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### 3<sup>rd</sup> August

#### Fresher's Orientation

Indus International University, known for its commitment towards academic excellence, recently hosted an exciting orientation program for the new batch of enthusiastic undergraduate students. The event saw the gracious presence of Vice Chancellor Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl and Registrar Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana, who warmly welcomed the students arriving on their first day at the university. The orientation program began with Vice Chancellor Dr.



Sanjay Kumar Bahl addressing the young minds. In his motivational speech, he stressed on the importance of starting your educational journey on the right foot. He encouraged the students to set clear goals from the beginning and work diligently. Dr. Bahl stressed on the importance of holistic development and urged the students to not only focus on academics but also participate in extra-curricular activities to boost their holistic development. After the Vice Chancellor's speech, Registrar Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana took the stage and shared invaluable advice with the young learners. Dr. Rana stressed the importance of striking a balance between academic activities and personal life.

### 10<sup>th</sup> August

#### Webinar on World Biofuel Day

World Biofuel Day is observed on August 10 every year. The day marks the discovery of sustainable fuel by Rudolf Diesel. The day promotes and raises awareness about non-fossil fuels as an alternative source of energy. Also, the day focuses on the government's initiatives and efforts to conserve fossil fuels. The speaker discussed the benefits of Biofuel and the reasons to choose Biofuel over other forms of energy. Some the reasons mentioned are that it does lesser harm to the environment in comparison to non-renewable fossil fuels, it reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and it reduces the contamination of air and water. World Biofuel Day emphasizes the role of biofuels to achieve global energy and climate goals. The day also encourages industries and individuals to adopt clean and green energy solutions as an investment for a sustainable and greener future.

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### 15<sup>th</sup> August Independence Day

Celebrating India's glorious year of hard-earned freedom with this year's theme of celebrating "Nation first, Always first" a part of the grand "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" Indus International University celebrated the 77<sup>th</sup> Independence day. After hoisting the flag by the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl shared his thoughts and spoke about the importance of this day in every Indian's life. He paid homage to all the martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the struggle for India's freedom and also highlighted "the development that India has witnessed since its independence is commendable".



### 16<sup>th</sup> August Paragraph Writing Competition

Indus International University organized Paragraph Writing Competition to promote thought leadership among students. With a range of thought-provoking themes like patriotism, environmental pollution, women empowerment, student life, life aspirations, beauty of Himachal Pradesh, tough times, democracy in India and literary exploration, the event took place. Through this exercise, students enhance their critical thinking, communication and analytical abilities, learn to formulate their thoughts coherently and express complex ideas effectively. Additionally, it hones research skills, encouraging students to delve deeper into different topics and explore diverse perspectives. This practice also nurtures creativity and self-expression, allowing students to develop their own unique voice. Ultimately, these acquired skills empower students to excel in their academic pursuits, while also preparing them to face the challenges of the professional world with confidence and eloquence. The process of selecting the winners was a difficult task given the exceptional quality of the entries. However, after careful deliberation, the judging panel reached a consensus. Claiming the first position was Anjali Thakur, third semester B.Pharmacy student whose quest for women empowerment resonated strongly with the audience. Rajni, a B.Sc Mathematics student, Simran, a B.Tech CSE first semester student, Sakshi, a BCA first semester student, along with Komal Kumari, Radha and Mansi from B.Pharmacy program stood second with their practical explanations of democracy, life aspirations and environmental concerns. Saurabh Kumar from DHM, Bhoomika from BCA, Kunal from B Pharmacy and Jyoti Devi from BCA shared the third position, demonstrating deep understanding of the subjects. In recognition of their commendable efforts, consolation prizes were presented to Deepak Kumar and Radhika Sharma, both of B.Pharmacy program along with Lavnish Kumar. Held in the august presence of Vice Chancellor Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl and Registrar Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana, the competition highlighted the University's commitment to nurturing accomplished individuals with a deep understanding of social issues. Both Dr. Bahl and Dr. Rana appreciated the student participants for their dedication towards addressing deeply relevant topics and urged them to actively engage in activities that enhance their character

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and contribute to the betterment of the nation. The Paragraph Writing Competition underlined the intellectual vibrancy of the university and the dedication of its students towards tackling important social issues.



