

Alakh Nayan Mandir Eye Hospital Leads in Blindness Prevention

Udaipur (Shabnam Bano): For the past 27 years, Alakh Nayan Mandir Eye Hospital has played a pioneering role in the prevention of blindness, providing free eye care to nearly 800,000 people. The hospital's significant achievements include setting a record for the highest number of individual cataract surgeries performed by Dr. Laxmansingh Jhala, earning him a place in the London Book of Records.

In a press conference held

today, Dr. Laxmansingh Jhala, the Medical Director of Alakh Nayan Mandir, highlighted the hospital's contributions under the National Program for Control of Blindness (NPCB), a project initiated by the central government in 1976. Despite limited resources, the government has involved non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and local eye hospitals to accelerate blindness prevention efforts across the country.

Dr. Jhala explained that

Alakh Nayan Mandir has been implementing this project throughout southern Rajasthan, providing free eye care to millions.

However, he expressed concerns about the lack of support from the local health department, which has hindered the project's progress. Blindness remains a significant issue, particularly in regions like Dungarpur, Banswara, and Pratapgarh.

He further elaborated that while the implementation of the



central blindness prevention scheme is well-supported in

states like Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, where local health

departments actively collaborate with NGOs and eye hospitals, Rajasthan's response has been less effective.

Dr. Jhala also stressed the importance of timely retinal examinations for premature babies. He noted that premature births can result in underdeveloped retinas, leading to blindness if not promptly treated. Alakh Nayan Mandir has specialized services for various eye conditions and has successfully treated 1,367 premature babies' retinas over the

past five years.

Dr. Laxmi Jhala, the hospital's director, highlighted the prevalence of congenital cataracts caused by rubella and malnutrition in villages. Alakh Nayan Mandir has provided eye care to over 1.335 million people, with 60% of the treatments being free.

The hospital has conducted more than 550 corneal transplants, the highest in the region, and regularly organizes 20 to 25 eye camps per month in rural areas. Over the

past decade, the institution has held 3,990 free eye camps.

Furthermore, the hospital has screened the eyes of over 335,000 children in 1,865 schools and conducted door-to-door surveys, examining more than 400,000 individuals in the last four years. Alakh Nayan Mandir has played a leading role in making 15 villages in the Jhalod region blindness-free and aims to extend its efforts to 25 more villages.

AESL Launches "Aakash iTutor" in Hindi

Udaipur (Shabnam Bano): Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), a national leader in test preparation services, has launched "Aakash iTutor" in Hindi, marking a significant step in Hindi-medium students preparing for NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test) and various school board exams. This initiative is part of AESL's broader vision to offer educational content in regional languages for students across different national education boards in India, with plans to extend the service for JEE (Joint Entrance Examination) preparation in the future.

Since the last academic session, AESL has successfully operated Hindi-medium batches across various cities in the state, helping students



achieve their academic goals. This new initiative aims to fur-

ther assist students in mastering their subjects, improving performance, and enriching their academic journey. Aiming to reach every cor-

iTutor is expanding its comprehensive online learning platform to meet the needs of the Hindi-speaking student community.

This strategic initiative aims to bridge the language gap and provide accessible, high-quality educational resources for students preparing for competitive exams like NEET and various school board exams.

Recognizing the importance of linguistic inclusivity in education, Aakash iTutor will offer a range of features in Hindi, including video lectures, study materials, practice tests, and doubt-clearing sessions. This initiative aligns with

Aakash Institute's commitment to leveraging technology to enhance learning outcomes and empower students with the tools they need to succeed.

Sharing his enthusiasm about the launch, Mr. Akhilesh Dixit, Regional Director of Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), said, "We are proud to introduce Aakash iTutor in Hindi, marking a milestone in our journey to make quality education accessible to every student."

By offering our renowned educational resources in Hindi, we aim to meet the unique needs of Hindi-speaking students and enable them to real-

ize their academic aspirations."

AESL already provides curriculum-aligned courses in Hindi for the Rajasthan Board. The curriculum and instruction are in Hindi, with various Hindi-medium batches being conducted across the state.

The launch of Aakash iTutor in Hindi reaffirms Aakash Institute's position as a leader in the education sector, dedicated to innovation and inclusivity.

