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Remembering a Lively Scholar: Prof. K.K.Vashishtha

Many people in Udaipur and also in Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth would not remember Prof. Krishna Kumar Vashishtha today. He passed away silently on Saturday, 24th October 2020 at his residence in Bapunagar, Jaipur. His house is opposite Gandhi Nagar Police Station. He used to mention humorously that government has appointed guards for him as they always stood in attention outside his house. Prof. Vashishtha had moved to his house in Jaipur soon after he retired from the post of Vice Chancellor of Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth.

Prof. Krishna Kumar Vashishtha was a lecturer of English in Manikya Lal verma Shramjeevi College. But he was equally proficient in Hindi. He published a book of poems in Hindi called Akshat in 1978 which he dedicated to Manishi Pandit Janardan Rai Nagar whom everybody in Vidyapeeth called Janu Bhai. Besides, he also wrote short stories in Hindi. His acumen in literature could have flourished more had he devoted single mindedly to his literary pursuit. He was a socialist and a close friend and associate of Bhai Bahwan, Narendra pal Singh Chaudhary and Rajendra Singh Chaudhary. Prof. Jamna Lal Dashora, who was also a socialist, a lecturer of Geography and later Principal of Shramjeevi College used to tell how Prof. K.K.Vashishtha resigned to contest an election. He lost the election and later all his friends persuaded him to join Vidyapeeth again and Pdt. Nagar, who was a great democrat did not hesitate in continuing his services without break. That was the spirit of Rajasthan Vidyapeeth when Manishi Pdt. Nagar was the Sansthapak Upkulpati. Rajendra Singh Chaudhary and Prof. Jamna Lal Dashora called "Munshi ji" by his friends used to tell how they became instrumental in his marriage with Malti ji who was a lecturer in M.G.College then.

Pdt. Nagar wanted to make Rajasthan Vidyapeeth a University. This was his dream. Much before it became one, in 1948 he gave the institution a name Rajasthan Vishwa Vidyapeeth and erstwhile Maharana of Mewar became the first Chancellor of this great institution. Prof. K.K. Vashishtha was chosen by Pdt. Nagar to work on this project. He and the entire team of Rajasthan Vidyapeeth including Kalyan Mal Jaisani, Madan Lal Lahoti, Bhai Bahwan, Udai Lal Chandalia, Murlidhar Verma, Dr. Devi Lal Paliwal, Dr. Dev Kothari, Dr. J.P.Verma Dr. Prabha Vajpayee, Dr. Devendra Johar, Dr. Lalit Pandey and many others worked hard to make this dream a reality. Later when Pdt. Nagar completed his term as Vice Chancellor in 1992 he chose Prof. K.K.Vashishtha as the second Vice Chancellor of Vidyapeeth. His contribution to this university should be acclaimed and remembered by all.

- Dr.H.S.Chandalia

The Car Seventh time in Sojatia Jewelry Fest

The Sojatia Jewelry Fest at Sojatia Jewelers, located in the court circle, has started from Vijayadashami. Director Dr. Mahendra Sojatia said that because of Navratri, Karva Chauth, Deepawali, and weddings, a unique collection of new designs has been kept for the showroom's customers. He said that 915 Hallmark Gold Jewelry, as well as Panoramic designs, have been presented at Antique, Calcutta, Kundan.

He said that a prize coupon is being given for every Rs. 5000 purchase, in which the car will be given for the seventh time as a prize. Earlier, six cars were found in women's names, including Durga Devi Sharma, Archana Kanthalia, Neha Dak, Neha Solanki, Savita Karvani, & Ansh Bhavnani.

Director Dhruv Sojatia said that the jewelry at the showroom is being made available at an affordable shopping charge as usual. Diamond jewelry is available with an IGI certificate.

The Rajwadi Collection of Diamond Polki is made on sight. All antique and asthenic jewelry, including Necklace, Kangan, Bajuband, Karnaful, are available.

Director Nehal Sojatia said that Sojatia Jewelers had been awarded India's Jeweler Retail Jeweler's Award by the James Jewelers Trade Council of India and Sojatia Jewelers has been awarded the "Authenticity Diamond Jewelry Award" by the International Gemological Institute.

He said that sanitation had been taken care of entirely in the showroom. Sojatia Jewelers has been completely sanitized by the anti covid 'Nano Technique', which allows the customer to rest assured but shop with a mask. Also, every jewelry purchased by the customer is being sanitized in a corona oven.



Neemach Mata Mandir

Located near the northern bank of fatehsagar atop a steep high hill is the highly revered temple of Neemach Mata. Neemach Mata means born out of 'neem tree'.

As there were large numbers of neem trees on the hill the mata got her name 'Neemaj Mata'. Some other Devi's also got their names from other plants in the same way- Peeplaj Mata fro, 'peepal', Aamaj Mata from 'aam' and Hingla Mata from 'hingulu'. At the front of the hill, near the canal is the temple of Khemaj Mata. The priest of Neemaj

Mata is a Gameti from village Dewali. In the Bharatgatha sung by the Bhil community, it is mentioned this Devi brought the "neem" tree from the garden of Raja Vasuki to the Earth. It is believed that wherever there is a 'neem' tree, people do not suffer from skin diseases. No wonder, in the villages in Mewar there are temples of the Devi under 'neem' trees. In village Molela sand idols of the Devi are made. However, in this temple in Udaipur, is worshipped, 'anghad' idol of the Devi covered with 'sindoor'. The

Kayasth community worships Shakambari Devi as a kuldevi. Neemaj Mata is considered to be her another form.

Earlier this temple stood near Dewali Talab. But when in 1888, this Talab was extended in the form Of Fatehsagar, the temple was shifted to the hilltop. On the completion of the dam, Maharana Fatehsingh came to see it on Hariyali Amavasya. People were asked to hold a fair, and shopkeepers were given provision from the royal store to set up shops. "Accompanied by Maharani Chawdi, the

Maharana climbed up the hill to have the Devi's 'darshan'. To fulfill the wish of the Maharani, the fair was extended to two days and the second day was reserved only for ladies so that they could enjoy themselves fully and freely.

In the east-facing, temple there are two lions, the Devi's vehicle and a 'trishool'. At the back is a 'dhuni'.



er, well known social worker Dr. R.K. Agarwal used to have the Mata's 'darshan' every morning. He formed Neemach Mata Mandir Diwali Samiti and got built a ramp and water tank, laid down a pipeline, and put

up lights, plantation at large scale was also done.

The Mandir that provides a mesmerizing view of the lakes, hills, and the city attracts a huge number of devotees.

- Ashok Mathur

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