### 19<sup>th</sup> August Plantation Drive

Environment protection campaign continues through successful tree plantation campaign in Indus International University. A remarkable tree plantation drive was organized at Indus International University. Every staff member of the University took an active role by planting a tree and reaffirmed their dedication towards a green and healthy planet. The tree plantation initiative was led by the respected Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl and Registrar, Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana. Their participation added value to this effort, symbolizing unity and resolve to collectively tackle environmental challenges. Under the clear



sky of a crisp morning, university staff gathered on the campus grounds, each armed with a plant and a sense of purpose. By putting their hands in the soil, they planted trees that will become lasting evidence of their commitment to sustainability. They appreciated the active participation of the staff and underlined the importance of promoting a culture of environmental responsibility within the university community. Dr. Bahl commented, “Today, we sow the seeds of a healthy planet. The collective effort of our university community is a shining example of our dedication.” Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana echoed these sentiments and said that planting trees is a step towards a brighter future for the planet. He encouraged all the staff members to not only participate in similar activities but also take the responsibility of nurturing and caring for the planted trees. Furthermore, they urged every staff member to take up the responsibility of organizing and participating in more such initiatives in the future. In line with the Government of India initiative “Meri Mitti, Mera Desh”, the university's tree planting campaign echoed the spirit of connecting with the soil and taking ownership of our nation. This government initiative focuses on environmental protection, and the university's efforts complement this broader approach. The event concluded with a renewed sense of purpose, as each staff member pledged to take the lessons learned from the tree planting campaign and integrate them into their daily lives. With saplings planted as a visual reminder, the university community is united in its commitment towards environmental protection reiterating the age-old saying: “Meri Mitti, Mera Desh” – My soil, my country.

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### Classroom Decoration Competition

Classroom decoration competition was organized at Indus International University. Vice Chancellor, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl said that the objective of the program is not only to foster a sense of aesthetics and creativity among the students but also to highlight the manifold benefits of such activities in their academic journey. This competition proved to be a testament to the imaginative skills and teamwork of the students. The results of the competition highlighted the extraordinary talent present among the diverse student body. The first place winners were B.Pharmacy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sem, B.Tech CSE 1<sup>st</sup> Sem, and D.Pharmacy 2<sup>nd</sup> semester were included. Second place winners were B.H.M. 1<sup>st</sup> Sem, B.Sc. Mathematics 1<sup>st</sup> Sem and MBA 3<sup>rd</sup> Sem. BCA, BBA, B.Com, and MBA 1<sup>st</sup> Sem classes were in third place. Their creative talent and unique concepts added a touch of beauty to the overall development of the competition. Their imaginative decorations reflected the diversity of ideas and viewpoints. The coordination of the program was flawlessly managed by dedicated individuals from various departments. University Registrar Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana played an important role in motivating the students to actively participate in the competition.



24<sup>th</sup> August

### Drawing Competition

Indus International University recently hosted a lively and engaging drawing competition showcasing the artistic talent of its students. The organized competition covered a range of thought-provoking topics including sports, gender empowerment, environment and pollution and Vision 2025. The objective of this program was to encourage creativity and provide a platform for students to express their viewpoints through art. A wide variety of subjects were included in the competition. Each of which had its own importance for the society. The theme of the game highlights the spirit of competition, teamwork and pursuit of excellence. Gender empowerment aims to highlight the importance of gender equality, encourage students to challenge stereotypes and promote inclusivity. The theme of environment and pollution attempted to raise awareness about the important issues of climate change and environmental protection.



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### Industrial Visit

Students of Hotel Management department took an informative industrial tour to a hotel in Una. The aim of the visit was to provide students with real-world experience in the hospitality industry. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl explained that hotel industrial visits play a vital role in developing a holistic understanding of the guest sector, thereby equipping students with insights beyond classroom teaching. Meanwhile, Hotel Management Department lecturer Madan Kumar and Department Head Sachin Pathania played an important role in ensuring the success of the tour.



29<sup>th</sup> August

### Badminton Match

National Sports Day was celebrated in the honor of Major Dhyan Chand at Indus International University. Vice Chancellor, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl said that a series of badminton matches were organized on this occasion. Women's and men's teams participated separately in the badminton competition. In women's team, Sakshi of BCA secured first position, Diksha of B.Tech. CSE secured second position, Vishakha of B.Tech. CSE secured third place. In men's team, Nishant Rana of B.Tech. CSE secured the first position, while Nikhil of B.Com got second position and Suraj and Sahil Rana of B.Pharmacy secured third position. Registrar Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana stressed the importance of sports in student life. Program coordinators Subedar Balbir Singh, Narendra Kumar and Madan Kumar motivated the students throughout the match and the staff was also present in the indoor stadium to watch the match.

