

KIIT ranked among top Indian Universities

Adjudged 12th Best in General Engineering Discipline

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BHUBANESWAR: Steps fall short often when someone calculates the strides made by the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, and the rankings it has bagged in a plethora of disciplines down those years.

One more laurel comes its way as it has been ranked as the 23rd best Indian university in the overall category by the Times Higher Education in its Asia University Rankings for 2022, a giant leap forward of seven places over last year.

In the General Engineering (Overall category), the University jumped three places to the 12th position, which is higher than some of the IITs and prestigious private universities in the country. With an overall score of 32+, KIIT has been ranked in the cohort of 201-250 in the Asian continent, and among a handful of Indian



universities that have made it to the ranking list.

According to the 2022 ranking list, the University has emerged as the best in Odisha, edging past other government and private-run universities that have found mentioned in the ranking list.

KIIT has been performing at par with the prestigious institutions in India like the IITs, NITs, and other reputed universities.

KIIT, which has placed a concerted focus on the citation, research, and international outlook, has done exceedingly well in these categories.

In the Citation category, the university has scored 45.6 points. Indian Institute of Science Bangalore, which has topped the Indian universities, has scored 31.5 points in this category.

In the International Outlook category, KIIT has scored 22.1 points and in Research Category, it has scored 15.3 points. Similarly, in the Teaching Category, it has scored 31.5 points.

In the Industry Income category, the university has scored 66.2 points, which is one of the best among the Indian universities and one

of the prime contributors to pushing up KIITs overall ranking.

KIIT-DU is the only self-financing university from eastern India and Odisha to enter the prestigious THE Asia University Rankings, which list the world's best universities that are 50 years old or younger. KIIT is only 18 years old as a university and 25 years old as an institute. It has also been achieving and sustaining its impressive positions in various global rankings of higher education institutions.

This is a big success for KIIT as we strive for academic excellence in all spheres, said KIIT and KISS Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta. An elated Staff, students, management, and well-wishers of both KIIT & KISS have profoundly thanked and expressed gratitude to Dr. Samanta for the latest achievement and for his vision to place the University among the best globally.

Randhawa inspects ongoing construction work of bridge in Dharap

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JAMMU: Former MLC and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa today inspected the ongoing construction work of bridge in Dharap area of Jammu South which got damaged due to heavy rains last year.

Randhawa enquired about the status of work on bridge from the concerned contractor. He was informed that about 100 per cent of the span width has been constructed and entire bridge along with the roads connecting the main road has been completed.

He was also told that pre-mixing, walling and other allied works are under progress, which is expected to be complete within two or three days.

The new bridge will provide the safe route to cross the streams.

While inspecting the pace of work on bridge, Randhawa informed that the bridge work when completed would prove a boon to residents of adjoining



Former MLC Vikram Randhawa inspecting ongoing construction work of bridge in Dharap area.

areas as the stream overflows during monsoon season.

It is pertinent to mention here that this bridge got collapsed due to incessant rains during monsoon last year. The connectivity to around 45 villages got affected after the collapse of the bridge.

Sensing the gravity of the problems being faced by the residents in absence of the bridge, Former MLC Vikram Randhawa immediately took up the issue with the Administrative Secretary

Public Works (R&B) Department Shailender Kumar, who sanctioned Rs 6

crore for the construction of this bridge.

Former MLC informed that the construction work of the bridge has been completed within a span of 7 months and will be thrown for public very soon.

Mohan Singh, Dr Jagdev Singh, Baldev Singh, Swarn Singh, Madan Mohan, Surinder, Kewal, Bodh Raj and many others were present during the visit of the Former MLC Vikram Randhawa.

The residents expressed gratitude to the Former MLC for taking keen interest to get the bridge constructed.

ROC J&K to participate in 'Iconic Week'

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SRINAGAR: The twin offices of Registrar of Companies located in Jammu and Srinagar are scheduled to participate in the 'Iconic week' of 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mohatsav' organised by the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Affairs between June 6 to 12 via virtual mode. On the second day of the event, an Investor Oath in hybrid mode will be observed in 75 locations across the country including in Jammu and Srinagar ROC offices.

