

## 18th Annual Convocation of KIIT

## Knowledge is new engine of economic growth, social development: Patnaik

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B H U B A N E S W A R : "Currently, we are living in a geo-economic world and knowledge is recognised as a key resource for achieving economic growth and social development", Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister of Odisha told the Batch of 2022 at the 18th Annual Convocation of KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar on Saturday.

Wishing the graduates a bright future, he expressed confidence that they would make their mark in society with their ideas and innovations.

"In the last 25 years, KIIT has carved a niche for itself in the realm of technical and professional education in the country. It has achieved many milestones by getting prestigious national and international accreditations and it also stands out in community outreach programmes", the Chief Minister said.

## Women joining pool of entrepreneurship in India under Modi's regime: Priya Sethi



National Executive Member BJP, Priya Sethi visiting stalls after inaugurating exhibition.

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JAMMU: Priya Sethi, National Executive Member Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and former Minister has asserted that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Govt has accorded top priority to women's entrepreneurship as a result of which women across the nation including the Union Territory are availing the benefits of various schemes.

She said that this has boosted the morale of women as these schemes ensure that they would

not have to depend on others now. She expressed this while addressing a gathering at a function where she along with Sanjita Dogra, President J&K Mahila Wing inaugurated 'Karwachauth and Diwali Special' lifestyle exhibition on Saturday. The exhibition has been organized by Divya Abrol Lifestyle Exhibitors at Hotel 'Zone By The Park' near Jammu Tawi Railway Station.

"Women-owned businesses enterprises are playing a prominent role in society inspiring

in common with UK. He advocated expanding the areas of cooperation between the two countries, including the Free Trade Agreement.

On the occasion, KIIT-DU conferred Honoris Causa D.Litt. Degrees upon six eminent persons from across the world: Himanshu Gulati, Member of Parliament, Norway; Bishow Parajuli, Representative & Country Director, WFP India; Andreas Jahn, Senior Foreign Policy Advisor, Germany; Dr. Deepa Malik, Padma Shri, Khel Ratna & Arjuna Awardee, and President, Paralympic

Medals were awarded to 71 students for their outstanding academic performances. Three students were awarded Founder's Gold Medals for their outstanding all round and academic performances, while 34 students were awarded Chancellor's Gold Medals, and 30 students got Vice Chancellor's Silver Medals. Nanibala Memorial Gold Medal, Shri Krishna Chandra Panda Memorial Gold Medal, P. K. Bal Memorial Gold Medal and PPL Gold Medal were also given away on the occasion.

In his presidential address, Ashok Kumar Parija, Chancellor, KIIT-DU said,

Committee of India; K. Subramanian, Executive Vice Chairman, AFCONS Infrastructure; and Prabodh Mohanty, Managing Director, S.N. Mohanty Group.

As many as 8123 students received degrees at the convocation ceremony. These include 6330 Bachelors, 1627 Masters, 163 Ph.D., and 3 MPhil degrees.

Prof. Achyuta Samanta congratulated the batch of 2022 for their outstanding performance despite the challenges posed by the pandemic.

"The University stood all along with the students in these difficult times, supporting them all the way in their quest for academic excellence", mentioned Prof. Samanta in his message.

In his presidential address, Ashok Kumar Parija, Chancellor, KIIT-DU said, "KIIT-DU is contributing to the development of India by empowering its students, crea-

ting alumni that are building the nation, and supporting the growth trajectory of millions of indigenous students. But what stands tall, is its mentoring and supporting gesture, quite unmatched in the annals of philanthropy in India".

Prof. (Dr.) S. K. Acharya, Pro-Chancellor and Prof. Sasmanta Samanta, Vice Chancellor also addressed the students.

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It is pertinent to mention here that long time ago during the yesteryears of ethnic India, people from villages used to get up early in the morning before sun rays & take rounds of the village chanting & singing Bhajans.

It is believed that Prabhat Pheri, took out from Bus Stand Katra depicting Jhankis of Maa Katyayani and Shiv Parvati. The Prabhat Pheri passed through Shiv Mandir, Ban Ganga road, Darshani Deodi CRPF gate, Hanuman Mandir, Sheetla Mata Mandir; and then culmi-

## Navratri Prabhat Pheri emerges as a major spiritual event



Devotees taking out Prabhat Pheri at Katra.

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KATRA: Katra town, the base of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine has been witnessing Prabhat Pheri daily during Navratras and it has emerged a spiritual event of Navratri Festival 2022 as it directly connects with devotion of Maa Vaishno Devi.

On the occasion of 6th Navratri, Chief Guest said that Prabhat Pheri symbolizes purification of the atmosphere besides highlighting spirituality as it breaks bad habit & form new habit which are conducive to health & lifestyle.

President JK Association of Prabhat Pheri Raj Kumar Padha highlighted the fast growing popularity of the Prabhat Pheri and said that this event would definitely bring peace in the J&K UT.

Among others present on the occasion were Ajay Sharma, Shiv Kumar Sharma, Babu Ram Dubey, R S Manhas, Ranmik Sharma, Raj Kumar Dubey, Manoj Sadhotra, Rakesh Sharma, Rattan Chand, Renueji Dhar, P N Kaul, Rakesh Kaul, Raj Kumar, Sanjay Tickoo, P N Rama, Rohit and Rajinder Singh.