Through this initiative, Aakash Institute is committed to empowering students with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in their academic pursuits.

Successful Medical Camp Organized in Udaipur

Udaipur: A large-scale free medical camp was successfully organized at Rajasthan Agricultural College, a constituent of Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur. The camp offered various medical services including fitness checks through physiotherapy, assessments for frozen shoulder, slipped disc, spinal cord injuries, neck, knee, back, joint, and muscle pain, acupuncture therapy, eye examinations, body composition analysis, breast cancer awareness and screening, hemoglobin, blood pressure, diabetes, gynecological services, nutritional advice, general physician consultations, dental care, beauty therapy, and skin and hair care.

The camp was inaugurated by Dr. Ajit Kumar Karnataka, Vice-Chancellor of Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur, and Shri Gajendra Bhansali, President of the Indian Red Cross Society, Udaipur district, by lighting a ceremonial lamp.

Dr. Karnataka emphasized the importance of such medical camps, especially for students, and announced the organization of three first-aid training and blood donation camps every year. He also declared that the best-performing college in these initiatives would be honored by the university. Dr.



Karnataka urged participants to maintain a disciplined daily routine and incorporate regular exercise and sports activities into their lifestyles. He expressed gratitude to all the doctors, team leaders, and everyone involved in the successful execution of the medical camp.

Dr. Lokesh Gupta, Dean of the college, highlighted the necessity of good health for quality education and advocated for the regular organization of such medical camps.

Dr. Rajshree Gandhi from the Red Cross Society, National President of the Consumer Protection Institute, New Delhi, and medical convener, spoke about the three fundamental principles of life: education, health, and values, which she observed were well ingrained in the students of Rajasthan Agricultural College. Sunil Gong, Secretary of the Udaipur Chapter, also addressed the gathering.

Dr. Manoj Mahla, the university's Student Welfare Officer, thanked the Red Cross Society for their contribution to setting up water temples and organizing medical camps in the university. Dr. Ramhari Meena, Assistant Dean of Student Welfare, reported that a total of 1,877 beneficiaries availed services like physiotherapy, acupuncture, eye exams, body composition analysis, breast cancer awareness, and screenings, among others.

Dr. C.P. Nama, NCC Unit Incharge, mentioned the active participation of NCC cadets, National Service Scheme volunteers, and Scout volunteers in various arrangements of the camp. The camp saw participation from students and faculty of Rajasthan Agricultural College, College of Agricultural Engineering, College of Community and Applied Sciences, College of Dairy Science, and College of Fisheries.

The program was conducted by Dr. Shalini Pilonia, Assistant Professor of the Horticulture Department, and Dr. S. Ramesh Babu, who expressed gratitude to all participants.

Grand Organization of 'Rhythm of the Brush' Annual Art Exhibition

Udaipur: The annual art exhibition "Rhythm of the Brush" was grandly organized by the art department of Vidya Bhawan Senior Secondary School on Saturday.

The exhibition, held in the auditorium of Vidya Bhawan School, was inaugurated by the chief guest, Dr. Jitendra Tayalia, President of Vidya Bhawan Society, and special guest Shradha Murdia, head of the Kashti Foundation, by cutting the ribbon. Exhibition coordinator and head of the art department, Neelofar Munir, guided the guests through the exhibition and explained the themes of the paintings created by the art students. The multicolored artworks created by the students captivated the attending guests and art lovers.

Art as a Powerful Medium of Expression
In his address at the art exhibition, chief guest Dr. Tayalia said that art is a powerful medium of expression. The way the students have painted instills confidence that each student has the potential to become an artist like Picasso. He noted that the canvases created by the children make it clear that they will certainly enhance their life's canvas with their skills and colors, a feat made possible by excellent guidance. He congratulated exhibition coordinator and instructor Neelofar Munir on the successful organization of the exhibition.

The Boundless World of Art
Special guest Shradha Murdia remarked that art provides a powerful medium for expressing our imaginations and emotions. It brings out our inner feelings and thoughts as unique creations for the world to see. She stated that through this exhibition, all the artists have proven that the world of art is endless; art breaks boundaries and connects us with each other. She also praised the artists for their successful efforts in presenting various emotions, societal issues, and natural beauty through their paintings.

