

# 18th Annual Convocation of KIIT

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

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"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.



KIIT management members presenting memento to CM of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik.

He also noted its significant contributions to the field of sports. This year the institution is celebrating its Silver Jubilee.  
In her convocation address delivered virtually, Dr. Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Nobel Laureate urged the graduates to do something for those who are less privileged than them, even as they pursue their professional career.  
The Guest of Honour, John Desmond Forbes Anderson (Lord Waverley), Member of British Parliament, UK stated that India is an economic powerhouse and shares much 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

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, cre-

ating 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. Sasmita Samanta, Vice Chancellor also addressed the students.  
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 Krushna Chandra Panda Memorial Gold Medal, P. K. Bal Memorial Gold Medal and PPL Gold Medal were also given away on the occasion.

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



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

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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

others and generating more employment opportunities in the country. However, to promote a balanced growth in the country, there is need for sustainable growth of women entrepreneurs," Priya Sethi said, adding that at present women are more in numbers among the beneficiaries of significant Mudra schemes.  
The exhibition is being managed by a team of talented women entrepreneurs where handmade crafts and products are on display.

## GDC Kunjwani celebrates Gandhi Jayanti

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: NSS unit of Govt. Degree College (GDC) Kunjwani in collaboration with Cultural Committee celebrated Gandhi Jayanti.  
The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Kuldeep Raj Sharma, Principal of the College, with lighting of the traditional lamp, followed by floral tribute to Gandhi. On the occasion various activities like, Debates, singing, poetry recita-

tion etc. were conducted by the students. Besides many students spoke on the relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in the present scenario. Principal stressed upon the students to follow Gandhian Philosophy to maintain peace and communal harmony. He also advised the students to put their best efforts to make their future bright and enlightened.  
He appreciated the efforts of Organizing Committee and NSS program Officer Dr. Manjeet Singh for their coordination and successful organization of the programme.  
The programme was anchored by Faisal Ishaq, student of Semester 1st and Prof.



GDC Kunjwani faculty paying tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

Baljinder kour present formal vote of thanks.  
The programme was coordinated by Prof. Baljinder Kour, Convenor Cultural Committee and Dr. Manjeet Singh, NSS PO.

## Navratra Prabhat Pheri emerges as a major spiritual event



Devotees taking out Prabhat Pheri at Katra.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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 Navratra Festival 2022 as it directly connects with devotion of Maa Vaishno Devi.  
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 invokes the good spirits and chases the evil spirits, further welcomes the morning with good vibrations.  
Senior officers of civil & police administration including devotees and locals took part in Prabhat Pheri which was

arranged by J&K Association of Prabhat Pheri with active support of SMVD Shrine Board, J&K Tourism Department and District Administration Reasi.  
On the occasion of 6th Navratra, Chief Guest Abdul Jabbar Deputy Director J&K Tourism Deptt inaugurated the Navratra Festival Prabhat Pheri in presence of guests of honour Jugal Kishor Ex minister and Jaywant Gore group leader of Ahmednagar Yatris in presence of Dr. Prikshit Sharma Tourist Officer Katra.  
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-

## DIPR Jammu organises workshop on cyber security for employees



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

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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 SSP Security, Civil Secretariat Jammu, M.Y Kichloo.  
He shared information on cyber frauds and other ways

people are cheated and exploited online.  
He advised the attendees to use strong passwords, avoid trusting strangers online and not to use apps like Cam Scanner and others banned by the Government of India.  
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.

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

## Jat Maha Sabha to hold Mahila Adhiveshan on Oct 9

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: All India Jat Mahasabha (J&K) is going to hold first ever Jat Mahila Sammelan on 9th October 2022 (Sunday) at 11 AM at Golden Leaf Banquet, Babliana Road, Gangyal in Jammu.  
This was informed by Ch Manmohan Singh, President All India Jat Mahasabha while addressing a press conference at Press Club Jammu today.  
Ch Manmohan Singh said that the goal of this event will be for women to stand shoulder to shoulder with the men folk to press UT administration to listen and accept most genuine minimum demands of the community. "The most genuine demands of the Jat Maha Sabha are (A) Reservation under OBC category, (B) Ownership rights over the custodial land allotted to the families after Indo-Pak war of 1965 and 1971 in Distt Kathua, Samba and



President AIJMS, Ch Manmohan Singh talking to reporters.

Jammu, (C) Payment of Rs 5.5 lakh grant to the left over families and, (D) Release promised payment of Rs 25 lakh for one time settlement," he said.  
Ch Manmohan informed that Ch Yudhvir Singh, General Secretary AIJMS, will be the Special Invitee; Maharani Jai Inder Kour, President AIJMS Mahila Wing Punjab and daughter of Maharaja Capt Amrinder Singh, former Chief Minister of Punjab will be the Chief Guest, and Dr Urmila Tomar, Director School Education

(Retd) Madhya Pradesh government and Dr Alka Balram Kshatriya, former Member Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Gujarat will be the Guests of Honour.  
Ch Manmohan Singh said that time has come for all women to join shoulders with men folk to strength the movement. This would send a message to the administration that the community of nearly 5 lakh people cannot remain muted and ignored for long. This event will see tremendous response from our women to shake the government, he

added.  
"We solicit everyone's support since grant of reservation would bring political representation and assured government jobs. Public representatives and government officials are the source of 'power' and basis of decision making and administration," he added.  
Ch Manmohan Singh appealed to the women of Jat community to participate in the Mahila Adhiveshan in large number and reach the venue at 11 AM sharp on 9th October to make it a grand success. He also requested the media persons to give wide coverage to this first ever Mahila Adhiveshan in the general interest of the Jat community.  
Among others who were present in the press conference include Brig Pawan Sauntra, Col SR Choudhary, Avtar Krishan Choudhary, CA Sunil Choudhary, Prem Pal Choudhary, Rashpal Choudhary and Rattan Choudhary.

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



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

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: District & Session Judge Jammu Sanjay Singh Parihar and President J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu, Mohinder kumar Bhardwaj on Saturday planted Chinar trees at District courts complex here in memories of late Advocates who died during COVID pandemic.  
The function was organized by J&K Rural Sports Club, a Regd NGO, as a part of one month long environmental awareness campaign for promotion of greenery and awareness through the medium of various educational, religious and sports activities and plantation drives inspiring the people for planting more and more trees to check increasing pollution level, climate and temperature variation.  
While recalling the services

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 Buehh 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, Ravtej 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.

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

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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. Sanjeet 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



Secretary DLSA Udhampur, Sub-Judge Rajni Sharma posing with participants.

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 organized 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 Ramnagar

Branch Senior Citizen's Club Udhampur, Shashi Shikhar 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,

Sub-Judge Rajni Sharma, while thanking the participants, encouraged the elderly people to embrace life and always remain positive. She said that the International Day of Older Persons on 1st of October is a key opportunity to celebrate the lives of our Senior Citizens, while highlighting both the opportunities and challenges that ageing presents in the present changing times.  
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.

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

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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.



ADC Jammu, Satish Sharma flagging-off awareness rally.

Dr. Ranbhushan Singh, Retd. HOD, Vipin Bhagat, Executive Secretary District Red Cross Society Jammu, Geetu Bangotra, Principal GGHSS Shastri Nagar were also present.  
Dr. Ranbhushan deliberated about the relevance of the day 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.