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Vision-Driven Reforms Propel Sangam University Towards Academic Excellence

Bhilwara: Sangam University has taken a significant step towards strengthening its position as a quality-driven institution with a series of academic reforms and initiatives aimed at fostering research excellence, innovation and outcome-based education under the leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof. KaruneshSaxena.

In a major demonstration of its commitment to academic transformation, the university recently hosted a National Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Advancing Research Culture and Outcome-Based Education (OBE) Practices for NAAC Binary Accreditation." Organised jointly by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the Research & Development (R&D) Cell, the programme equipped faculty members with practical strategies for improving research quality, implementing Outcome-Based Education and preparing institutions for the evolving UGC-NAAC Binary Accreditation framework.

Held under the guidance of Prof. Saxena, the programme reflected the university's long-term vision of creating an ecosystem where research, innovation and academic quality complement classroom teaching. Experts discussed high-quality research methodologies, research ethics, scholarly publications, patents, consultancy, externally funded projects and performance indicators that contribute to institutional excellence and national rankings.

A dedicated technical session focused on Outcome-Based Education, covering curriculum planning, Course Outcome–Programme Outcome mapping, attainment analysis and assessment strategies. Faculty members from diverse disciplines participated in interactive discussions designed to strengthen teaching-learning processes and promote continuous quality improvement across academic programmes.

The emphasis on faculty development was complemented by another landmark initiative during the university's 15th Academic Council meeting, chaired by Prof. Saxena. The council approved a comprehensive package of curriculum reforms designed to make academic programmes more relevant, interdisciplinary and aligned with national regulatory standards and industry expectations.

Addressing the council, Prof. Saxena outlined his vision for institutional growth, stating that sustainable excellence can only be achieved through the "Outstanding Performance by Every Stakeholder"—faculty, students, officers and staff alike. He stressed that academic quality must be driven by innovation, accountability, collaboration and a shared commitment to continuous improvement.Among the major decisions approved was the introduction of minor specialisations in B.Tech programmes, enabling engineering students to pursue interdisciplinary learning pathways that enhance employability and future career opportunities. The Academic Council also approved revisions to the Bachelor of Pharmacy curriculum in line with the latest guidelines issued by the Pharmacy Council of India.

In another important move, the university sanctioned the launch of anM.Sc. in Agriculture (Soil Science) programme while approving updates to agriculture curricula based on the latest recommendations of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Across disciplines, skill-based and value-added courses will be integrated into academic programmes to improve professional competence and industry readiness.

Looking ahead, the Academic Council also resolved to celebrate the university's Silver Jubilee in May 2028, commemorating 25 years since the establishment of ITM, which evolved into Sangam University in 2012.

Together, the faculty development programme and the Academic Council's reforms underline Sangam University's strategic focus on research excellence, modern curricula, quality assurance and student-centric education. With Prof. KaruneshSaxena steering these initiatives, the university is positioning itself as a forward-looking institution committed to producing skilled professionals, promoting impactful research and meeting the highest standards of higher education in India.

Geetanjali Hospital Supports Perahan Lifestyle Exhibition 2026

Udaipur: Geetanjali Hospital strengthened its commitment to women's empowerment and community engagement by joining as the title supporter of the Perahan Lifestyle Exhibition 2026, a three-day event at Ashoka Green, Shobhagpura.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Maharani Sa Nivriti Kumari Mewar, a member of the former Mewar royal family. Representing Geetanjali Medical College & Hospital, senior obstetrician and gynecologistDr. Anjana Verma attended the opening ceremony as the Guest of Honour.

Dr. Verma congratulated the organizers and urged women to prioritize their health through regular medical check-ups, timely treatment and healthy lifestyle choices. She also highlighted the advantages of advanced laparoscopic surgery, emphasizing that Geetanjali Hospital remains committed to delivering quality healthcare while actively supporting social initiatives, women's empowerment and public awareness programs.

Event organizer and She Circle India founder Tarika Ji said Geetanjali Hospital's support as the title sponsor played a key role in making this year's exhibition more vibrant and well-organized. She appreciated the hospital's continued contribution to community-focused initiatives.

The exhibition showcases designer apparel, fashion accessories, silver jewellery, home décor, handloom products, handicrafts and lifestyle collections from exhibitors representing Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Kota, Bhilwara, Agra and other cities. Visitors thronged the venue on the opening day to explore the latest collections and take advantage of exclusive shopping offers.

Organizers announced attractive gifts for purchases worth ₹1,000 or more, while shoppers spending ₹5,000 and ₹10,000 are eligible for premium gifts and lucky draw prizes. A Mega Tambola scheduled for 2 p.m. on July 18 is among the event's key attractions.The event was attended by Kalpesh Chand Rajbar, Head of Marketing at Geetanjali Hospital, Dr. Sonu Jain, Rukhsana Sabunwala, Lafiya, Sweety Chhabra, along with leading citizens, women entrepreneurs and social workers.

