

Rus Education spearheads Indo-Russian Education Summit, catalyzing educational diplomacy

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NEW DELHI: Rus Education in collaboration with "Rossotrudnichestvo", Russian Federal Agency for Humanitarian Cooperation, The Russian House in New Delhi, and Russian Embassy proudly orchestrated a historic moment in educational diplomacy as it hosted the inaugural Indo-Russian Education Summit from April 11 to 13.

Held in New Delhi, this groundbreaking summit served as a dynamic platform for fostering robust educational collaboration and rich cultural exchange between India and Russia.

Distinguished leaders, educators, and stakeholders from both nations converged to explore opportunities for mutual growth and innovation in the realm of education.

Over the course of three days, participants engaged in insightful discussions, immersive workshops, and productive networking sessions, all aimed at building and fortifying bilateral ties and advancing academic excellence.

The event was graced by the presence of some esteemed presence of luminaries such



A dignitary speaking at Indo-Russian Education Summit.

as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of India, HE Denis Alipov; Denis Gribov, Deputy Minister of Education, Russian Federation; Tatiana Semenova, Deputy Minister of Health, Russian Federation; Pavel Anatolyevich Shevtsov, Deputy Head of the Russian Federal Agency for Humanitarian Cooperation "Rossotrudnichestvo"; Oleg Osipov, Director of Russian House in New Delhi, Retd. Air Marshal Dr. Pawan Kapoor; and Dinesh Singla, an Education Expert representing both India and Russia; among other distinguished guests.

The summit commenced with a stirring inaugural address by Denis Alipov,

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of India. In his speech, he signified the importance of the Indo-Russian Education Summit in fostering educational collaboration and innovation between the two nations. Further, he made significant remarks on the mutual recognition of academic degrees in India and Russia. Noteworthy was the mention of the substantial increase in scholarship opportunities offered by the Russian Government from 200 to 500 specifically, a testament to the growing interest of Indian students in pursuing higher education in Russia.

Panel Discussions and roundtable conferences dominated the agenda, sparking thought-provoking discus-

sions on joint educational endeavors aimed at driving innovation, cultural exchange, and socioeconomic development in both countries.

The second day of the Indo-Russian Education Summit unfolded with great excitement and anticipation at Le Meridien, New Delhi. Here, over 1,400 students eagerly immersed themselves in interactive sessions with representatives from over 50 esteemed universities spanning diverse disciplines. From the realms of Medicine and Engineering to the cutting-edge fields of IT & Aviation, students navigated a rich tapestry of career pathways. Notably, more than 300 students took decisive steps forward, embarking on their academic journeys after discovering their ideal universities.

The day culminated in a Gala Dinner at the Russian House, New Delhi, where delegates savored the rich flavors of India amidst captivating cultural performances.

The summit's momentum carried into the third day with the historic meeting of the Russian-Indian Association for Cooperation in the Field of Science and

Education. Notable attendees included Oleg Osipov, Pavel Anatolyevich Shevtsov, Dr. Dinesh Singla, and (Retd.) Air Marshal Dr. Pawan Kapoor, signifying a collective commitment to international collaboration.

The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University and the Yuri Gagarin State Technical University of Saratov marked a significant stride in this direction.

Delegates also seized the opportunity to visit leading Indian universities including a visit to Sharda University and Hospital, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, and Apollo Hospital, further enriching the cross-cultural exchange facilitated by the summit.

The Indo-Russian Education Summit 2024 showcased how both countries are dedicated to improving education and forming partnerships for future progress. As the summit ended, attendees left feeling inspired and ready to start a new era of cooperation and learning between India and Russia.

GDC Vijaypur conducts drive to clean River Tawi



Students and faculty of GDC Vijaypur after cleaning River Tawi.

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JAMMU: Eco Club (Green Warriors) and Department of Environmental Sciences of GDC Vijaypur in collaboration with DISHA Volunteer Organisation under the guidance of the Principal of the College, Dr. Vandana Gupta organized two days awareness cum cleanliness drive on the banks of Suryaputri Tawi near Har-Ki-Pauri on April 16 and 17, 2024.

