programmes, Prof. M. L. Vadera, Director, School of Business and Commerce, Dr. Gaurav Lodha, Head, Department of Commerce



along with the key note Mr. Raymond Jack, Director- Finance ACCA, Mr. Stuart Dunlop- Regional Director, Ms Julia Bond- Non Executive Director, Mr. Kush Ahuja, Head of Business Relations, India ACCA.

Workshop on Non-Verbal Communication

School of Media & Communication, Manipal University Jaipur organized a three week workshop from 24th January to 20th February 2017 on Non-Verbal Communication ‘The-Mess-Age’ with the aim of training and empowering students of Journalism and Communication with the knowledge of non-verbal communication, under the expert guidance of Miss Nikolina Spasic and Mr Milan Novakovic.

The main object of this methodical workshop was to help students think more about themselves and personal actions, along with the actions of others, so that by becoming more aware they could be in control of personal actions which is crucial in any future profession or in obtaining any life goal.

The final presentation symbolically titled The MESS age was a collage of the best scenes students created during this workshop. Using only their bodies, voices, minds, ideas, and students realized the power of non-verbal expression.



Lakshya Veer brings laurels to MUJ

Lakshay Veer Dhabas, 2nd year MBA student of MUJ won the North Zone Championship held in Jaipur. He secured 1st position in the 2WD Open Championship, Pro-Mod 1100-1400cc Championship, Pro mod 1100-1400cc Non Championship and the overall fastest laps in the Finals.

He is qualified for the finals of MSNAC (Maruti Suzuki national auto cross) at Buddh International Circuit, Noida. Lakshay has begun the preparations with his vehicle to meet the engineering challenges and to fortify overall top scores in the Finals of National Level Competition.



National Science Day at MUJ