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### NCC Army Enrolment

*"To find us, you must be good. To catch us, you must be fast. But to beat us, you must be kidding."*

Colonel Rajinder Kumar Saini along with his staff Subedar Sunil Singh, Havildar Sumesh Kumar and C.H.M. Kartar Chand of National Cadet Corps (NCC) 6<sup>th</sup> H.P. (I) from Company Una visited Indus International University for the nomination process. Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Sanjay Kumar Bahl told that this event was held for the young talents to join NCC army wing for the upcoming 2023-24 session. Cadets after physical assessment gave a written examination which tested their knowledge and

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ability. Colonel Saini himself conducted the interview to add a personal touch to the selection. Vice Chancellor and Registrar Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana were present in this program.



### 11<sup>th</sup> September Industry Academia Meet

The Department of Pharmacy organized a notable Industry Academic Meet on September 11, 2023. This program served as a platform for students studying pharmacy to interact with industry professionals enabling them to gain valuable insights into the pharmaceutical sector. Special Guest Speaker, Mr. Akashdeep Chandla, Production Head; Mr. Deepak Srivastava, Manager, Quality Control; and Mr. Iqbal Ahmed, Assistant Manager, Quality Assurance, shared his invaluable experience and expertise with the eager audience. The presentations highlight practical aspects of pharmaceutical production, quality control and assurance. The highlight of the meeting was the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendation for Good Manufacturing Practices (G.M.P.), was the presence of Asteric Healthcare, a renowned pharmaceutical manufacturing unit. This prestigious company is for the students to join this program to connect with, and get a first-hand glimpse of, the real-world pharmaceutical industry. Industry Academia Meet facilitates dynamic exchange of knowledge and ideas between students and industry experts. Students had the opportunity to explore industry trends and latest developments in the field. Students actively participating in Industry Academia Meets get several benefits. They got exposure to the pharmaceutical industry. They gained invaluable insight into the workings, helping them make informed career choices. This event provided a platform for students to build professional networks and establish contacts with industry leaders and peers which may prove important in their future endeavours. These events often lead to internships and job opportunities with participating companies, providing students with opportunities for employment. Students can learn about the latest trends, technologies and innovations in the pharmaceutical sector, thereby ensuring that they remain updated with the advancements in the industry. By establishing relationships with industry experts' mentorship opportunities can be found, providing guidance and support throughout their academic and professional journey.

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### Teej Celebration

Indus International University held an event to celebrate Teej. The event showcased cultural performances, rituals and festive spirit. The celebrations embraced the region's cultural heritage, offering a platform for faculty to come together in unity and celebration. Teej is a traditional festival celebrated by married women and young girls. Various events were held such as mehndi competition, rangoli competition, dancing competition, singing competition, sohni gutt and Miss Teej competition. Female students from all the departments of the University participated with great zeal and zest. They expressed their festive spirit through singing, dancing. Performance of energetic giddha and traditional bhangra entertained the audience. Students serenaded the audience with their beautiful voices. Girls applied beautiful henna designs on the hands of their partners. The students also impressed the judges by making attractive and aesthetic Rangoli designs. Dr. Sunita Agnihotri, Senior doctor at Agnihotri Life Line Hospital and Sulekha Rana, Pardhan of Gram Panchayat, Bathu were the chief guests of the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sunita Agnihotri said that no society without having its roots entrenched in its culture can survive for long. She informed the audience regarding the importance of Teej festival and said that the festival symbolized the tradition and culture of the country. She said that when daughters are happy, it brings happiness to the whole house. The guests appreciated the efforts of students for celebrating such events and reviving the cultural heritage. Ekta Thakur and Rajni Sharma acted as judges for various competitions. The event was organized by Niharika Agnihotri, Monika Kapoor and Sachindeep Kaur were the coordinators of the event. Anjali bagged first prize in dancing competition, Aveksha placed second and Khushi, Diksha, Simran, Vishakha, Rajni and Simran Saini came at third position. Savita, Dolly and Payal bagged first, second and third positions respectively in singing competition. In Rangoli Competition, Diya, Payal, Karina, Ritika, Preeti and Anju won First Prize; Bhoomika, Kriti and Rajni won Second Prize and Alka, Jiya, Simran, Binny, Gagandeep and Diksha won Third Prize. In Mehndi Competition, Vishakha grabbed the first position, Bhoomika and Muskan shared second position, and Muskaan Rayat grabbed third position. In Sohni gutt competition, Shallu grabbed first position, Simran grabbed second and Sakshi and Kriti shared the third position. The Miss. Teej competition comprised of three rounds. The first was ramp walk, second was a question – answer round and in the final round the participants were judged on the basis of their traditional attire. The title of Miss. Teej was bagged by Simran Saini. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl and Registrar, Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana of the university congratulated all the winners for showcasing their talents. They also praised the efforts of Women and girls in celebrating the festival of Teej with such gaiety.



