

International Conference on the current national and international challenges

Udaipur: Two days International Conference on the current national and international challenges and their effective remedies in context with use of modern chemical sciences is going to be held on dated 5th and 6th October 2018 under the joint collaboration of Pacific University and Indian Chemical Society. This mega event at Pacific University in Udaipur will be attended by not only the eminent scientists from all corners of India but also from various countries like Japan, South Africa, Nepal, Spain etc. Around 400 participants from across the globe will present their research papers in this conference. The event will witness an array of invited lectures and key note addresses by many renowned dignitaries and scientists working on burning issues like energy, environment, climate change and green chemistry. The major addressees includes: Prof. Kazuhiko Marumoto, Japan, Prof. Roshan Kumar, Nepal, Prof. Abu Talab, Guwahati, Prof. Mahima Birla, Dr. Dharmesh Varade & Dr. Rakshit Ameta. The discussion will provide a solution to be adopted in next 25-30 years to face burning challenges in these core areas and prove to be a milestone in development of new technologies in these areas. All



research papers are presented in two categories oral and poster so that all the participants can be diligently aware of the latest developments in these areas. The award will be given in both the categories Young and Senior scientists categories.

The main attraction of this conference include some major issues, which involved green chemistry, nano-chemistry, solar cells, waste water management, material science, organic synthesis, pharmaceuticals etc. The brain storming session on issues will impart results which will be helpful in solving major issues like energy crisis and environmental pollution. The discussion is likely to be based on use of alternative energy resources and green fuel in solar cells (Photo-voltaic, Hydrogen, CNG etc.). This will be helpful in evaluating the chemical sciences potential to solve the problem of energy crisis.

Chemical sciences have a major role to play in human life and ultimately development of nation. This is a basic science, which deals with the progress of human society, nation, and universe. This science touches all dimensions of human life and almost all the branches of science. This gives chemical science a key role in reference to health, water, food, clothing, polymer, pharmaceutical, fuel, sensors, conductors, semiconductor, super conductors, environment etc. In nut shell, all the aspects of human life are more or less affected by use of chemistry. The international conference will attain its goal as it intends to provide a portal to discuss burning issues like green chemistry, photocatalyst, solar cells and other research areas, which will be of immense importance in improvising the living standards of mankind. In previous years viz. 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016 Pacific University has organized such type of conferences with prestigious Royal Society of Chemistry, London & Indian Chemical Society, Kolkata. With such types of events the students, research scholars, faculty members working at Pacific University are benefitted with valuable qualitative academic environment.

The upcoming International Conference on 5 & 6th October 2018 is conceptualized by Prof. SC Ameta (Conference Chairman), Prof. Hemant Kothari Conference Director, Prof. DC Mukharjee (President Indian Chemical Society, Kolkata) & Organizing Secretary Dr. Neetu Shorgar. They have completed all the necessary preparation to make this event a mega success. The inaugural function of this International conference will be held on dated 5th October 2018 at 10 am in Pacific University Conference Hall, Chief Guest of the function will be former Vice Chancellor of Kota University Prof. ML Kalara and presided by Prof. BP Sharma President Pacific University. On Dated 6 Oct. 2018 in afternoon session at 3:00 PM "A Brain Storming Session will be Organized on Current Status and Challenges in Chemical Education".

In this Session the learned professionals will discuss the current scenario in chemical sciences, education patterns and the efforts need to be imparted to increase the level of quality education among the students and educationalists. The committee will discuss some aspects like higher education & research and to attain a better coordination among higher educational institutions, Industrial and technical education hubs. The net inference from this Brain Storming Session will stimulate young generation to inculcate excellence to explore their hidden talents, research work, synthesis of new material & file patent application.

Cleanliness drive by SBI



Udaipur: On Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti, plantation & shramdan was done by State Bank of India at State Girls' Higher Secondary School Hiranmagari sector 11.

On this occasion SBI Udaipur General Manager S. Vijay Kumar, Assistant General Manager Mukesh Dwivedi, B.L. Jinagar, Sanjay Aggarwal, SL Maru, Chief Manager S.K. Porol, RS Rathoddy, Neeraj Kumar, Lalit Sharma, PC Thaplia, Pankaj Gupta, Rajesh Jain, other staff members, along with Principal Pratibha Gupta, teachers and students played an active role. In the end, Mrs. Meera Gupta of the school expressed her gratitude.

