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‘LU PhD scholars to take up multidisciplinary research’

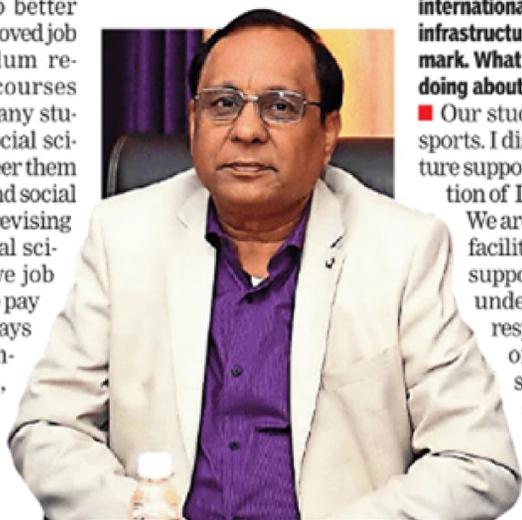
Lucknow University is set to move away from the traditional, single-discipline PhD model and encourage scholars to pursue multidisciplinary research by integrating areas such as chemistry and environmental sciences, computer science and management, and mathematics and computer science, vice-chancellor Prof JP Saini said. In an interview with Mohita Tewari, Prof Saini said the university authorities are hopeful of developing a synthetic track on the campus and upgrading its sports infrastructure. Excerpts:

You have completed more than a month in office. What is the first thing you feel needs improvement at the institution?

There is more standalone research than interdisciplinary research. PhD scholars will be encouraged to take up interdisciplinary work. If scholars are confined to a single subject, they miss opportunities for stronger research outcomes. Interdisciplinary research can lead to better publications and improved job prospects. Curriculum revamps will make courses more job oriented. Many students are from the social sciences, and we must steer them towards innovation and social entrepreneurship by revising the curriculum. Social science students do have job opportunities, but the pay packages are not always satisfactory. Self-employment options, such as building careers in social entrepreneurship, can be rewarding.

How is LU planning to meet financial challenges, as the budget is in deficit?

I discussed this challenge with chief minister Yogi Adityanath. Govt grants are frozen. We receive only Rs 34 crore, while salary expenses alone are Rs 240 crore. We plan to introduce high-demand self-financed courses to generate revenue.



LU still needs to improve its National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) performance. What steps are being taken?

Weekly review of steps to improve NIRF ranking is held. Teaching, learning and resources, outreach and inclusivity are also reviewed. The affiliated colleges are also guided to apply for NIRF. We found that many colleges have registered but are still unclear on how to participate effectively and present their academic work, infrastructure, and other achievements. We are conducting brainstorming sessions for them.

Q & A

Students have been winning medals at national and international levels, but sports infrastructure is not up to the mark. What is the university doing about it?

Our students are strong in sports. I discussed infrastructure support with the Association of Indian Universities. We are developing sports facilities on campus with support from corporates under corporate social responsibility. Our priority is to build a synthetic track, as students excel in track and field and consistently win medals.

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NCC cadets awarded

Three senior division cadets of the 64 UP Battalion NCC, Lucknow University – cadet Kaushalendra Kumar Singh, cadet Shruti, and cadet Aditya Vajpeyi – were awarded Rs 5 lakh and three-year life insurance certificates by CM



Yogi Adityanath recently. The CM appreciated the cadets' discipline, dedication, and service to nation building. These cadets had participated in the Republic Day Parade in Delhi, setting up the "Yuva Aapda Mitra" stall.

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मुख्यमंत्री ने एलयू के तीन कैडेट्स को दिये 5 लाख का जीवन बीमा प्रमाण-पत्र

लखनऊ। प्रदेश के माननीय मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ ने 64 यूपी बटालियन एनसीसी, लखनऊ विश्वविद्यालय के तीन सीनियर डिवीजन कैडेट्स कौशलेंद्र कुमार सिंह, कैडेट श्रुति और कैडेट आदित्य वाजपेयी को अपने आवास पर 5 लाख की 3-वर्षीय जीवन बीमा प्रमाण-पत्र प्रदान किया। मुख्यमंत्री ने एनसीसी कैडेट्स की राष्ट्र निर्माण के प्रति समर्पण अनुशासन एवं प्रतिबद्धता की सराहना की। यह वह कैडेट्स हैं जिन्होंने दिल्ली की रिपब्लिक डे परेड में युवा आपदा मित्र स्टाल लगाया था और इस स्टाल पर देश के उप राष्ट्रपति, भारत के रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह, दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री और विभिन्न सेनाओं के सेना अध्यक्षों ने मुआयना किया था यह कार्यक्रम 64 यूपी बटालियन एनसीसी के मार्गदर्शन में आयोजित किया गया था। इस कार्यक्रम का मुख्य उद्देश्य उन एनसीसी कैडेट्स को 5 लाख का 3-वर्षीय जीवन बीमा प्रमाण-पत्र प्रदान करना था। कार्यक्रम में मंत्रीगण, यूपी एसडीएम, के उपाध्यक्ष एवं मुख्यमंत्री आवास के अन्य अधिकारी एवं कर्मचारी उपस्थित रहे। अंत में कार्यक्रम का समापन मीडिया संवाद के साथ हुआ, जिसमें कैडेट्स ने इस अवसर पर गर्व एवं कृतज्ञता व्यक्त की।

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IPM cell at LU to help students in protecting property rights

Lucknow: The vice-chancellor of Lucknow University on Monday approved the establishment of an Intellectual Property Management (IPM) Cell to strengthen the univer-

sity's focus on research, innovation, and protection of intellectual property rights.

The cell will help faculty, students, and researchers in identifying, registering, and

managing patents, copyrights, trademarks, and other intellectual property.

Prof Geetanjali Mishra, director of the Ranking Cell, has been appointed as the co-

ordinator of the IPM Cell.

The initiative aims to promote innovation and ensure proper legal protection for original work created within the university. TNN