The program was organized by the convener of Eco Club Prof. Poonam Kundan (Head, Department of Environmental Sciences).

During cleanliness drive she briefed the students about the above said activity and explained the vari-

ous ways by which people can protect water bodies and how our little contribution can save our environment. Further the students of Semester II were also briefed regarding various biotic and abiotic components of the aquatic ecosystem as it is one of the practical in their Curriculum.

She further focused on the characteristics of Lotic ecosystems including its biotic and abiotic components.

Nearly 35 Green Volunteers of the college actively participated in the two days cleanliness cum awareness drive at Har-Ki-Pauri where they were involved in different types of activities.

They were involved in sensitising the general public regarding ill effects of plastic and other waste materials in the water bodies. Some volunteers were involved in the segregation process where they segregated different categories of the waste materials.

Principal of the College, Dr. Vandana Gupta congratulated all the volunteers and organisers for organising such type of activities for the students that is the need of the hour.

The drive was coordinated by Prof. Poonam Kundan and co-ordinated by Prof. Anita Jamwal and Dr. Priyanka Ganjoo. Refreshment was also distributed to all the volunteers.

Lecture-cum-Interactive Session on Artificial Intelligence enlightens 500 NCC Cadets



Army officers presenting memento to a resource person.

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NAGROTA: In a bid to enrich the minds of the next generation, a captivating lecture cum interactive session on Artificial Intelligence (AI) was conducted at NCC Training Academy in Nagrota. The event, orchestrated by two

brilliant students, Aryan and Shreyansh from the esteemed IIT Jammu illuminated and inspired 500 NCC Cadets.

The session, meticulously crafted by Aryan and Shreyansh, delved into the fascinating realm of Artificial Intelligence,

exploring its applications, implications, and potential impact on various sectors. Through engaging discussions, interactive demonstrations, and real-world examples, the students provided a comprehensive overview of AI technology, catering to the diverse interests and backgrounds of the young cadets.

"We are thrilled to have had the opportunity to share our passion for Artificial Intelligence with the young minds of the NCC Cdts," remarked Aryan.

"It was inspiring to witness their enthusiasm and curiosity, and we hope that our session has sparked a lasting interest in AI among the cadets," added Shreyansh.

Modi guarantee ensures fulfillment of every guarantee: Rekha

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JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Central Government, headed by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, stand fully committed to the development of Jammu and Kashmir. The unprecedented overall development of J&K witnessed today is the result of the sincere commitment of the BJP-led government at the center for the progress and prosperity of this sensitive Union Territory and its people, as stated by BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan while an interactive session with the general public of all domains in Malik Market of Bahu Constituency falls under Jammu South.

During the door to door campaign Rekha Mahajan accompanied by Razzak Ali



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan at public meeting.

Bhutto and Liaquat Ali and others.

Rekha said that the BJP believes in 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas, and Sabka Vishwas', as a result of which the party has been progressing by leaps and bounds with each passing day.

She said that it is the performance of the party and its government on the ground, especially in terms

of development, that speaks for itself. Rekha said that the Union government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has launched a series of schemes for the common people across the nation. She also asserted that the Modi-led government is always on its toes to make dreams come true, and she urges people to vote for development, which means voting for Viksit Bharat

under the banner of our PM Modi. Additionally, Rekha declared that the Modi administration is constantly striving to realize people's hope, and during the door-to-door campaign, she urged the common masses to vote for development, which translates to supporting Viksit Bharat under our PM Modi's leadership.

Rekha stated that 'Modi ki guarantee' ensures the fulfillment of every guarantee. She emphasized that Prime Minister Narendra Modi guaranteed the abrogation of Article 370 and the construction of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

She said PM Modi has fulfilled both guarantees, and now Ram Lalla resides in his grand temple. PM Narendra Modi fulfilled his promise to abolish Triple Talaq, thereby providing dignity to Muslim women. Rekha stated that, under the policies of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the condition of rural roads has significantly improved. Furthermore, in line with the Digital India initiative, over 2 lakh villages are now connected with optical fiber, enhancing connectivity and access to digital services in rural areas.

