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Expanding National Canvas of RRU for Amrit Kaal

Realising the vision of Shri Narendra Modi, Hon’ble Prime Minister, RRU as the Jewel of the Nation for the Sashkasht Bharat, and enabling the mission of Shri Amit Shah, Hon’ble Union Home and Cooperation Minister, RRU is grateful to the Union and State leadership and security and police organizations for facilitating establishment of four campuses across India, besides the main campus in Gujarat.

Inaugurating the RRU’s Karnataka Campus, at the revamped site of Old Kendriya Vidyalaya Shivamogga District, Shri Amit Shah stressed on the imperative of ensuring well-trained security personnel to boost the national security architecture of our country, and at the same time admonished parochial attempts of locating responsibility for addressing national security concerns from federal prism on March 23, 2023.

While the MoU with the state government was signed by the Vice Chancellor (VC) RRU, Prof. (Dr) Bimal N. Patel and Dr Rajneesh Goel ACS (Home) of the state government, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shri Basavaraj Bomma and the Home Minister Shri Araga Jnanendra assured for every support in the functioning of the institution.

Likewise, for the Puducherry campus with 10 acres of land in the Puducherry Technological University (PTU), Puducherry, Prof. Patel signed another MoU with the VC of PTU, Prof. S. Mohan on March 27, 2023 in the august presence of Hon’ble Lt Governor of Puducherry and Governor of Telangana, Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Puducherry, Shri N. Rangasamy, Hon’ble Union Home Secretary Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla and other state dignitaries.

Certainly, the ease of opening of RRU campuses in other States is a mark of overwhelming support and expectations of the state government from the leadership at RRU.

Thanking the Prime Minister and the Home Minister for reposing faith in the RRU, Prof. Patel, while celebrating the achievement back at RRU auditorium, Gandhinagar, credited the entire team for exhibiting exemplary commitment in contributing to the expansion of the RRU.

“Security oriented academic courses and training programmes will be launched from August this year at these campuses” said Dr. Nandha Kumara Pujam, Director, Puducherry campus. Needless to say, the boundless opportunities opening with the expansion of the national canvas of RRU would further fortify the University’s claim of “transforming the national security education ecosystem of the country” as it marches for Amrit Kaal.

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Guided by the principles of compassion, impartiality and respect for human dignity while carrying out several humanitarian operations conducted by armed forces of India in overseas, Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, VC, RRU recalled a series of rescue efforts undertaken by the Indian Government as part of its diplomatic mission for advancing peace and security while delivering the welcome remarks at the international seminar on “Integrating Humanitarian Principles in Law Enforcement” jointly organized by the School of Integrated Coastal and Maritime Security Studies (SICMSS) and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on March 15-16, 2023.

After the special remarks of Mr. Manish Das, Deputy Head of Regional Delegation, ICRC, reiterating the purpose of the seminar to sensitize the law enforcement agencies about the humanitarian principles, Prof Ivon Mingashang, Member, International Law Commission 2023-2027, in his keynote address, noted the complexities of integrating these principles into practise because of the innate “contrast between the purity of principles and the realities which one witnesses in everyday”. Furthermore, he said “[T]his is a domain of law that lies at the crossroads between realism and utopia”.

Briefing about the programme, Shri Sushil Goswami, Director, SICMSS, outlined the issues ranging from public order management to the law enforcement challenges brought out by the impact of technology. The two day seminar, spread out in six sessions, saw participation from the retired as well serving top brass law enforcement officials from India and abroad.

Raising Financial Literacy

On March 10, 2023, under the umbrella of CDSL Project, the School of Forensics, Risk Management and National Security (SFRMNS) carried out an awareness program on ‘Prevention and Mitigation of Financial Frauds’ in Siyawada Village and Siyawada Sarasvti Vidyalaya for building financial literacy amongst the rural population. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Deepali Jain, Director I/c, (SFRMNS), apprised about the various means to mitigate the financial frauds mostly committed on the cyber landscape.
Ruling on Rule of Law

Condemning the overly highlighted pending cases by a certain section of media which eclipses the transforming contribution of the judiciary in sustaining Indian democracy, Hon’ble Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi, Director, National Judicial Academy, Former Chief Justice Patna and Madras High Court, chalked out a fair scorecard of the uniquely positioned judicial institution for its role in preserving the rule of law in India at an invited distinguished lecture organized by the School of Security, Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (SSLECJ) on March 24, 2023 at the RRU auditorium. Turning the table towards the students for asking questions in a long run Q&A session, Justice Sahi candidly responded to questions ranging from appointment of judges through collegium system to their post retirement benefits. For welcoming, Dr Akshat Mehta, University Dean, RRU, extended his warm greetings to Justice Sahi and other dignitaries on the dais. Tangentially touching the subject, Dr Mehta, a scholar of Police Administration, recalled the reformatory contribution of the Hon’ble Supreme Court in a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by the Former DG of Uttar Pradesh and BSF, Shri Prakash Singh by asking to pull up socks to meet the governance expectations of people.

