

BIS Standards Club organises exposure visit for Kupwara students to IICT Srinagar

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The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India, organised an educational exposure visit for more than 45 students of Government Boys Higher Secondary School (BHSS), Kupwara, to the Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT), Srinagar, under the BIS Standards Club initiative.

The visit familiarised students with the traditional carpet-making process in Kashmir and the role of technology, scientific testing and Indian Standards in ensuring quality. The students were introduced to Kaleen Taleem, the coded design system used by Kashmiri carpet weavers, and learnt about its digitisation and preservation through Computer-Aided Design (CAD). IICT has digitised more than 551 traditional carpet designs and Taleem documents as part of its efforts to create a digital repository.



The students were also briefed on IS 14566:2023 – Textile Floor Covering — Hand-Knotted Silk Carpets — Specification, which specifies requirements for hand-knotted silk carpets and rugs. They were apprised of various quality parameters and testing procedures, including colour fastness, dimensions, pile characteristics, fibre and yarn properties and other physi-

cal and textile characteristics.

The exposure visit is part of BIS's initiative to take standards education beyond classrooms through awareness programmes, workshops, competitions and visits to industries, laboratories and institutions. Standards Clubs seek to familiarise students with the role of standards in quality, safety, technology and

everyday products and services.

The visit provided the students an understanding of the stages involved in carpet production, from design and Taleem to weaving, testing and quality evaluation, while highlighting the role of technology and standardisation in preserving traditional knowledge and supporting quality requirements.

Put me in any role and I can do it: Soni Razdan on moulding herself for every character

MUMBAI, SEPT 20: Veteran actor Soni Razdan says she does not put herself into preconceived boxes as a performer and approaches every role with the same enthusiasm.

The 69-year-old actor, who currently stars in the slice-of-life film "Om Ka Hari", said she is confident she could adapt herself to a completely different setting, citing popular series "Panchayat" as an example.

"As an actor, I approach every role with the same enthusiasm. And every role demands different things from me as an actor or from anybody as an actor. I just approach it from that perspective. And I think I just don't have these filters and these boxes don't exist in my own head," Razdan told PTI in an interview.

"I feel if you tomorrow cast me in 'Panchayat', I can fit in. You may not believe it, but I will make you believe it because I can do it. You have to put me in that role. I will wear those sarees. And I will prove that I can do it," she added.

In "Om Ka Hari", Razdan stars alongside Raghubir



Yadav and Anshuman Jha in a story about a father-son relationship. Directed by Harish Vyas, the film follows stubborn father Hari Prasad Sharma and his independent-minded son Om Prasad Sharma, with their conflicts taking them from Bhopal to Varanasi.

She essays the role of Saroj, the wife of Hari and mother of Om, who finds herself mediating the strained relationship between the father and son.

Razdan credits her theatre background for her ability to mould herself into different characters.

She began her career in theatre under veteran theatre director Satyadev

Dubey and said the experience exposed her to a variety of roles.

"I played all kinds of characters there. So, I think that's where my ability to mould myself as a character came from," said the actor, known for films such as "36 Chowringhee Lane", "Saaransh", "1942: A Love Story", "Patiala House", "Raazi" and "No One Killed Jessica".

Razdan said she was grateful to Jha, who is also the film's producer, for considering her for the role in a small-town story.

"I'm lucky that Anshuman thought that I could do this role. And I hope that I don't disappoint. He is very

kind. I hope audience thinks that I'm great," she said.

The actor also recalled her relationship with her own father, who was an architect and violin player.

"My relationship with my father was fantastic. My father was just an amazing guy. He was an architect. He used to play the violin. He was a storyteller. And he was a very imaginative man. He used to come home from work and entertain us. While we were eating dinner, playing the violin, doing characterizations," she recalled.

The only time she remembers him losing his temper was when he tried to teach her mathematics.

"I don't remember him being very strict. The only time I remember him shouting at me was when he was trying to teach me maths. It was a trauma because I could not understand maths and he was very good at maths," she said.

Produced by First Ray Films, "Om Ka Hari" released in theatres on Friday. (PTI)

Maharashtra educationist's daughter Nila Vikhe Patil elected to Swedish Parliament

MUMBAI, SEP 20: Maharashtra educationist Ashok Vikhe Patil's daughter Nila Vikhe Patil has been elected to the Swedish Parliament, it was announced on Saturday.Search Public Records

Nila, 41, was elected a Member of Parliament from Stockholm City constituency. Polling was held on September 13.