Youths totally impressed by Modi Govt's development policies: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta on Wednesday said that youths of the country have become ecstatic and are totally impressed with the development policies of the BJP government led by PM Narendra Modi. The BJP stalwart leader was addressing a massive gathering here at Raipur, Satwari wherein scores of first time voters joined BJP and vowed to strengthen the party at the grassroots level. BJYM District President Jatinder Salathia Momu organized the joining programme to streamline the youths in the nation building endeavours of BJP.



Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta at public meeting.

the people about supporting BJP as other political outfits never think beyond their personal vested interests unlike BJP, for which the nation comes first. He said that youth activists have the potential to ensure a landmark victory for BJP. He said that the future of the country depends on the youths because India is the nation of young people therefore it is necessary that youths should work in the direction of making India more stronger by

supporting PM Modi to carry forward his prolific policies in the third consecutive tenure also.

Later, in a meeting chaired by Rekha Mahajan, Kavinder Gupta reviewed the preparations for the upcoming rally of Jugal Kishore in Bahu Constituency on April 22, 2024 wherein party leadership discussed to make the rally a grand success.

The meeting divulged that the rally will commence from

Nagar and Belieharana will culminate at Raipur Satwari.

Responsibilities were assigned to party activists to ensure maximum participation of the general public to make the event highly successful and effective.

Others present in the programme include Vinay Gupta, Ankush Gupta, Pushpinder Singh, Lucky Puri, Bharat Bhushan, Rajinder Koul, Mohd Rafeek, Liaquat Hussain, Advocate Chandel, Satvir Singh, Rajesh Gupta, Sahil Mahajan and Nitish Mahajan.

Prof. Quint from GSI Germany delivers expert talk on 'Ion Trap' at NIT Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, in collaboration with the Indian National Young Academy of Science (INYAS), Tuesday organized an expert talk featuring Prof. Wolfgang Quint, a senior professor, from GSI Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung, Darmstadt, Germany. Prof. Quint, an esteemed academic researcher from Heidelberg University and his expertise spans various topics, including Penning trap and Antiproton research.

HOD Department of Physics, Prof. Mohd. Ikram expressed his gratitude to Prof. Quint for accepting the invitation and delivering the expert talk on the Ion Trap'. He said Ion traps are important today because they help scientists do precise work in fields like physics and chemistry.

Prof. Ikram praised Dr. Vijay Kumar for setting up talks by experts on campus. He said these talks are really important and students should take the chance to learn and get inspired from them. During his speech, Prof. Wolfgang Quint talked about how he studies really tiny particles using special techniques. He showed traps and controls these tiny particles, and also demonstrated methods he has developed. Dr. Quint explained how his research helps us understand the basic rules of the universe better. He talked about how his work can reveal secrets about how everything works at the smallest level. The session concluded with a vibrant Q&A segment, during which attendees engaged Dr. Quint in stimulating discussions on various topics, from quantum entanglement to the search for new physics beyond the Standard Model.

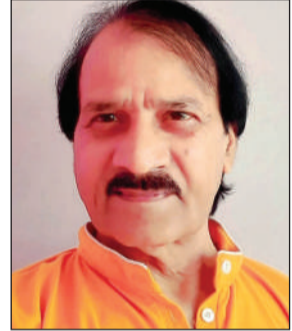
Earlier Dr. Vijay Kumar, a Member of INYAS and Assistant Professor at Department of Physics welcomed the guest speaker. He commended Dr. Wolfgang Quint for his enlightening presentation and emphasized how these experiences inspire students to pursue research in various cutting-edge fields.

Earlier Dr. Vijay Kumar extended a warm welcome to Prof. Quint and other dignitaries. The purpose of such sessions is to bridge the gap between academia and industry. Dr. Vijay said such initiatives are instrumental in advancing research and education, promoting a culture of continuous learning and innovation within academic institutions.