Sudhir Phayre will participate from Jammu office and Incharge Srinagar office, Haamid Bukhari shall join from Kashmir. In this week-long event, apart from other activities, a film on Journey of Corporate Governance in India will be telecasted across all the locations. It has further been said that all the related institutions of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs will participate in the event along with the professional institutions like Company Secretaries, cost accountants and chartered accountants Institutes.

Dr Avtar gives fresh lease of life to youth from Jammu

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AMRITSAR: In keeping with the altruistic approach of Amandeep Hospital towards the less fortunate, Dr Avtar Singh, Chairman, Department of Orthopaedics and Joint Replacement of the hospital, gave a fresh lease of life to an 18-year-old youth from Jammu by performing a hip replacement surgery, absolutely free of cost, on him.

Giving details, Dr Avtar said that the 18-year-old patient, who worked as a peon in an office, had presented with a walking disability.

He added that the patient approached the hospital after being referred here. "During examination it was found that he needed total hip replacement," Dr Avtar Singh said. He maintained that the total hip replacement surgery was performed on him absolutely free of cost in view of his poor



financial condition.

"The patient is absolutely fine now and is able to move about with the help of a walker. He'll soon be able to walk normally and attend to his work properly," he said.

According to Dr Singh, the surgery speaks volumes about the philanthropic approach of the hospital towards the needy folks.

He reiterated his commitment to continue helping people from the disadvantaged sections of the society, as and when they approach the hospital with varied medical needs.

Environmental Sciences Deptt of CUJ celebrates World Environment Day

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JAMMU: World Environment Day-2022 themed 'Only One Earth' was celebrated by the Department of Environmental Sciences under the patronage of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu (CUJ).

On June 1, a National workshop on 'Air Pollution and Health Impacts' (Need of interdisciplinary Research) was presided over by Vice Chancellor.

The keynote speaker Prof. S.N. Tripathi (National Coordinator, NKN, NCAP) from IIT Kanpur delivered a informative lecture on Capacity Building and Technology Development by Universities in India's Clean Air Programme.

The first session on 'Air Pollution and its Impact on Human health: An Indian Perspective' and second on



VC CUJ, Prof. Sanjeev Jain and other dignitaries during a programme.

'Aerosol Oxidative Potential: Relating Air Pollution and Human Health' were led by the eminent atmospheric scientists Prof. Sagnik Dey, Center for Atmospheric Science, IIT Delhi and Prof. Neeraj Rastogi, Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad respectively.

Prof. Sunil Dhar (Head) welcomed the dignitaries and Dr. Richa Kothari (Coordinator) presented vote of thanks.

Co-coordinators Dr. Anita

Singh and Dr. Dinesh Kumar played pivotal role in organizing the event.

In his presidential remark, Vice Chancellor called for meaningful contribution through interdisciplinary research for betterment of air quality and human health of people of Jammu and Kashmir. Dr. Shweta Yadav (Convener) thanked all for making the workshop a great success.

On Thursday, the event was presided over by Prof. Dhar and convened by Dr. Kothari with Dr. Singh, Dr. Yadav and

Dr. Kumar.

The team of research scholars and students performed various outreach activities: installation of earthen water pots for birds, poetry, poster making, skit on Jal hi Jeevan Hai, self-designed documentaries to beat plastic pollution and with focus on threats to biodiversity.

To spread the eco-friendly message of minimum usage of single use plastics, cotton bags were distributed. Rajni (house-keeping staff) thanked the department for organizing this event.

Yudhvir listens to public grievances

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President J&K BJP along with Parveen Kerni, BJP East Mandal President on Thursday listened to the public grievances at Pt Prem Nath Bhawan, Kacchi Chawni, here.

In the public grievance

the party office to put forth their woes pertaining to basic amenities, etc before the senior BJP leaders seeking resolution to their issues.

Yudhvir Sethi along with other party leaders after giving patient hearing to the people assured to take up their issues with the con-



Vice President J&K BJP, Yudhvir Sethi listening to public issues.

camp, Anil Balgotra, Kartar Nath Gupta, Ajeet Jogi, Swarn Singh, Brij verma, Nipun Malhotra and Rakesh Jandyal were present. Dozens of people visited

cerned authorities and get the same resolved at the earliest. However he got some of the issues resolved instantaneously by talking to the authorities concerned on phone.