Presiding over the program, school principal Pushparaj Ranawat explained the purpose of the exhibition and the institution's activities in the field of art. He welcomed the guests and the institution's president. On this occasion, Vidya Bhawan's main director Anurag Priyadarshi, Polytechnic principal Dr. Anil Mehta, former principal Pushpa Sharma, Arun Chaturvedi, Gopal Krishna Bam, from Kashti Foundation Rajat Meghnani, Kapil Paliwal, Hemant Joshi, Vinay Dave, Dr. Chitrasen, Rahul Mali, Chinmay Dixit, Sandeep Rathore, Kunal Mehta, Vipul Vaishnav, along with a large number of art enthusiasts were present. The rangoli prepared by the students in the auditorium was a center of attraction during the ceremony.

MLSU Honored with Chancellor's Award

In a prestigious ceremony held at the Raj Bhavan, Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, was conferred with the esteemed Chancellor's Award, Certificate of Excellence, and Trophy for being recognized as the best university for the 2021-22 academic session. The Governor of Rajasthan, Kalraj Mishra, bestowed this honor upon the university during a meeting of the Chancellor's Coordination Committee.

Under the leadership of Prof. Amarika Singh, who served as the vice Chancellor during the said period, the university witnessed remarkable strides in both academic and non-academic realms. From the establishment of extension campuses to pioneering initiatives like Constitution Park and engineering colleges, Prof. Singh's tenure was marked by innovation and progress.

Governor Mishra lauded Dr. Sunita Mishra, the Vice-Chancellor, along with the dedicated faculty and staff of Sukhadia University, for their collective efforts in achieving this milestone. He also urged other educational institutions to emu-

late the university's commitment to excellence, aiming to position Rajasthan as a leading state in higher education across the nation

TURNING PAGES OF HOPE: KOTA LIBRARY LAUNCHES DOORSTEP SERVICE FOR TEMPORARILY DISABLED

Kota: In a ground-breaking initiative to mark National Public Library Day, the Government Divisional Public Library Kota has unveiled a new service dedicated to temporarily disabled individuals. This service, the first of its kind in Rajasthan, aims to deliver books right to the doorsteps of those recovering from illnesses, accidental fractures, and similar conditions.

Dr. Deepak Kumar Shrivastava, the Divisional Librarian, announced the service, emphasizing its mission to provide bibliotherapy—a therapeutic use of books—to alleviate stress and promote healing during recovery periods. "Our goal is to ensure that no one is deprived of the joy and comfort that reading can bring, especially when they are going through a difficult time," he stated.

Volunteers like Bigul Jain Retd. Deputy Chief Engineer thermal Project, Mr. Narendra Kumar Sharma Public Library Activist have eagerly stepped forward to support this noble cause, ensuring that temporary disabled readers receive their books promptly and with care. "It's heartening to see our community come together to support each other in times of need," Sharma expressed.

This innovative service is inspired by the successful model of the TS State Central Library in Chandigarh, promising to bring a similar positive impact to the people of Kota. By extending library services to the homes of those in need, the initiative not only promotes literacy but also fosters a sense of community and support.

As the first service of its kind in Rajasthan, the Kota Public Library's new initiative is set to become a beacon of hope and a testament to the power of community-driven support in times of adversity.

"Pravah" Concludes Successfully

Udaipur: The annual function "Pravah" of Vidya Bhawan Polytechnic witnessed a harmonious blend of melodies and rhythms presented by the students and invited guests. Alongside the musical flow, participants pledged to maintain an unbroken and continuous commitment to research, innovation, entrepreneurship, harmony, self-reliance, environmental protection, and citizenship.

The chief guest, industrialist and Vidya Bhawan chairman Dr. Jitendra Tayalia, vice-chairman Hansraj Choudhary, secretary Gopal Bamb, along with educationists Pushpa Sharma, Prof. Arun Chaturvedi, Prof. Anil Kothari, Dr. Anurag Priyadarshi, Revati Raman Shrimali, and Daya Dave urged the youth to remain creative in life and contribute to societal development through their talents and hard work.

Former students of the institution, including Miss Earth India winner model Vipra Mehta, social media influencer Ruchika Jain, entrepreneur Pooja Paneri, event manager Paritosh, technologist Harish Mathur, and senior officer of the Pollution Control Board Naveen Vyas, emphasized that skills, hard work, and discipline can lead to success in any field of life.