Section 377 Verdict Pushes Workplaces and Employers for Inclusion & Diversity

New Delhi: As part of its continuing series on HR & Employment Law, Cohere Consultants organized a Masterclass on the Section 377 judgment explaining its impact on diversity and inclusion on the corporate world. The Masterclass was led by Advocate Devika Singh, Cohere's Lead Legal Consultant and ex-Senior Project Advisor, Gender Rights, Gender-Based Violence & Law Enforcement, NMEW, MoWCD, Government of India. Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code has been a bone of contention for about a decade now. The provision reflects the archaic mindsets of 1864 Britain which frowned down on all sexual activities against the order of nature. This colonial-era law criminalized even consenting acts between adults on account of morality. Section 377 came to become an instrument of oppression and harassment against any person who strayed from the natural order even more so the LGBT community.

Movements challenging the section were started in 1991. As it gathered strength, the first public interest litigation filed



against the section was in 2001 when the Naz Foundation (India) Trust (a non-governmental organization) challenged Section 377 in the Delhi High Court praying the exclusion of homosexual acts between consenting adults from criminality. The main reason behind the argument over Section 377 was that it should only be applicable to non-consensual penile, non-vaginal sex and penile non-vaginal sex involving minors. However, the case was dismissed by the High Court in 2003 on grounds that the petitioners had no stand-

ing in the matter (locus standi). Undeterred, the Naz Foundation which was working with a legal team from Lawyer's Collective then moved the Supreme Court in appeal for a reconsideration of the decision. The Supreme Court found in favour of them and sent the case back to the High Court for a decision on merits. A favorable judgment for decriminalization came in 2009 only to be challenged and overturned by the Supreme Court in 2013 which reinstated the section. When several curative petitions were filed against this controversial deci-

sion, the Supreme Court decided to revisit its judgment. This epic battle finally culminated in a historic judgment delivered by the Supreme Court on 6.9.2018 in Navtej Singh Johar v Union of India which finally set right the years of injustice which had been meted out to the LGBT community. In analysis, the cascade effect of the judgment goes far beyond the Indian Penal Code or "gay" rights. It allows fresh interpretations of gender roles, sex-based discrimination, gender stereotypes, inequality of sexes and even sexual harassment. The decision also

impacts the lives of employees, their workplaces and companies, which now need to reevaluate their mindsets towards equality and inclusion in society.

The impact of section 377 on workplace policies particularly from an inclusion and diversity standpoint was the main subject of the event which was explained by Devika Singh. Devika is a subject expert on POSH & workplace discrimination and has advised on more than 1100 cases since the 2013 sexual harassment law was enacted, the drafting process of which she had been part of. In recent times, she has seen a rise in the reporting of same-sex harassment and complaints against homophobic behavior. With the 377 judgment undoubtedly, more complaints shall be received as more and more LGBT employees speak up. She focused on all aspects of business and law that revolve around inclusion and diversity and pressed on it being the need of the hour for workplaces that need to respect and attend to concerns cast by race, gender, ethnicity, religion, disability and now sex or-

entation.

Apart from this, Devika Singh explained in a wonderfully entertaining and simplified manner the impact of the observations of the Supreme Court on, employment and termination, spousal and marriage benefits, medical policies for leave, records and documentation, sex and gender-based stereotypes and even dress codes. She also highlighted significant areas of risk. This topic has become much more pressing with the involvement of new points introduced by swiftly changing law and it requires a clear mindset to make it easy for an individual to understand it. The masterclass was attended by HR and ER leads, Human resource managers and legal practitioners who appreciated it and described it as an insightful and interactive session. The masterclass on this specific topic will be repeated in Bangalore in the last week of October and in Mumbai in November. As part of the continuing series, future masterclasses are planned in mid-November in Gurgaon and in December in Bangalore on inquiries and conciliations under POSH law.

City News and Views

GANDHI JAYANTI AND SHRI LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI JI'S "BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT RYAN

Udaipur: "Patriotism...is not short, frenzied outburst of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime." 2nd October 2018, Ryan International School, Udaipur celebrated the birth anniversary of the two Great Leaders The father of the Nation- Shri Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and our 2nd Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri. Gandhi Ji led the biggest mass movement in the world. The hallmark of this movement was Non violence. The day is also recognized as the International Day of Non violence as declared by the United Nations.