Apni Party holds protest against targeted killings in Kashmir

Seeks safe return of Jammu based employees serving in Valley

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JAMMU: Apni Party leaders and workers on Thursday protested against the targeted killing of Jammu based employees who are working in different Govt departments in Kashmir. The protest was organized at the Exhibition Ground in Jammu and it was led by Apni Party SC State Coordinator, Bodh Raj Bhagat. In this protest, Provincial Secretary/District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta, Additional State General Secretary (Organisation) Arun Kumar Chibber, ST Wing President Saleem Alam, President Apni Trade Union, Ajaz Kazmi, District Vice President Jammu Urban, Vaibhav Mattoo, Ashraf Chowdhury, Mohd Sheikh Latif, Provincial Secretary Trade, Daljeet Singh, Tarsem Lal, Kuldeep Raj, Ram Pal, Rajat Kumar, District Secretary Trade, Puran Chand, Jogender Kumar, Om Parkash Dansalia,



AP Provincial Secretary/District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta leading protest against killing in Valley.

State General Secretary Youth Wing, Abhay Bakaya, Provincial President Youth Wing Vipul Bali, Youth Coordinator, Sunny Kant Chib, Joginder, Sandeep Vaid, Charanjev, Atinder, Ankush, Gaurav, Vishal, Sumit Bali, Nadeem, Bali, Bublu, Mangat Ram, Irshad, Saleem and others were also present.

The protesters were shouting slogans against the killing of the innocent people in Kashmir and demanded Jammu based employees working in Govt Depts should be shifted to Jammu due to threat to their

life amid emerging security situation. Speaking on the occasion, Bodh Raj said that the situation has become very dangerous for the Schedule Caste employees working in remote and far flung areas of Kashmir.

"These employees were serving there from last 10 to 16 years with no threats. However, the situation has taken a dangerous turn and it has worried hundreds of families belonging to the SC community," he said. He said that "The Govt must ensure their return and posting in Jammu region. They are unsafe in

Kashmir. The killing of Rajni Bala has spread fear among the SC employees and hence, it is imperative for the Govt to take immediate decision for their safe return in Jammu and accordingly they should be provided postings here."

He said that from the last several months the selective killing incidents have increased and the situation has turned worse to stay and work there.

"In these circumstances, the Govt must take a decision to bring back the Jammu based employees. Otherwise, the Apni Party will intensify its agitation in support of the demand across J&K," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Rohit Gupta said that the Kashmiri Migrants should also be provided protection as well as shifted to Jammu till the security scenario improves.

He said that the situation is not safe for the KPs and Jammu based employees in Kashmir and the Govt must take a review of the situation immediately.

Mahabodhi organises Yoga Mahaotsav in Kargil

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KARGIL: In a series of yoga events being organised by Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre (MIMC) as part of the 100th Day countdown Yoga Mahotsav to the 8th UN International Day of yoga (21st of June 2022), the 10th session of the Yoga countdown event took place at Kargil District of Ladakh on Thursday. The event was organised in collaboration with the Department of School Education, Administration of UT Ladakh. Founder MIMC, Bhikkhu Sanghasena along with a team of Yoga teachers and volunteers travelled all the way to Kargil to conduct the event which was participated by more than 700 students from Boys and Girls Higher secondary schools Kargil along with many dignitaries including CEC, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmed Khan, Chief Education Officer Kargil, Executive Engineer, PHE, Kargil, Deputy Superintendent of



Bhikkhu Sanghasena and CEC Kargil Feroz Ahmed Khan performing Asana.

Police, Councillor Padma Dorje, Principals and teaching staff of Boys and Girls Higher Secondary school Kargil. The Yoga teachers from MIMC Ladakh, demonstrated the series of Yoga Asanas as per the common Yoga protocol of the International Day of Yoga by the Ministry of AYUSH, Govt of India. The participants enthusiastically partook and fully enjoyed the entire Yoga.

Bhikkhu Sanghasena mentioned about the importance of Yoga and the various contribu-

tions of MIMC Ladakh in promoting Yoga in Ladakh.

He stated that through regular practice of Yoga and meditation one can enjoy total physical and mental health, and read out the message of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi for the event. He expressed his deep appreciation to the CEC and the education department for hosting this beautiful program.

