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JAYANTA MAHAPATRA

Mahapatra was born on 22 October, 1928, in Cuttack, Orissa. Life was never a smooth sail for him. Even "joy could be a dangerous thing. Something never to be trusted. And almost always followed by calamity". He lived in Cuttack in a house located in an area inhabited by poorer people. His father's earnings were very meager. His father was always away from home. There was none to talk to. "Mother was erratic in her ways" and he continues "I kept more and more to myself. Mother did not appear to have any trust in me. It was difficult to agree with her".

In 1866, during the devastating famine that rocked Orissa, his grandfather, Chintamani Mahapatra "Starving, and in a state of collapse" embraced Christianity. There was always the fear of rejection at the back of his mind and he never revealed to other students that he was a Christian, when he was studying M.Sc. at the Patna University, Bihar. Perhaps this what makes him, as Niranjana Mohanty says, "One of the most original but difficult poets".

"A poet is a poet by reason of his invention, by his ability to express his feeling for life. His art emerges out of the desire to share, to communicate. There is absolutely no sense in a person creating poetry or other art if he is not able to share his thoughts with others... for such an interaction helps us to grow, because in that way we learn to know ourselves, and consequently begin to know about others, which is most necessary".

True to what he says in the previous lines, though he is caught between two worlds diametrically at variance with each other, one Christian and the other Hindu, he makes an extensive use of the traditions, myths and Orissa (a backward state in India) landscape. Puri Jagannath and Konark have a dominant presence in his poetry. Indian women framed in the door, the country festivals, the careless priests, the weary wreckage of Varanasi, the Indian whores, its several, myths, traditions, leaders, rivers all find expression in the poetry of Jayanta Mahapatra. Though Jayanta Mahapatra started writing poetry very late, his poetic output displays amatchless prolificity. He had published 18 volumes of poetry. Mahapatra's works presents a mosaic of themes with diversified technique. His first volume of poems, Close the Sky, Ten by Ten (1971), are forty-nine short lyrics experimenting with form, language, image, sound. Its themes present insights on loneliness, love, absence, events of fleetly nature, and varying moods. This volume, despite being one showing great promise, Mahapatra's second volume, Swayamvara and other poems (1971) show emarkable maturity. The hieghts he later scaled are a tell tale story in themselves and no wonder that he was the first to win Sahiya Akademy Award for English poetry.

Jayanta Mahapatra's poetry, unlike most of Indian English poets, is set hard in the Indian roots and attains authenticity by the fact that it is adept at portraying both the rural and urban sides of the society with great finesse. The poems are witness to his deep interest in human misery and he is involved in the human affairs both in letter and spirit. Most of the poems are his personal experiences where he gives hands on description. The intimacy of Jayanta Mahapatra with his people, and the surroundings was complete and he was a part of his milieu, both emotionally and physically. He was open to the knowledge of his responsibilities as a human being and poet.

Dr. B. Venugopalarao

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COLLEGE REOPENS

On 20 June, college reopened after its summer vacation, according to the orders of the Vice Chancellor of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University. All the staff including the principal attended the college and recounted how they spent their summer vacation. A meeting was arranged by the principal at 11am to discuss what to be done during the upcoming academic year 2024-25. Academic calendar, academic plan, etc and important days to be celebrated during the year were discussed in the meeting. It was debated on how to make the students attend college regularly. It was concluded that results depend upon the attendance of students.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

Yoga as a tool of health is acclaimed world over and has practitioners in Germany, Costa Rica, Sweden, U.S, Indonesia, Nepal, Switzerland. Its system is unique in that it takes care of both physical and mental health. Hinduism is more of a way of life in that it is a panacea for every problem in life. It has both prevention and cure systems, as it prescribes yoga for the prevention of disease and cure in the form of Ayurveda. All these systems stem from the belief that man is a bit of God himself and help him find himself out in this context.

It does not require any special equipment, except a mat, and what is more required is the will to undergo strain. But this strain we have to undergo finally, like in a movie that ends on a happy note, spells enviable health and renders us physical and spiritual wealth.





INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

As many as 60 students enthusiastically participated in the event organized on the day and it was all, as usual, a show of the principal, Dr. P. Swapna Haindavi. A principal with the trappings of a woman yet resembling a man in her making and in her abilities, Dr. P. Swapna Haindavi's success lies in her urge for perfection, and moreover, she is at her best in her toeing the line of the top brass. She was at her best in her explanation of yoga and its benefits, in her inaugural address. She was not merely explaining; she was enacting those yogic postures and also was at ease doing them, when the session was begun.

And with the staff and students all toeing the line of the yoga trainers, it presented a grand spectacle as the yogic manoeuvres unfolded one after the other. It all began with an exercise seeking to bring calm and composure to them, a breathing exercise which is popularly known as pranayama. Students and staff were asked to focus their attention on their breath and do the exercises.

