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Priya Agarwal Hebbar Inspires IIM Udaipur Graduates with Powerful Address

Udaipur: Ms. Priya Agarwal Hebbar, Chairperson of Hindustan Zinc Limited, addressed the graduating students of the Indian Institute of Management Udaipur (IIM Udaipur) as the Chief Guest at their convocation ceremony today. Engaging with students and faculty, Ms. Hebbar shared her experiences, infusing the room with motivation and pride.

In her keynote address, Ms. Hebbar emphasized the importance of embracing discomfort for growth. She stated, "Have faith in discomfort! To grow, you will have to put yourself in situations that you are not comfortable with." She encouraged the graduates to break away from conventional norms, saying, "Normal is just another word for uninspired and mediocre—so break the sclerotic definitions that the world assigns and dance to the rhythm of your quirky heart and mind."



Addressing the Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration for Working Executives, 2024, she shared her journey and highlighted her motto of being comfortable in discomfort. She emphasized having faith in the challenges life presents and the valuable lessons they bring. As Chairperson of Hindustan Zinc and Non-Executive Director

at Vedanta Limited, Ms. Hebbar has driven transformational change in a traditionally male-dominated industry. Passionate about the environment and sustainability, she has played a key role in the ESG transformation at Vedanta, focusing on decarbonization, water positivity, workplace safety, community welfare, and workforce diver-

sity. Ms. Hebbar concluded her remarks by reminding graduates that life is about more than accomplishments and material gains, saying, "Life is messy."

Hindustan Zinc invests in continuous learning and professional development, empowering its employees to reach their full potential. The company's diverse training

programs, leadership development courses, and mentorship opportunities ensure sustainable growth and a competitive edge in the industry.

IIM Udaipur's Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration for Working Executives program provides a solid foundation in management fundamentals and elective courses, aiming to set a

new benchmark in management education through excellence in teaching and research.

The convocation ceremony at IIM Udaipur was not only a celebration of academic achievements but also a call to action for the graduates to embrace discomfort, pursue their passions, and strive for excellence in their future endeavors.

Nature: The Supreme Guru

Udaipur: In a stirring dialogue held on Guru Purnima, Dr. Anil Mehta, a member of the Paryavaran Sanrakshan Gatividhi, emphasized the paramount importance of nature as the supreme guru, manifesting its divine essence through rich biodiversity.

The Divine Essence of Nature -

Dr. Mehta highlighted the Bhartiya Guru tradition's age-old commitment to conserving and enriching natural resources like mountains, forests, and water sources. "Nature itself is the Supreme Guru, expressing its divine form through biodiversity. It imparts wealth, peace, and happiness to human life. Conserving our lakes, rivers, mountains, and forests is integral to our cultural and spiritual heritage," Dr. Mehta stated during the event.



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Reaffirming Commitment to Nature Conservation -

He urged individuals to reaffirm their commitment to nature conservation, especially on Guru Purnima. Reverence and service towards nature need to be re-established as core societal values. "The guru parampara of Bharat was deeply rooted in nature conservation and promoted a nature-friendly lifestyle within society," he added.

Echoes of Support from Eminent Environmentalists-

Eminent environmentalists, including Tej Shankar Paliwal, Nand Kishor Sharma, Kushal Rawal, Ramesh Chandra, Drupad Singh, and Pallab Datta, echoed Dr. Mehta's sentiments. They collectively stressed that addressing the current global crisis of natural resource degradation lies within India's rich guru tradition.

Service to Nature- The Highest Form of Guru Samman

The dialogue highlighted that the highest form of Guru Samman and faith is service to nature, underscoring the necessity of integrating nature conservation into everyday life for sustainable human existence.

U.S. Graphic Designer Rachna Damani Inspires Rural Talent at Varda School



Udaipur (Dr. Munesh Arora): Rachna Laddha Damani, a graphic designer from Washington D.C., originally hailing from Udaipur, visited the Government Higher Secondary School in Varda on Tuesday. During her visit, organized under the banner of Kashti Foundation, she encouraged students to explore careers in graphic design.

The event was presided over by Shradha Mardia, head of Kashti Foundation, which is dedicated to education, art, and cultural preservation. Rachna Damani emphasized the hidden artistic talents in rural children and the importance of encouragement through interactions with renowned artists. She lauded Kashti Foundation's creative initiatives for government school students, calling them unique opportunities for career development. Despite living in the USA, Damani expressed her deep love for India.

In her presidential address, Shradha Mardia highlighted the foundation's continuous efforts to provide facilities and a conducive environment for tribal students, comparable to private schools. She mentioned plans for more interactive sessions in government schools.

Students showcased their artwork and invited guests for future visits. Indra Sharma, the school's vice-principal, welcomed the guests and provided an overview of the school's activities. Creative teacher Hemant Joshi and architect Sunil Laddha were also present. The event was conducted by Vice-Principal Indra Sharma.

Rachna Damani engaged in an open dialogue with students about their activities, studies, village conditions, sports, art, family responsibilities, careers, and dreams. Students actively participated and voiced their curiosities. Damani inspected the school, appreciating the stone sculptures, modern container library, and heritage-style classrooms, noting their usefulness for the students' learning environment. She found the school's atmosphere highly conducive for studying.

RPF's Operation Nanhe Farishte Rescues Over 84,000 Children

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INITIATIVE FOR SAFETY OF PASSENGERS

Kota: In a remarkable display of dedication and compassion, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) has been leading a transformative mission

called "Operation Nanhe Farishte" for the past seven years, rescuing over 84,000 vulnerable children from perilous situations across various Indian rail-



way zones. From 2018 to May 2024, RPF has saved 84,119 children, providing them with safety and hope.