While addressing, Feroz Ahmed Khan, who was the chief guest on the occasion,

thanked Bhikkhu Sanghasena and the organizing committee for organizing this much needed yoga event. He further appreciated the various initiatives being undertaken by Bhikkhu Sanghasena for the people of Ladakh.

The programme was concluded with a beautiful song of peace by Spaldon, a popular singer from Mahabodhi Shangrila team.

AIBOC condemns killing of Bank manager, seek adequate security

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JAMMU: All India Bank Officers Confederation (AIBOC), the largest officers organisation having membership around 250000 officers and the apex trade union of supervisory cadre employees, condemned the most unfortunate event that happened today in Arreh area of South Kashmir's Kulgam Distt where an innocent banker Vijay Kumar Branch Manager of Elaqui Dehati Bank Kulgam branch was shot dead by the terrorists from a close range while performing his duties.

"We demand from the bank managements to transfer all the bank employees to Srinagar Centre branches as the situation is very alarming" AIBOC members said adding that pooled accommodation shall also be provided to all the bankers at Srinagar Centre along with the transport facility from place of stay to place of posting and back.

As long as the Govt is able to provide adequate security Bank managements should provide private security, onus of the providing adequate security to bank employees strictly lies with bank managements, they said and also requested UT Govt to provide fool proof security to employees who are serving local people in tough conditions.

Corporator Gurmeet dedicates renovated Park, Martyr Statue in Sainik Colony

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JAMMU: Corporator of Ward 69 of Sainik Colony, Gurmeet Randhawa on Thursday handed over to the public the renovated Park in Sector G of Sainik Colony, Babbar Chowk named after Major IS Babbar, Kirti Chakra and statue of Major Ajay Singh Jasrotia, Sena Medal. The Chowk, statue and Park were renovated at an approximate cost of Rs 7.5 lakh. The case for improvement of parks by installing open gymnasiums, swings and slides for children, watering facility, lights etc is also taken up with JMC. Major Ajay Singh Jasrotia, SM laid down his life during Kargil War with Pakistan to save life of his six comrades and Major Inderjeet Singh Babbar, Kirti Chakra laid down his life while destroying hideout of the militants in



Corporator Ward 69, Gurmeet Randhawa dedicating renovated Park in Sector G of Sainik Colony to the public.

Assam in 2003. Randhawa appreciated the policy of JKUT Administration of naming roads, schools, colleges or prominent Govt assets after the martyrs or eminent personalities. The naming of Chowk and park after valiant soldiers who put nation first and laid down their life for the protection of our Nation is befitting tribute to them. This will inspire the present generation to contribute towards nation building.

She also welcomed the decision of Govt of J & K to replace embossed 'Sher-i-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah' with 'the National Emblem' from the police medals for gallantry and meritorious service. The prominent residents present during the occasion were JR Sharma, Karan Singh Jamwal, Ravinder Singh, Delly Pathania, Mohinder Kour, Ram Kesh Sharma and Sanjay Sharma, Jatinder Singh.

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JAMMU: The Eco Club of GGM Science College under the patronage of the Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo organised a practical demonstration session on composting on Thursday. The concept of organizing this event was to increase awareness about the need for proper disposal of biodegradable solid waste. The objective of this activity was to raise awareness about converting waste into useful product.

The composting was done in the college campus and for this process, dry leaves were collected, mixed with cow dung slurry and bacterial solution. Then the pile of leaves was covered with plastic sheet for decomposition. 20 students of the Eco Club along with the committee



Eco Club of GGM Science College members and faculty during a programme.

members participated in the activity. Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo commended the spirited participation of the students and emphasized the need to recognize and work towards such environmental causes which help in environment protection. He also appreciated the efforts of Ecoclub committee in taking the initiative of composting and also shaping

the students into environmentally-conscious citizens. Dr. Deepak Pathania, HOD Environmental Sciences, SPMR Commerce College, Jammu was the expert for the mentioned activity. The event was organized by Prof. Preeti Dogra, Convener Eco Club, and coordinated by the members of the Eco-club Prof. Kiran Bala, Prof. Sham Singh, Dr. Arti

Sharma, Prof. Rubena, Prof. Mehnaaz and Dr. Jyotdeep.

On the occasion, Prof. Preeti Dogra, convener of the Eco club stressed that such events are valuable additions to our education system as they promote the consciousness of students about the environment and play a pivotal role in bringing awareness about environmental sustainability.