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### Cyber security Seminar

A recent cyber security seminar, held at Indus International University brought an expert to discuss the latest trends, challenges, and solutions in the field of cyber security. Mr. Vinay Sardana was the expert invited. He is senior engineer in Abu Dhabi transmission and Dispatch Company.

He is chartered engineer from Engineering council UK and a senior member in IEEE. He delved into various aspects of cyber security. Topics ranged from emerging threats like ransom ware, malware, vulnerabilities and phishing attacks to the ever-evolving landscape of data protection regulations. He informed the students and staff present to beware of these sorts of attacks. He asked the students to be aware while using external memory devices, public networks and while receiving and sending emails. Because not being aware of these could result in them being victims of cyber attacks and loss of sensitive information. One of the prominent discussions centered on the resurgence of ransom ware attacks. He highlighted the need for organizations to implement robust backup and recovery strategies to mitigate the impact of such attacks. He emphasized the importance of verifying every user and device accessing a network, regardless of their location or trustworthiness. He underlined the significance of collaboration among organizations and sharing threat intelligence. Cyber security is a collective effort, and information sharing can help defend against evolving threats. He also shared some of his life experiences and advised the students to work hard in every aspect of life, no matter the situation they face. Vice Chancellor of the university, Prof. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl and Registrar, Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana thanked Mr. Vinay Sardana for shared this important knowledge with the students. They also advised the students to be aware of the cyber threats they can face and what precautions can be taken to avoid such attacks. In a world where cyber threats are constantly evolving, staying informed and proactive is key. The cyber security seminar served as a timely reminder of the ongoing battle to protect digital assets and sensitive information. With the knowledge shared at the event, attendees are better prepared to face the challenges of the ever-changing cyber security landscape.



**28<sup>th</sup> September**

### NSS Cleanliness Drive

A program was organized under Cleanliness Fortnight on Thursday at Indus International University, Bathu. On this occasion, University Registrar Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana and Vice Chancellor Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl specially participated. They informed the students about the importance of cleanliness. Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana said that cleanliness is not just a habit; it is a way of life. By actively participating in initiatives like

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Swachhta Pakhwada, our students are not only maintaining a clean environment, but are also learning the values of responsibility and civil duty. Caretaker Gaurav Jaswal of National Cadet Corps and N.S.S. Head Madam Mandeep Kaur made the program successful with the help of students.



### 29<sup>th</sup> September NCC Navy Enrolment

In a momentous event, the Indus International University recently concluded its NCC Naval Cadets enrolment drive, selecting 30 promising students for the prestigious NCC Naval wing. This initiative not only provided a significant boost to the university's commitment to holistic education but also underscored the vital role that the National Cadet Corps (NCC)

plays in shaping the lives of young individuals. The NCC is a youth development organization in India that aims to inculcate a sense of discipline, leadership, and community service among the nation's youth. It offers students an opportunity to explore a career in the armed forces and instills values that stay with them throughout their lives. Speaking about the significance of NCC the Registrar, Dr. Jagdev Singh Rana stated, "The NCC plays an integral role in the holistic development of students. It not only equips them with valuable life skills but also nurtures a sense of responsibility towards the nation. We are proud to provide our students with the opportunity to participate in such a meaningful program." The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bahl, enthusiastically motivated the young students to engage in NCC activities, emphasizing its alternative way of contributing to society and the nation. Mr. Raj Kumar, the caretaker of the NCC Naval wing at the university, played a pivotal role in guiding and mentoring students throughout the selection process. His unwavering support and commitment were instrumental in the success of the 30 students who were selected for the NCC Naval wing. The 30 cadets are now poised to embark on a journey that promises personal growth, leadership development, and a deeper connection to their country.