## DIPR Jammu organises workshop on cyber security for employees



SSP Security, Civil Secretariat Jammu, M.Y Kichloo delivering a lecture.

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JAMMU: A one day workshop on Cyber Security was organised by the Department of Information and Public Relations at the auditorium of its office complex, on Saturday.

The expert lecture was delivered by Prof. Baljinder Kour, Convenor Cultural Committee and Dr. Manjeet Singh, NSS PO.

He shared information on cyber frauds and other ways

people are cheated and exploited online.

The workshop was attended by Joint Director Information Jammu, Sapna Kotwal; Dy. Director (HQ) Jammu, Dr. Rehana Akhtar Bihli; Dy. Director (PR) Jammu, Dr. Vikas Sharma; Assistant Director, Shabnam Jaipuri; Cultural Officer, Parul Khajuria; Information Officer, Ashu Thappa among other officers and officials of the department from Jammu division.

The lecture was followed by a question answer session in which the employees of the department and media persons also learnt ways to protect themselves online.

## J&amp;K Rural Sports Club conducts plantation drive at Court complex



District & Session Judge Jammu Sanjay Singh Parihar and other lawyers during plantation drive.

rendered by the late Advocates in the society to media persons, Bhardwaj said "We have lost social and legal gems who were

sources of inspiration and strength for public and us."

"Late Advocates B.S. Slathia, Senior Advocate Karanbir Singh, N.P

Kotwal, Ravinder Raina, M.C Sharma, K.K Sharma, Sikandar Khan, Riaz Ahmed Buchh and Jyoti Sharma will remain remembered in the Bar history through this plantation drive," he added.

President J&K Rural Sports Club, Narinder Singh and Organizing Secretary, Raveet Singh said "Our NGO is committed to spread the message at grass root level for creation of a good environment for stronger India and pay tributes to the all late advocates and Karanbir Singh who was Legal Adviser of the Club."

Advocate Arvinder Singh Micky acted as resource person for conducting the plantation drive. Leading Advocates of J&K High Court Bar Association were present and planted the trees.

## IRCS Jammu celebrates National Voluntary Blood Donation Day at GGHSS Shastri Nagar

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JAMMU: Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) District Jammu celebrated National Voluntary Blood Donation Day 2022 with the theme 'Donating Blood is an act of Solidarity, Join the effort and save lives'.

Satish Kumar Sharma, ADC Jammu was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Dr. Ranbushan Singh, Retd. HOD, Vipin Bhagat, Executive Secretary District Red Cross Society Jammu, Geetu Bangotra, Principal GGHSS Shastri Nagar were also present.

Dr. Ranbushan deliberated about the relevance of the competition and made students

and staff aware of the importance of the blood donation.

On this occasion, a painting competition and symposium were also organised in the school premises and the winners of the competition were given awards. A rally was also held to mark the occasion.

Monika Jamwal, Incharge Red Cross, GGHSS Shastri Nagar and Iqbal Kour looked after the overall arrangements at the school level.

Prof. J. R. Mohanty, Registrar proposed the word of thanks.

## Int'l Day of Older Persons Embrace life &amp; remain positive: Secy DLSA to elderly

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UDHAMPUR: District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur, under the guidance of DLSA Chairman, on Saturday organized an Awareness programme on International Day of Older Persons at Senior Citizen's Club Udhampur. The aim of the programme was to create awareness on Rights of Senior Citizens. This year, the theme for the International Day of Older Persons is "Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World". The Resource Persons of the Programme were Panel Lawyers Adv. Sanjeev Kumar and Adv. Akhil Dubey. The Resource Persons made the participants aware about various Welfare Schemes pertaining to the Senior Citizens. The Resource persons threw light

on the importance of Celebration of International Day of Older Persons and raised awareness about issues affecting the elderly such as Elder Abuse, Physical Impairments, Communication Difficulties, Emotional and Social Problems.

The Programme was organ-

ized in Collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Help age India (Elder

Line Help Line) Udhampur. The participants included Dr. Adarsh, Chairman Senior Citizen Club Udhampur, Mahadeep Singh Jamwal, President Senior Citizen's Club Udhampur, Col. (Retd.) Balwant Singh Vice President Senior Citizen's Club Udhampur, Raj Guru General Secretary Senior Citizen's Club Udhampur, Shiv Dev Singh President Rammagar

Branch Senior Citizen's Club Udhampur; Shashi Shikar Thapa President Branch Chenani Senior Citizens Club Udhampur, Meena Kumari Incharge One Stop Centre Udhampur, Shital Incharge Mahila Shakti Kendra Udhampur and Mohd. Neasar Ali Baig Incharge Help age India (Elder Line Helpline) Udhampur. Later, the Secretary DLSA Udhampur further stressed upon the need to safeguard all basic rights which are vital to a human life especially to Senior Citizens and Elderly and said that the Legal Service Institutions are duty bound to provide necessary help to the older persons.

Dr. Ranbushan Singh, Executive Secretary DLSA Udhampur deliberated about the relevance of the competition and made students