RRU Undertakes Mega Mission of Capacity-Building of National Informatics Center, MeITY, Officers to Prevent, Reduce, Control and Counter Cyber Attacks

With a vision to ensure that our information networks, industrial networks and ICT infrastructure are secure, School of Information Technology, Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security (SITAICS), RRU launched a cyber security incident response training programme for the officers of National Information Centre (NIC) to be conducted in multiple batches for over next two years for the officers at all levels, DDGs and CISOs, Directors and Dy CISOs and System Managers. Speaking to the inaugural batch comprising 25 officers of NIC who are at the helm of digital affairs for the Government of India, be it as Heads of Groups and Divisions or State Coordinators, Centres of Excellence etc, Col. Nidhish Bhatnagar, Director, SITAICS, RRU, emphasized on upskilling professionals in the domain of cyber security in tandem with the enhanced awareness to overcome cyber vulnerabilities of our country.
Lessons Learnt in Prosecuting War Criminals

Sharing the excruciating experience of horrendous war crimes committed on the territory of the Congo and of the legal quagmire of submitting evidence of their commission as a requirement of burden of proof for reparation from Uganda at the International Court of Justice, the School of Security, Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (SSLECJ) hosted Prof. Ivan Mingashang, Member, International Law Commission (ILC) 2023-2027 for a special session on “Armed activities on the territory of the Congo (Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Uganda)”, to understand the challenges of prosecuting war criminals at international courts on March 17, 2023.

Most poignantly, Prof. Mingashang expressed his dissatisfaction with the World Court order of asking Uganda to pay a reparation of $325 million for the damage suffered to the individuals and property of DRC as it only constituted 3 percent of the amount claimed.

RRU leads by example – Staff Development Program for RRU-NFSU-GNLU

The Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), in collaboration with the National Forensic Science University (NFSU) and the Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), recently conducted a Staff Development Program to further hone the skills of administrative staffs and boost their confidence to extract the best of their potentials while working for the academic institutions on March 4, 2023.

As it happens for faculties in academic institutions, this programme was engineered to work upon the inner self and enhance the self esteem of the administrative staff. This, according to Shri Sushil Goswami, the Hon'ble Registrar, RRU, and the brainchild behind the programme, would also improve the outputs and deliverables of the academic institutions.
Celebrating Women's Day

Conforming to the optimism of Hon’ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu about “India emerging as the torchbearer of gender justice in the world”, Women Cell at RRU organized a day-long programme with a workshop on self-defense for female staff and students followed by a discussion on women empowerment and prize distribution. Noted social activist working also in the nearby villages of the University, Dr Swaroop Sampat, actress and former Miss India, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Applauding the contribution of the University in encouraging women to join armed forces, Dr Sampat pitched for equal stakeholdership of women in the progress of the nation and thereby making the world a better place to live in.

Fielding Students at First Line of Defence

Breaking from the monotony of learning at classroom, the School of Integrated Coastal and Maritime Security Studies (SICMSS) organized a two day educational excursion from March 30-31, 2023 for doctoral and LL.M. students specializing in the Coastal and Maritime Security Law and Governance to Jakhau coast in the Kutch district of Gujarat, which is close to the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) that India shares with Pakistan. In order to expose the learners to the ground realities and for appreciating the arduous challenges a soldier is up against on a daily basis, the students visited the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Station, Naliya, and the Border Security Force (BSF) station where a briefing was conducted by their officers about the coastal vulnerabilities of India, and its combative capabilities. Furthermore, students also visited the Gujarat Marine Police Station situated in Jakhau to take a stock of coordinating efforts undertaken by them as the first agency to address the security threats—mostly of illegal arms and drug trafficking— at the coastline. Lastly, an interaction was scheduled with the Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) at Jakhau port which is known for fisheries and the export of salt. There the PFSO gave a detailed presentation about the port safety protocols and measures taken by the authorities to make the trading port International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) code compliant.
MITR: Connecting Cultures for Building Understanding

At a time when the South Block is leveraging on its gastronomy diplomacy by offering golgappas to the Hon’ble Prime Minister of Japan who visited India recently, the School of International Cooperation, Security and Strategic Languages (SICSSL), RRU tapped the moment to illuminate the concept of cultural diplomacy by hosting a festival under the banner of MITR - Taiwanese (Mandarin), Indian, Tibetan, Russian, to showcase different cuisines, costumes, recreational games and activities together signifying the culture of these countries on March 22, 2023.

Talking to visitors at the fest, Dr L. Venkateswaran, Director of the School, called festivals as instruments of cultural diplomacy fostering mutual understanding amongst the States. Furthermore, such platforms for joint celebration becomes an interface where culturally separated but geopolitically connected States can reshape their public diplomacy and further build cooperation on the common values.

Ensuring Fitness with Sangram

With an object of encouraging young academic minds to overcome sedentary style of living and build overall fitness and character traits through sports, Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) flagged its month-long intramural sports competition ‘SANGRAM’ on March 1, 2023. The opening ceremony was graced by the presence of Hon’ble Pro- VC Dr. Anand Kumar Tripathi as the chief guest.

Started from 2016, ‘SANGRAM’ is the annual inter-house competition of the university, with 13 different sporting events, as part of the co-curricular activity of students and staff members.
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