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Pandit Janardan Rai Nagar Birth Anniversary (16 June 1911-15 August 1997)

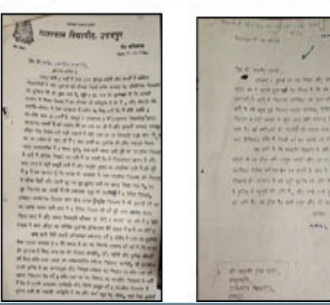
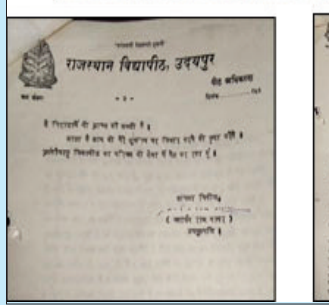
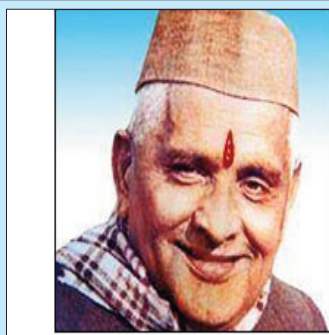
Pdt. Nagar had Advised Pdt. Jawahar Lal Nehru to Constitute a Commission for Education Before Kothari Commission Came into Being

There is a lot of debate on Education Policy these days. The Union Education Minister recently announced the New Education Policy which has come nearly thirty four years after the NEP 1986.

The government and its allies are calling it a policy that will change the face of education in the country. There are, however, a large number of educationists who opine that this policy will promote Privatization and corporatization of education and is regressive in its very content. A number of committees and groups were formed to advise on the matters of education since the independence of India. But one such major initiative came in 1964 when a commission headed by the then chairman of University Grants Commission Dr. Daulat Singh Kothari, a well known scientist, was formed by the government of India on July 24, 1964 to study the overall scenario of education of the country and to recommend policies and guidelines and evolve a general structure of education

in the country. The commission worked nearly for two years taking opinion and suggestions from experts from across the world and submitted its report to the then Union Minister of Education Sh. M.C.Chhagla on June 29, 1966.

It would be interesting to learn that Manishi Pdt. Janardan Rai Nagar had suggested the formation of such a commission on education much before Kothari Commission came into being. In his letter to the then Prime Minister Pdt. Jawahar Lal Nehru written on 8th July, 1963 Pdt. Janardan Rai Nagar appreciated Pdt. Nehru's concern for the education of the rural youth and suggested that a commission be constituted by the Lok Sabha to study the scenario of education in India and to suggest a policy framework for education in India. He suggested that the report of such a commission should be presented in the Lok Sabha and discussed by the august house and finally formulate a Policy of Education for the country. The



letter was written in Hindi. A translation is attempted here of the relevant part of a longish letter for the benefit of the readers:

Dear Shri Pdt. Jawahar Lal Nehru,

Respectful Greetings. I have read the newspaper reports of your scheme of providing industrial training based

on agriculture to the economically weak youth of Indian villages and towns. I am happy to learn that the Ministry of Finance of your government has given sanction to this scheme and in the remaining part of the third five-year plan 65 such centers will be started in the country. We, at Udaipur (Rajasthan) have

been imparting New Education to the youth mainly in villages for 26 years now through Rajasthan Vidyapeeth. You will be surprised to know that we are running a secondary school and a degree college that functions during the night for those working youth who work during the day and study in the night. Because of this, it was natural for us to be attracted towards your new initiative for the rural youth. ...

Please accept our salutations on this. I wish to present a suggestion with some hesitation, though. In my opinion time has come when we should constitute a high level commission regarding the system, methods and points of view of education from the beginning to the end. This should be constituted by the Lok Sabha and which should think over this

widespread and basic issue through a revolutionary approach and submit a report to Lok Sabha which in turn should debate it and present before the country its method and guidelines.

Janardan Rai Nagar
This letter reached the Prime Minister who gave a prompt reply vide letter no. 1648/PMH-63 dated 12 July, 1963. Although the Prime Minister agreed with the need to plan and reform the education system, he said that changes are being made and the constitution of a new commission would not serve the purpose. However, it is well known that the commission came into being the very next year. The Kothari Commission headed by Dr. Daulat Singh Kothari who also hailed from Udaipur submitted a report which is a foundation of education policy of India. These letters are preserved by Pdt. Nagar's son Sh. Prafull Rai Nagar. These letters are a treasure for the posterity of this country.

- Dr.H.S.Chandalia

- Environment restoration through solar energy -

A Talk by Dr. Vartika

Udaipur: J.K. Lakshmi Cement Ltd. and Udaipur Cements Works Limited are organizing an eight days Technology webinar series to celebrate World Environment Day. The first speaker of the series was Dr. Vartika Jain who is working as Assistant Professor in Department of Botany, Govt. Meera Girls' College, Udaipur and talked on "Environment restoration through renewable solar energy". In the beginning, Dr. Hitesh Sukhwani introduced various achievements of the speaker. Dr. Ajay Sharma (UCWL, Surat) felicitated Dr. Vartika with Cauvery Shooru certificate by gifting 11 trees for plantation on Cauvery shore in association with Isha foundation, Coimbatore. This was a unique gift helping in ecological restoration in a real sense.