The vice-principal, senior lecturers Dr. P. Surya Rao, Bhaskara Rao, Dr. Ramachandra Rao, Dr. B. Venugopalarao were among those who spoke about the significance of the day. The programme saw the overwhelming participation of staff and students.

The day before, a note was circulated to all the students of the yoga day celebrations. It was circulated to all WhatsApp groups and students, and the students attended the celebrations in large numbers.

ANTI - DRUGS RALLY

A rally was organised by the college students on the occasion of awareness campaign against drugs, organised by the police department under the instructions of the district magistrate. A rally was organised on the main road by the students under the leadership of the principal Dr. P. Swapna Haindavee.

The rally was aimed at creating awareness among the students on the evils of using Drugs. People take to get relief from insomnia, exhaustion, pain, anxiety, guilt, and boredom are habit-forming for many people across the globe. Although some individuals are able to take mind-altering chemicals without becoming addicted, a combination of early experiences, underdeveloped coping skills, unhealed trauma, and genetic predispositions make some people more likely to become profoundly addicted to substances that are harming their minds, bodies, families, and spirits. If you are worried about a loved one struggling with the effects of drug addiction, or you are concerned about your own drug use, reach out to a drug rehab center and begin the path to lifelong recovery



Physical Effects of Drug Addiction: -

Drugs can have a huge effect on the nervous system, especially the brain. In order to compensate for the abnormal surges of dopamine, which is the neurotransmitter responsible for the pleasurable sensation, the brain decreases the production, which leads to the person no longer deriving as much pleasure from his activities, including from using drugs, which leads to intake of greater amounts. The production of glutamate also slows down, and as a result, lapses in memory and impaired learning occur. Physical manifestations of drug addiction include:

- Enlarged or dilated pupils
- Sores, abscesses, and infections
- Weight fluctuations
- Organ failure and disease
- Cracked or broken teeth



Apart from the effects on the brain, drug addiction can cause heart and lung problems, stroke, and damage to the liver and kidneys. The abuse of prescription drugs, especially the antidepressants like benzodiazepines and stimulants like amphetamine, slow down the brain while also causing paranoia, irregular heartbeat, and seizures. Ultimately, drug addiction can lead to death. In fact, drugs are one of the leading causes of death worldwide. Drugs can also be a cause of the death of unborn babies. Placards were displayed and slogans were raised against the usage of drugs. Their harmful effects were explained to the students.



SSAR FILLED :- SSAR, which is indicative of the academic and other achievements of lecturers, was filled up by all the Lecturers. It is a part of the steps by the CCE, to ensure quality.

JOB MELA

A job mela was organized on June 29 at Government Degree College for Women, Srikakulam. As soon as the news of the event was received, the news was circulated to all the students. All the lecturers, even while posting the news on WhatsApp, called up the students and explained to them the benefits of attending such melas. They were told that they would learn how to appear at an interview. They were also explained where they were lagging and what skills they were required to learn by attending such job melas. One will also learn to unlearn his negative traits, they were told. Two maxi cabs were arranged to transmit the students to the place of work from the college. The cabs, as well as the students, were at the college by 8 o'clock in the morning. All the students were present in their uniforms, and breakfast was arranged at the college. The principal of the college explained to them the dos and don'ts for the mela. Students were ensured that they would be served lunch in the afternoon at the mela itself. About 39 students from all groups attended the mela, and all the teachers wished them all success in the mela.



DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

On July 3, an awareness campaign was organised by the police department for students as part of its campaign to bring awareness among students on the usage of drugs. Sudarshan, S.I, speaking of the menace said that lives of many young people are being destroyed by drug usage. He said that those who consume drugs do not distinguish between what is good and what is bad. They almost become senseless and as a result they are becoming a cause of many crimes.

Srinivasa Rao, A.S.I of police department said that most of the crimes are committed either by consuming liquor or drugs. Drugs are more dangerous and it's after effects on health are beyond repair. Student age is the most receptive age, for its ability to consume easily both good and bad also. While the he age itself is enough to make one blind on good and bad, consumption of drugs and alcohol are causing them much damage. They are turning into anti social elements and are endangering the society. Principal , Vice Principal, and staff attended the program.



AADPI Filled

AADPI is a format given by the Commissioner of Collegiate Education to assess the performance of colleges in the state. In the format, a college has to mention all the programs that are organised , academic work undertaken, hours of teaching, performance of teachers, achievements, publications, facilities etc. The CCE examines their performance and duly responds by giving them necessary funds, and encouragement and enables better function of colleges in the state .