On this occasion, students who excelled in various activities were awarded medals. Kanishka Purohit from the Computer Science faculty was awarded Best Girl, while Aman Mishra from the Electrical Engineering faculty was named Best Boy.

The event commenced with Principal Dr. Anil Mehta presenting the developmental journey of the Polytechnic and welcoming the guests and parents.

SPSU's Representation at IIT Madras in the International Spic Macay Convention

Udaipur: Under the visionary guidance and leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Prithvi Yadav, President and Vice Chancellor, SPSU, the multi-talented students of the university led by Lt. (Dr) D.S. Chouhan, Deputy Dean, Student Welfare will represent SPSU at the prestigious 9th International Spic Macay Convention (May 20-26, 2024) at IIT Madras, Chennai. The



team includes Ashmit Gupta, an incredible gymnast; Ashwani Kumar Sharma, a mesmerizing harmoniumist; Khushi Sen, an entrancing classical dancer; Anshul Mathur, a brilliant guitarist; and Uma Suthar, a captivating playback singer. Under the mentorship of Lt. (Dr) Chouhan, a distinguished miniaturist, these students will showcase their diverse talents, infusing the event with passion and creativity, and making a lasting impact on the global stage. This participation highlights the university's commitment to fostering a multicultural learning environment that encourages creativity, innovation and cultural exchange

Red Hat Academy Inaugurated at SPSU

Udaipur: In a significant step towards enhancing technical education and career readiness for its students, Sir Padampat Singhania University, Udaipur (SPSU) proudly inaugurated the Red Hat Academy on May 16, 2024. This strategic collaboration with Red Hat, a global leader in open-source solutions, is geared towards equipping students with industry-relevant skills and certifications in Linux and open-source technologies.

The ceremony was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Prithvi Yadav, the Honourable Vice Chancellor and President, SPSU who highlighted the importance of industry-academia collaboration in today's rapidly evolving technological landscape. He illustrated that the launch of Red Hat Academy at SPSU signifies the university's commitment to providing students with cutting-edge education and practical skills, thus enhancing their employability. Ms. Nidhi Sharma, Red Hat Coordinator and IT Head, GRRAS Solution Pvt Ltd, emphasized the global demand for open-source professionals and the pivotal role that Red Hat Academy plays in bridging the skills gap. The academy offers hands-on training, industry-recognized certifications, and access to Red Hat's extensive resources and expertise, preparing students for the challenges of the IT industry. The event witnessed the participation of various dignitaries including Rajat Goyal, Director of GRRAS Solutions Pvt. Ltd, Prof. Prasun Chakrabarti, Dean, School of Engineering, Prof. Alok Kumar, Head, CSE, Industry Collaboration Coordinator Dr. Chandani Joshi, faculty members, industry partners and enthusiastic students.

SPSU's Spectacular 5KM Walkathon at Fatehsagar Lake Promoting Sustainability

Udaipur: Promoting environmental conservation and sustainable practices Sir Padampat Singhania University (SPSU) Udaipur organised 5KM Walkathon: Steps for Sustainability at Fatehsagar Lake on May 18, 2024. The event showcased SPSU's solidarity and dedication towards nurturing holistic development and endorsing sustainable ethos within its community and beyond. The Walkathon was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Prithvi Yadav, the Honourable Vice Chancellor and President, SPSU.

Welcoming esteemed guests, including Mr. Tanishq Patwa, International Kayaking player and others Prof. Yadav emphasized on the integral connection between physical health and mental well-being. He also highlighted the importance of such initiatives in fostering a positive mindset and reinforcing the significance of environmental administration. With over 600 enthusiastic participants, including residents of the city, members of the SPSU fraternity, and dynamic youth, the Walkathon not only advocated for sustainability but also embodied a spirit of collective action and responsibility towards our environment. United by a shared vision, people from all walks of life came together for the social cause and took meaningful steps towards a brighter, more sustainable world. The event was coordinated by Mr. Gurpreet Singh, Director Sports, Lt. Col. Neeraj Kumar, Campus Director, Dr. DS Chouhan, Deputy Dean Student Welfare and Mr. Praveen Jhala Sports Officer.