Ryanites witnessed and participated in a Special Assembly where they were enlightened about the great contributions of the Great Leaders. Students presented hymns, sang melodious prayer songs. They depicted a skit based on the life of Gandhi Ji, his preaching and contributions. Various competitions and activities were planned for the students of the school. Students crafted their imagination depicting the slogans given by the Great leaders. They participated in Debate Competitions, Essay Writing, Poster Making and Quiz Competitions.

Principal, Mrs Poonam Rathore congratulated the gathering on the great occasion and motivated the staff and students to work for the nation and make our country a developed nation.

Intestinal Blockage Removed

Udaipur: Geetanjali Medical College & Hospital's Gastroenterologist Dr. Pankaj Gupta have performed a successful colonoscopy dilatation of a 27 years old boy suffering from blockage at ileocecal junction due to tuberculosis recently. Generally a blockage at this junction is opened by open surgery. This successful procedure has been claimed to be the first in Southern Rajasthan.

The patient Kooparam Choudhary (age 27 years) hailing from Pali District, is suffering from tuberculosis. During the treatment of tuberculosis he encountered the problem of blockage of which he was suggested surgery. On consultation to Dr. Pankaj Gupta, colonoscopy dilatation was decided to perform.

"Colonoscopy is a procedure that enables an examiner (usually a gastroenterologist) to evaluate the inside of the colon (large intestine or large bowel). The colonoscope is a four-foot long, flexible tube about the thickness of a finger with a camera and a source of light at its tip. The same was inserted by crossing the 5 feet long large intestine and a balloon was inflated at the blockage to make it appear normal. The whole procedure took only 15 minutes therein making the patient very comfortable," said Dr. Gupta, the gastroenterologist.

Dr. Gupta also said that, "In tuberculosis the most common is the blockage of ileocecal junction. The other complications include water filling in stomach, shrinking of small intestine causing wounds etc. These require immediate intervention as this may lead to bursting of intestines causing more risk to life."

The patient is suffering from tuberculosis and is under medication from its district's hospital. Since many days he was suffering from stomach ache, swelling in stomach, uneasiness, vomiting etc. to which he consulted a surgeon. There he was suggested for open surgery to which he came to Geetanjali Hospital, where he consulted Dr. Pankaj Gupta. On completion of the successful procedure of colonoscopy dilatation he was relieved from pain and in near future also he will not require surgery. He is still under medications for tuberculosis and is recovering well.

GITS student Abhishek Dadhich honoured silver medal

Udaipur: Senior Under-Officer Abhishek Dadhich and Sargent Vijay Prajapati, students of Gitanjali Institute of Technical Studies, Dubok, Udaipur, participated in the National Advanced Leadership Camp organized by the 6 Punjab Battalion NCC Academy Malout

Dr. Vikas Mishra, Director of Gits told that while representing the Directorate of Rajasthan, both the students participated in all the competitions, such as public speaking, group discussion, culture event during the toning of leadership. While senior under-officer Abhishek Dadhich was awarded the silver medal by the commanding officer in this national camp. On this occasion, the Finance Controller, BL Jangind, said that guitars encouraged the CCE such as NCC so that the students could make their career in Army and the country. Electric Department President Dr. PC Bapna and NCC in charge Manoj Singh congratulated both the students.

Sharmishtha Sheth: the State President of Humad society

Udaipur: Trishala Dagriya, national president of the women's wing of the Federation of Humad Jain Society, has announced the appointment of Provision No. 1 as the executive of Rajasthan and has appointed Sharmishtha Sheth as state president.

Ashok Shah, former national president of the Federation of Humad Jain Society, from Hiranmagari The newly formed executive was administered the oath at Tapavani Samman in Adinath Bhawan, 11.

Beautiful Art at Railway Station

Udaipur: Molela, (Nathdwara) also known as 'potters village' is quite popular for its unique art form called Molela Terracotta. A settlement of around 40 families belonging to a pottery background lives there. And almost every potter residing in the village has excelled the art of creating Molela terracotta. Terracotta is a ceramic material which is used in construction as well as decorative arts since ancient times in many of the cultures all around the world. The word terracotta can be translated as 'Baked earth' in English. It is formed from the natural clay which is why it has the characteristic reddish-brown color.