ALLURI JAYANTI

He is not a man of words. Words do inspire. But finally, it is our actions that take us to our destination. This is rather the case of theory and practice. Theories are aplenty. Practitioners are very few. Existence is not possible without theories and their practice. Mahatma Gandhi has a non-violence theory for the Indian independence movement. A few others believed in the eye-for-eye theory. Without theory, there is no practice. Our independence is a result of all such theories and their practices. The Lal, Bal, and Pal trio and Aurobindo were extremist freedom fighters, while the followers of Gandhi were the softliners of the struggle. Sakhdev, Uddav Singh, and Bhagat Singh were the updated versions of the extremist leaders. Alluri Seetarama Raju is one of them.

A programme commemorating the centenary birthday celebrations of Alluri was arranged in the college by the department of history on July 4 under the presidency of the principal of e college, D Dr. P. Swapna Haindavi. The principal, in her inaugural address, recounted the sacrifices of our freedom fighters in the freedom struggle. She said that Alluri dared the bullets of the British and invited death to bring freedom to India. The vice principal, Prasada Rao, remembered his bravery in the attacks of Seetarama Raju on police stations in Rampachodavaram. He said that backstabbing is in the blood and veins of Indians, and selfishness is behind the fall of the giant Alluri. The programme was attended by the staff and the students .



PLANTATION

On 10, July plantation Program was organised in the premises of the college. Principal, Dr. P. Swapna Haindavee lead from the front to make the program successful. She inspired the students enlisting the advantages of planting saplings. Green environment which is missing today has to be restored, she said in her speech on the occasion. Staff and students participated in the event.

AWARENESS PROGRAM

An awareness program was organised on 14 July by the principal, Dr. P. Swapna Haindavee. She invited an English teacher, Muralidhar from Maruvada. He said that if we bow our heads to study when we are students, It will make us live with our heads up, Students have to feel that their real friends are their books. He narrated the travails that he faced as a student and praised the students that they are lucky to be able to study by attending college.

Another guest, a madam from Government High School, Pogiri narrated an incident where a student was unable to attend school as he had to take his grandfather to hospital. His grandfather was bitten by a snake. He did not have mother. She said that those students who suffered while studying will realise the value of life and will reach a high position in their life.

Dr. P. Swapna Haindavee, Principal lauded those teachers who attended the college to inspire the students. She felicitated them on the occasion of the program. All the staff and students attended the program.



HELMET AWARENESS

To enlighten the people in the usage of helmet while moving on motorbikes, a rally was conducted by the police department of Rajam. Everyone participated in the program which was conducted in the junction near the college. College students too participated in the program and raised slogans highlighting the importance of using helmets. Slogans like 'Life is precious, use helmet', 'Wear helmet, be safe' etc. Principal, staff and students participated in the program.



JASHUA VARDHANTI

Death anniversary of Gurram Jashua was conducted on 24 July in the college. Principal Dr. P. Swapna Haindavee praised the poet as one who fought against circumstances and rose to be a great poet. She narrated how he struggled due to caste-discrimination. She narrated a few of his poems. Tarakeswar Rao, lecturer in Telugu described the life story of Jashua. He reminded that he was praised as 'Kavi Kokila' and 'Navayuga Kavi Chakravarthy'. He enlisted his writings like Piradousi, Gabbilam etc. The program was attended by staff and students



INTERNSHIP RECORDS VERIFICATION

Internship Records of 3 and 5 semester students was taken up by principal Dr. P. Swapna Haindavee on July 25. Students were personally verified by asking them questions to know if they really attended their internship program during summer. For the 3 semester it is called C.S.P and for the 5 semester students, it is internship. This program is meant to equip the students with job skills. Principal personally verified how the verification of the records is being done. Suggestions were given wherever was necessary by the principal.



KARGIL DIWAS

Kargil Divas was celebrated on July 26 to commemorate the services of Indian army. Principal, Dr. Swapna Haindavee, in her speech averred that today we have to learn many things. There are many responsibilities that we all have to fulfil. We have a responsibility to learn things. One such responsibility is that we have to know of inspiring heroes who made our lives easier and better. This war was fought at Kargil with Pakistan which was fought for almost 60 days. On this day India scored a thumping victory. It was a war fought in utmost extreme weather conditions. We are all one. We have to love our and we have to be united. Our unity only will make the country stronger, she finally said concluding her speech.

Vice Principal Prasada Rao described the moments that led to the war. Kargil war started in 1999. India was divided into Pakistan and Bangladesh. A fight for right on a few border lands is still continuing. 2,00,000 soldiers were deployed in the war to fight for the country. He advised the students to study well before all Candles were lighted as a tribute by all the staff and the students. Staff and students gave slogans in praise of those Kargil heroes.