Dr. Jain discussed reasons for environmental restoration and available solutions particularly use of renewable energy resources. She emphasized on harnessing solar energy either through solar power stations, solar water heater, solar dryers, solar lanterns and solar cooker. Solar energy is freely and abundantly available and creates less pollution and help in conservation of other natural resources. She also demonstrated various recipes cooked in a Solar cookers such as Daal-Baati, Kadhi-Pulao, Dal-chawal, Laapsi, Kheer, Gujiya, Samosa, Cake etc. through powerpoint slides and told that this is a boon for working women.

Dr. Jain said that it is high time that we should try to adopt solar equipments and contribute to saving electricity and thereby generating energy in a sustainable way for future generations. She told that this small contribution towards environmental restoration is also very valuable.

This webinar was organized on zoom platform and attended by all family members of JK Lakshmi Cement Ltd. staff. Queries of participants were also resolved in the webinar. In the end, Dr. Vineet Kumar Jain gave thanks to Dr. Vartika for her informative and motivational talk regarding use of solar energy.

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IIFL Foundation Donates 100 Oxygen Concentrators in Rajasthan through Bharatiya Jain Sangathana

Udaipur: IIFL Foundation has donated 100 oxygen concentrators in Rajasthan as a part of its 'Conquer Covid' initiative through which it provides health equipment, vaccines, livelihood support and digital education support across India. IIFL Foundation has donated the concentrators through Bharatiya Jain Sangathana (BJS), which is a major organisation working towards providing oxygen concentrators across India. The distribution event was organised virtually and was attended by Dr CP Joshi - Speaker Rajasthan Legislative Assembly, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria - Leader Opposition Rajasthan, Ms Divya Kumari - MP Rajasamand, Shri Nirmal Jain, Founder and Chairman, IIFL Group, Mrs Madhu Jain, Director, IIFL Foundation and Shri Rajendra Lunker, National President BJS. Dr CP Joshi, Speaker Rajasthan Legislative Assembly appreciated the efforts of IIFL Foundation not only for health support but also for its Sakhiyon Ki Baadi program which has brought over 36000 out-of-school girls into education fold. He suggested IIFL Foundation to help in expanding digital education to students from underprivileged communities through mobile phones and tablets.

Shri Gulab Chand Kataria - Leader Opposition Rajasthan, "Oxygen concentrators are need of the hour and are immediate life savers. Considering the high number cases and demand this is one of the best initiatives." He praised the coordinated efforts of IIFL Foundation and BJS.

Ms Diya Kumari, MP, Rajasamand recognised the work done various organisations towards Covid relief in Rajasthan and called for the good work to continue.



Mr Nirmal Jain, Founder and Chairman, IIFL Group appreciated the work done by doctors, nurses and other frontline workers and expressed his gratitude towards government and non-government organisations for their immense support and flawless execution of this

initiative.

Shri Rajendra Lunker, National President BJS said, "We appreciate the enthusiasm and speed with which IIFL Foundation supported this initiative. This will facilitate proper and timely treatment of patients, and reduction in number of deaths."

Ms Madhu Jain, Director, IIFL Foundation said, "there are four pillars - 'Sashan, Prashasan, Jan Jagrukta and Jan Sahyog' - essential for the success of any initiative. We are lucky to have all the support of everyone." Ms Jain also elaborated about digital initiatives undertaken for 1,200 Sakhiyon Ki Baadi schools, which has ensured that their education continued even during the pandemic. IIFL Foundation had earlier in the month of May donated 40 oxygen concentrators in Maharashtra. Going forward, IIFL Foundation will continue to undertake relief measures and support the underprivileged sections of the society in their fight against the pandemic. IIFL Foundation is the CSR arm of diversified financial conglomerate IIFL Group, which runs one of India's largest girl child education programs - 'Sakhiyon Ki Baadi' - which has already educated over 36,000 girls in rural districts of Rajasthan.

Antibody development in 85% after Covishield vaccination

Udaipur: A study was conducted to assess antibody status after the first and second dose of the Covishield vaccine on healthcare workers including interns, doctors, and nursing staff working in PMCH Udaipur. It was a joint venture of Former Professor and Head and presently Director, Department of Medicine Dr. S. K. Verma and Associate Professor and Head, Dr. Nita Sahi Department of Biochemistry, PMCH. Three groups were selected. Group 1 was vaccinated (Vaccination group), group 2, patients who recovered from Corona (Corona group) and group 3 had neither Corona nor vaccination.

After analyzing the results, Dr. Verma stated that in the vaccination group after the first dose of vaccine, 80% developed antibodies, and in 42% of this group the antibody status was maximum. In the Corona group, all had the highest level of antibodies while in group 3, the level was not detectable. One month after the second dose, the level of antibodies was found in 85%, and for those who had not developed antibodies after the first dose, a further 50% developed significant antibodies. In a nutshell, the study documents the overall 85% effectiveness of the Covishield vaccine while in 53% the efficacy of developing antibodies was maximum. Dr. Nita Sahi further added that of all the people who were vaccinated, none had significant side effects during and after vaccination.

Commenting on the PMCH study, Dr. A. P. Gupta, Principal, and Controller, PMCH told that this study has quite promising results but quite contradictory to the study reported by King George Medical University (KG M U), Lucknow where antibody was detected in merely 7% of vaccinated people and those who suffered from Corona, only 50% had detectable antibody.

Chairman Rahul Agarwal stated that the present study has been sent for publication in an international journal. He further added that this study will be continued and antibody levels will be assessed after 6 months to know in how many people the capacity to fight against Corona persists.