The Potters of the Molela makes multiple kinds of terracotta which include devotional plaques, large panels, temple bells, domestic ware, etc. and out of all that, the hollow votive plaques is the most famous artistry. The art form generally depicts rural village scenes and charming visual narratives and culture of their everyday life.

The inherent charm of these terracotta sculptures attract a plethora of buyers from different places but the demands for these plaques tend to be seasonal. Vessels and statues of the lord are required during the time of harvest or festive seasons. So, to sustain themselves during the lean months, the artisans turn themselves into farmers.

Clay Preparation – the clay used to prepare the sculptures is sourced from local ponds and drains. There two types of clay – Nada, and Alu. Both the clays are mixed with each other along with 20% dried and sifted donkey dung. The clay is then wedged and kneaded by the feet and the hands respectively. This clay is then laid flat on the ground and evened out using water and wooden tools. This then works as the base surface of the sculpture. Crafting – The wet clay is then cut into the desired shape using a stencil and measuring scale. Incarnations of Durga, Dashavatars, Shrinathji, Gaurinritya, scenes from Ramayana, and everyday village life is the most popular

depiction in terracotta. Parts of these forms such as limbs, face, and body are made by the basic techniques such as squeezing, pinching and coiling. These parts are then attached to the wet clay to create a firm shape. Once, the figures get a firm shape, ornaments, eyes and other details are added to the sculpture.

Udaipur educator gets Leadership Award

Udaipur: Neel Kamal Agarwal of Udaipur, conferred with the Best Women Entrepreneur and Career Counsellor award at the India Leadership Awards summit.

India Leadership Award ceremony, instituted by Blindwink, was held at Hotel Taj in Bangalore on 7 October. The award was presented by Soha Ali Khan. This award was given across various categories to businessmen and executives in leadership roles across the country.

Prize distribution ceremony in Alok

Udaipur: Alok Senior Secondary School, Fatehpura witnessed a prize distribution ceremony. Students with excellent performance in academics were awarded by the Principal Vijay Singh Sankhla and Vice-Principal Shashi Jain and Chief Guest Nishchay Kumawat in the presence of the entire administrative team of the school.

The award ceremony commenced with lighting lamps in honour of Goddess Saraswati. The chief guest encouraged the students by saying that if you set a goal in life and keep striving for it, you are sure to win. Tributes were paid to founder-chairman Shyam Lal Kumawat. The school's Principal Vijay Singh Sankhla speaking on the occasion congratulated the students for their academic excellence and wished them a bright future.

Also awarded on the occasion were the school's music teacher Sanjida Begum for her exemplary contribution in the field of music. Sajna Paliwal, a student of 11th standard Science stream, and Divyanshi Sen of 10th standard were honoured with certificates and TVS Scooty by the State government, hence the felicitation by the school.

World's first interdisciplinary Gavari seminar held

Udaipur: MLSU's College of Social Sciences & Humanities hosted an unprecedented Gavari symposium featuring a broad array of Gavari authorities & enthusiasts and MLSU VC J.P. Sharma to inaugurate their new academic assembly hall on October 6th. Aditi Mehta and MLSU VC JP Sharma Inaugurate the Symposium.

Gavari is the Mewari Bhil peoples' annual 40-day sacred festival that celebrates their supreme goddess of Nature and presents the Bhils' myths, history and tribal lore in day-long theatrical performances. All rise as keynote speaker IAS Aditi Mehta & MLSU VC Sharma enter the assembly hall. The symposium was organized by Udaipur's Rediscovering Gavari Project (RGP) to examine Gavari as a theatrical microcosm of tribal artistry and indigenous values from eco-spirituality & female empowerment to egalitarian politics & environmental defence.

Eminent Gavari scholar & IAS veteran Aditi Mehta presented the keynote address on Gavari, Goddess Spirituality & Women's Empowerment and also spoke on Gavari's unique status as a trance-empowered classic and contemporary theatrical form. Renowned playwright and director Sri Bhanu Bharti then thanked MLSU for finally bringing Gavari into academic focus and expanded on Mehta's observation with his insights into Gavari's Lessons for the Creative Performing Arts. Multifaceted art trailblazer Dr. Shail Choyal, who filmed the first ever Gavari documentary with Sri Bharti back in the Eighties, then closed the session with his perceptive views on Gavari as Sacred, Social & Political Theatre.