Bihar Minister Visits MPUAT Udaipur

Udaipur: Bihar Agriculture Minister and former Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha visited MaharanaPratap University of Agriculture and Technology (MPUAT) on Saturday and stressed the need to promote natural farming, agricultural innovation and sustainable technologies to improve farmers' incomes and environmental conservation.

Welcoming the minister, MPUAT Vice Chancellor Dr.Pratap Singh outlined the university's teaching, research and extension initiatives. Sinha toured the College of Technology and Engineering, where he reviewed research on agricultural mechanization and renewable energy applications, describing modern farm machinery as essential for reducing production costs and enhancing productivity.At the Rajasthan College of Agriculture, he paid tribute to MaharanaPratap and planted a sapling before visiting the university's Mushroom Research and Production Unit and Organic Farming Unit. He appreciated research on mushroom cultivation, entrepreneurship, organic nutrient management, biofertilizers and sustainable farming practices, calling them important for generating rural employment and strengthening ecological agriculture.During a visit to the Agricultural Museum, university scientists showcased improved crop varieties and modern agricultural technologies developed for farmers. Interacting with researchers, Sinha urged greater adoption of indigenous, cattle-based natural farming systems to reduce dependence on chemical inputs while protecting soil health.University officials said the visit would strengthen agricultural research, technology exchange and academic cooperation between Rajasthan and Bihar.

Geetanjali Hosts Pharmacy Curriculum Development Program

Udaipur: Geetanjali Institute of Pharmacy, Geetanjali University, in collaboration with the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI), organized a one-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on the effective implementation of the B.Pharm Curriculum 2026 under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The programme was inaugurated by J.H. Chaudhary, Vice President of the Pharmacy Council of India, who said the revised curriculum aims to create a uniform, modern and future-ready pharmacy education system aligned with global standards and evolving healthcare needs.

Expert sessions were conducted by Dr. H. Lalhlenmawia, Dr.SarathChandran C., Prof. Sandeep Grover, Dr. V.K. Maurya, Dr.NeerajUpmanyu and PrateekShukla, focusing on Outcome-Based Education, Bloom's Taxonomy, modern assessment methods and the integration of Artificial Intelligence in pharmacy education and research.

More than 100 faculty members from pharmacy colleges participated in the programme. Dr.Mahendra Singh Rathore delivered the vote of thanks, while Executive Director AnkitAgrawal, Vice Chancellor Dr.Rakesh Kumar Vyas and Registrar Dr.ArvindYadav congratulated the organizing team for strengthening pharmacy education in line with NEP 2020.

Sai Tirupati Promotes Nutrition Awareness

Udaipur: SaiTirupati University organized a Nutrition Awareness Program at Venkateshwara College of Nursing to educate students about the importance of balanced diets and therapeutic nutrition in improving patient care and disease management.The programme was attended by Vice Chancellor Dr.PrashantNahar, Registrar Devendra Jain, Deputy Registrar Dr.KanupriyaTiwari and College of Nursing Principal Vijay Singh Rawat, who appreciated the initiative and emphasized that nutrition awareness is essential for building a healthier society and enhancing healthcare outcomes.As part of the event, second-semester B.Sc. Nursing students presented models, charts and multimedia displays explaining dietary management for patients with diabetes, hypertension, anemia, obesity, kidney disease and heart disease. The presentations highlighted how balanced nutrition supports treatment, speeds recovery and helps prevent complications.Nutrition In-charge KiranRegar coordinated the programme, which concluded with a vote of thanks to participants, students and guests for their enthusiastic involvement in promoting healthy lifestyle awareness.

Health Volunteers Complete Tribal Training Camp

Udaipur: A three-day training programme for ArogyaRakshaks (Community Health Volunteers) working in tribal areas concluded at the provincial office of VanvasiKalyanParishad Rajasthan, equipping volunteers with skills to strengthen primary healthcare services in remote villages.

Dr. Rajesh Malik, Provincial Head of the Medical Wing, said the training focused on identifying and managing seasonal diseases common in tribal communities. Volunteers were provided with medical kits containing essential medicines to deliver immediate primary care and assist patients in reaching nearby Primary Health Centres for further treatment.He said ArogyaRakshaks also play a key role in reporting disease outbreaks, enabling medical teams to organize timely health camps in affected villages.

Geetanjali Launches Road Safety Campaign

Udaipur: Geetanjali Hospital, in collaboration with the Transport & Road Safety Department and Aadhar Foundation Trust, has launched its annual Road Safety Awareness Campaign, culminating in the 'Road Safety Superhero Awards' ceremony on July 23 at the Geetanjali Auditorium.

The campaign poster was unveiled by Regional Transport Officer GyandevVishwakarma, Kalpesh Chand Rajbar, Head of Marketing at Geetanjali Hospital, Narayan Chaudhary, Director of Aadhar Foundation Trust, and PreetiPamecha, Secretary of the trust.