Ganesh Sharma honoured by Liesel Cerna Studio Brazil on World Art Day

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JAMMU: Ganesh Kumar Sharma Eminent senior contemporary internationally acclaimed Sculptor, son of the soil honoured with "International Certificate of Excellence" by World Art / Liesel Cerna Studio Brazil, on "World Art Day" celebrated on 15th of April, each year throughout the world.

World Art and Liesel Cerna Studio, Brazil, organized an International Art Exhibition titled "Faces of Art" A Visual Tribute to Artists of the world, on the occasion of



World Art Day, i.e. 15th of April 2024. Entries were invited from across the globe from eminent senior artists with their detailed journey of art.

Amongst the received

entries from across the world, only 82 artists belongs to 39 countries were selected by the International Jury Members appointed by the management of organization.

The participating countries are Greece, Argentina, North Macedonia, Paraguay, Georgia, Germany, Venezuela, Belarus, Nicaragua, Colombia, Egypt, Uruguay, Mexico, Portugal, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey, Malaysia, Costarica, USA and Cuba.

Yudhvir, Priya perform Kanaj Poojan ceremony for 101 girls on Ram Navami



J&K BJP leaders Yudhvir Sethi, Priya Sethi performing Kanjak Pujan.

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JAMMU: J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi, along with Priya Sethi, National Executive Member and former minister, organized a Kanaj Pooja ceremony for nearly 101 girls to commemorate the conclusion of the auspicious Nine Days Holy Navratras and the joyous occasion of Ram Navami at Hanuman Mandir, Purani Mandi Jammu today.

Kanaj Pooja, a traditional ceremony performed during Navratri, involves invoking the blessings of Goddess Durga and seeking her divine intervention for the well-

being and prosperity of the girls. The sacred ritual is believed to invoke the blessings of the goddess and provide strength, protection, and blessings to the participants.

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi emphasized the importance of upholding cultural traditions and empowering the younger generation. He stated, "Navratri and Ram Navami are auspicious occasions that remind us of the power and grace of the divine feminine. By performing Kanaj Pooja for 101 girls, we hope to instill a sense of pride and

confidence in their hearts, enabling them to accomplish great things in life while staying rooted in our cultural heritage."

Priya Sethi, a prominent figure in political and social spheres, highlighted the significance of inclusivity and unity during Navratri festivities. She expressed, "Navratri unites us in our devotion and celebration. By coming together and performing Kanaj Poojan, we embrace the diversity of our community and strengthen the bond of togetherness. These young girls represent the future, and it is our responsibility to nurture their potential and provide them with a strong foundation."

Yudhvir Sethi and Priya Sethi extended their warm wishes to everyone on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami and emphasized the importance of unity, compassion, and inclusivity in building a harmonious society.

Mass public awareness drives held at Srinagar, Jammu



Fire Service employees examining at medical aid camps.

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JAMMU: As part of ongoing Fire Service Week, various programmes are being conducted by the Fire and Emergency Services department to educate public about different aspects of fire safety.

In this regard, flag march of hi-tech and advanced fire fighting vehicles was carried out today throughout the cities of Jammu

and Srinagar simultaneously, which started from respective Fire and Emergency Headquarters and marched through the main cities.

These hi-tech vehicles fitted with PA system conveyed the preparedness of the department for safeguarding life and property of general masses. First Aid fire safety tips, Do's and Don'ts were also con-

veyed to the general public through the awareness rally. Earlier on 2nd day of Fire Service Week on 15th of April, a large scale free medical first aid camps were held at both Gandhi Nagar Jammu and Batamaloo Srinagar Headquarters in which a number of doctors of different specializations provided free medical check-ups to Fire and Emergency Services Personnel as well as general public besides distributing free medicines.

On 3rd day of the week on 16th of April, under the FIT INDIA programme, a number of inter-district departmental sports events were held at Bari Brahamana Jammu and Batamaloo Srinagar headquarters of the UT.