Operation Nanhe Farishte is more than just an initiative; it represents a beacon of hope for thousands of children who find themselves in uncertain and dangerous circumstances. The data from 2018 to 2024 reveals a story of unwavering commitment, adaptability, and resilience. Each rescue is a testament to RPF's relentless efforts to protect the most vulnerable members of society.

Key Milestones

- 2018: The launch year marked a significant impact with 17,112 children rescued, including 13,187 runaways, 2,105 missing, 1,091 lost, 400 destitute, 87 kidnapped, 78 mentally challenged, and 131 homeless children. This highlighted the urgent need for such an initiative.

- 2019: The RPF continued its success, rescuing 15,932 children, comprising 12,708 runaways, 1,454 missing, 1,036 lost, 350 destitute, 56 kidnapped, 123 mentally challenged, and 171 homeless children.

- 2020: Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the RPF managed to rescue 5,011 children, demonstrating its resilience and commitment.

- 2021: A resurgence in rescue operations saw 11,907 children saved, including 9,601 runaways, 961 missing, 648 lost, 370 destitute, 78 kidnapped, 82 mentally challenged, and 123 homeless children.

- 2023: The RPF rescued 11,794 children, including 8,916 runaways, 986 missing, 1,055 lost, 236 destitute, 156 kidnapped, 112 mentally challenged, and 237 homeless children.

- 2024 (first five months): The RPF has already

rescued 4,607 children, including 3,430 runaways, showcasing its continued dedication.

Through its tireless efforts, the RPF has not only saved lives but also raised awareness about the plight of runaway and missing children, garnering support from various stakeholders for further action. The operation's scope continues to expand, facing new challenges daily to create a safe environment for children within India's vast railway network. Information about rescued children is available on the Track Child Portal. Over 135 railway stations now have child help desks, and the RPF ensures that rescued children are handed over to the District Child Welfare Committee, which works to reunite them with their families. Operation Nanhe Farishte stands as a powerful example of how determined efforts can bring about significant positive change, safeguarding the future of countless children.

Chandra Prakash Chittora: Honoring Legacy and Celebrating Achievements in Udaipur

Udaipur (Shabnam Bano): Udaipur's renowned miniature artist, Chandra Prakash Chittora, has crafted a unique miniature booklet titled "Maa Ko Naman" to commemorate his mother's tenth death anniversary. Known for his exceptional miniature art-works, Chittora pays tribute to various personalities on their birth and death anniversaries through his intricate booklets. This booklet is a heartfelt homage, preserving the memories of his beloved mother.

In a recent event, senior social worker Ratan Singh Chundawat unveiled Chittora's miniature booklet dedicated to the legendary freedom fighter, Chandrashekhar Azad, on his birth anniversary. The booklet, measuring just one inch, highlights Azad's life and sacrifices. Chundawat, addressing the audience, emphasized the importance of selfless service to the nation. The event was attended by distinguished guests, including Kunwar Vijay Singh Kachhwaha, General Secretary of the Federation of NGOs, and other notable personalities who honored Chundawat for his contributions.

Celebrating the National Flag:

The Lokjan Seva Sansthan celebrated "Tiranga Diwas," marking the historical adoption of the Indian national flag by the Constituent Assembly on 22 July 1947. Professor Vimal Sharma, President of the institution, spoke about the significance of the tricolor, designed by Pingali Venkayya. Chandra Prakash Chittora showcased a 75-foot-long miniature strip depicting the importance of the flag, featuring illustrations of national flags from 246 countries. The event saw speeches from key figures, including Vimal Sharma, Jaykishan Chaube, Rajmal Chaudhary, Chandra Prakash Chittora, and Manohar Lal Mundra, emphasizing the flag's role in uniting the nation.

Guru Mahotsav and Miniature Art:

During Guru Purnima, noted journalist and social worker Vishnu Sharma Hiteshi unveiled Chittora's latest miniature creation, a booklet celebrating the guru-shishya (teacher-student) tradition. The booklet, adorned with intricate illustrations, highlights the profound relationship between teachers and students. The event was graced by Kunwar Vijay Singh Kachhwaha, along with other dignitaries like Surveer Singh Kachhwaha, Vidhi Soni, and Pandit Satyanarayan Ji Chaubisa. Hiteshi, in his address, urged everyone to follow the guidance of their gurus for a meaningful life.

Dr. Shyam S. Singhvi's Birthday Celebration:

The birthday of Dr. Shyam S. Singhvi, a prominent social worker and founder of Saral Blood Bank, was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The event, attended by numerous organizations, honored Dr. Singhvi for his service to society. Kunwar Vijay Singh Kachhwaha, along with other leaders like Dr. O.P. Mahatma and Basanti Vaishnav, presented Dr. Singhvi with traditional symbols of respect, wishing him a healthy and prosperous life.

Contributing to Community Welfare:

Chandra Prakash Chittora's continuous efforts to blend art with social messages through his miniature creations have left a significant impact on Udaipur's cultural landscape. His work not only preserves the rich heritage of miniature art but also inspires the community to value and remember the contributions of great personalities and national symbols. These events and contributions highlight the vibrant cultural and social fabric of Udaipur, driven by the dedication of individuals like Chandra Prakash Chittora and other community leaders, who strive to make a difference through their unique talents and unwavering commitment to service.