The event will honour individuals and organisations under the RahveerYojana for providing timely assistance to road accident victims. Awardees will include ambulance drivers, police personnel, doctors, nursing officers, blood donors, social organisations and other Good Samaritans who have played a crucial role in saving lives during emergencies.

Hospital officials said the initiative aims to promote responsible road behaviour, improve awareness about emergency response and encourage citizens to assist accident victims without hesitation. The programme will also feature a special address by RTO GyandevVishwakarma on traffic discipline, road safety and the importance of collective responsibility in reducing road accidents and saving lives.

Law School Debates Juvenile Justice

Udaipur: Pacific School of Law at Pacific University organized a panel discussion on whether juveniles accused of heinous crimes should be tried as adults, with legal experts emphasizing a balanced approach that upholds justice while prioritizing rehabilitation, legal awareness and psychological support.

Faculty members said juvenile crime should be viewed through legal, psychological and social perspectives rather than emotion alone. Speakers stressed that while victims deserve timely justice and accountability, juveniles should also be assessed based on their mental maturity, circumstances and potential for reform.The discussion highlighted the role of families, schools and society in preventing juvenile delinquency through value-based education, timely guidance and counselling. Participants also reviewed juvenile justice systems in India and several other countries, examining different approaches to rehabilitation and accountability.

Experts underscored the importance of regular psychological counselling in schools and greater legal awareness among young people. They concluded that introducing legal education at the school level would help students understand their rights, responsibilities and the rule of law, reducing the likelihood of juvenile crime while promoting responsible citizenship.

DPS Udaipur Students Shine in NEET 2026

Udaipur: Delhi Public School (DPS), Udaipur celebrated an impressive performance in the NEET UG 2026 examination, with 11 Class 12 Science (Biology) students qualifying for the national medical entrance test conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA). Arya Gupta emerged as the school's top performer with 571 marks. Other successful students also secured qualifying scores, marking a significant milestone in their pursuit of medical careers. The Pro Vice Chairman congratulated the students, describing medicine as a vital profession requiring dedicated professionals. The Principal and Vice Principal also felicitated the achievers and their parents, wishing them continued success in their academic and professional journeys.

India Approves First Dengue Vaccine

Udaipur: Takeda Biopharmaceuticals India Pvt. Ltd. has announced that the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) has granted market authorization for Qdenga, making it the first dengue vaccine approved in India for the prevention of dengue in individuals aged 4 to 60 years.

Approved under the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019, Qdenga can be administered regardless of whether a person has previously been infected with dengue and does not require pre-vaccination testing. Company officials said the vaccine provides protection against all four dengue virus serotypes and has demonstrated sustained efficacy in reducing dengue infections and related hospitalizations over seven years of clinical data.

Since its global launch in 2022, Qdenga has been approved in 43 countries, with more than 32 million doses distributed worldwide. Takeda said it will work with public health authorities and healthcare partners to strengthen dengue prevention in India through vaccination, surveillance, vector control and public awareness initiatives.:::

AESL Student Tops Rajasthan in NEET 2026

Udaipur: Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) reported another strong performance in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) UG 2026, with Jaipur classroom student UpalakshyaGoyal securing All India Rank (AIR) 3 and emerging as the Rajasthan state topper after scoring 711 out of 720 marks.

The results, declared by the National Testing Agency (NTA), reflect Goyal's disciplined preparation and consistent performance. He credited his success to regular study, extensive practice, expert faculty guidance, structured classroom training, and the continued support of his parents and teachers.AESL students also excelled nationally. Distance Learning Programme student Aryan Gupta secured AIR 1 with 715 marks, while Aryan Dubey and GeetanshSareen achieved AIR 7 and AIR 8, respectively. In total, 38 AESL students ranked among the All India Top 100, including 16 in the Top 50 and four in the Top 10.

Regional Director Akhilesh Dixit said the results reaffirm AESL's commitment to academic excellence, quality mentoring, and student success.

Teen Stroke Patient Saved in Udaipur

Udaipur: Doctors at Paras Health Udaipur successfully treated a 16-year-old girl suffering from a rare and severe Large Vessel Occlusion (LVO) stroke through an emergency mechanical thrombectomy, enabling her to make a remarkable recovery without significant neurological impairment.

The teenager was admitted after developing sudden weakness on one side of her body, facial drooping and difficulty speaking. Brain imaging confirmed a major artery blockage requiring immediate intervention. A multidisciplinary stroke team led by consultant neurologists Dr.TarunMathur and Dr. Manish Kulshreshtha performed the minimally invasive procedure, successfully removing the clot and restoring blood flow to the brain.Doctors said stroke is increasingly being reported among children and teenagers and urged parents, teachers and the public to recognize warning signs such as facial drooping, limb weakness, speech difficulty, vision changes and loss of balance. They stressed that rapid diagnosis, immediate transfer to a stroke-ready hospital and timely mechanical thrombectomy are critical to preventing permanent disability.

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