"It feels nice to be a part of the 349-member Parliament. I am looking forward to contributing to the city and the country," she told PTI.

"I would like to be a voice for those who cannot vote. My areas of interest will be children's welfare and environment," she said.

Great-granddaughter of the founder of Asia's first co-operative sugar factory, Vithalrao, and granddaughter of late Union minister Balasaheb Vikhe Patil, Nila said, "I hope to make my grandfather proud. He made me read the state



budget when I was 15."

She has served as a Political Adviser in the Swedish Prime Minister's Office, focusing on finance, taxes, and housing during the Stefan Lofven administration.

She had also been elected to the City Council of the Stockholm Municipal Corporation.

Nila has been an active member of the Green Party and is a member of the Election Committee of the Stockholm Green Party.Design Campaign Signs

Born in Sweden, Nila spent early years in Ahmednagar in Maharashtra. She

is niece of Maharashtra minister Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil.

She holds a Bachelor's degree and MBA from Gothenburg School of Business, with Economics and Law and also studied MBA in University de Complutense in Madrid.

She has been a member of the Board of the Green Party, Swedish Young Greens, Green Party Gothenburg, Green students of Sweden, and also a member of the executive committee of the Green Party Stockholm, her father told PTI.

Ashok Vikhe Patil, chairman of the Vikhe Patil Foundation, which runs over a chain of educational institutes across Maharashtra, said he felt proud of his daughter's achievement.

Nila said, "I love India dearly and I feel very connected. I have lots of close Indian friends. I miss my grandfather a lot. He used to call me almost weekly during his last years."

Sweden's left-leaning opposition won a narrow majority in the country's national election, a complete vote count showed.

The Swedish Election Authority said the four opposition parties won 176 seats in the 349-seat Riksdag, Sweden's parliament, in the election. The four parties that make up or support the outgoing conservative-led government took 173 seats.

The Green Party, a key opposition party, is focused on environmentalism, renewable energy, and green politics. (PTI)

NEW DELHI, SEP 20: The RSS-affiliated ABVP on Saturday retained the posts of president, secretary and joint secretary in the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) polls, decimating the Congress-backed NSUI in a high-stakes contest that unfolded in the backdrop of a recent Gen Z-led protest and the Satya Niketan building collapse that claimed the lives of five DU students.

Independent candidate Deepanshu Shokeen, who had filed his nomination on an NSUI ticket, but was later denied a ticket by the outfit, sprang a surprise by winning the vice-president's post with a big margin of 13,705 votes.

The National Students' Union of India (NSUI) drew a blank, though its candidates lost the posts of president and joint secretary by narrow margins.

The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) registered an emphatic victory, with its candidate Yash Dabas bagging the president's post.

The AISA-SFI alliance's candidates finished with lesser votes than the NOTA tally in the race for at least two of the four central-panel positions.

The All India Students' Association (AISA) and the Students' Federation of India (SFI) were among the Left student organisations that participated in the mobilisation at Jantar Mantar, with AISA activists, including its president Neha Bora, also joining a prolonged hunger strike during the ag-



itation.

In the presidential race, Dabas polled 24,576 votes, defeating the NSUI's Vijai Shankar Meena by a margin of 2,053 votes.

Shokeen won the vice-president's post with 30,615 votes.

For the joint secretary's post, the ABVP candidate secured 16,615 votes against 15,778 votes polled by the Samajwadi Chhatra Sabha (SCS) candidate.

For the secretary's post, the ABVP candidate polled 21,650 votes, while the NSUI candidate secured 14,869 votes.

The ABVP managed to regain the posts of president, secretary and joint secretary, which it won in 2025 as well. The NSUI, which won the vice president's post last year, could not bag a single post.

The independents, including Shokeen and Vishesh Yadav, put up an impressive show. They managed to affect the results by cutting into a sizeable number of votes of both the ABVP and the NSUI.

While Shokeen defeated

both ABVP's Ishu Maurya and NSUI's Vir Chatrath by a huge margin, Yadav of the SCS obtained 15,778 votes in the contest for the joint secretary's post.

ABVP's Lakshya Raj Singh won the joint secretary's post by obtaining 16,615 votes, while NSUI's Gopal Chaudhary got 15,206 votes and was positioned third in the contest.

The AISA-SFI alliance's presidential candidate, Ananya Raturi, polled 5,377 votes, 1,067 more than the 4,310 votes recorded for NOTA.

For the secretary's post, the alliance's Stanzin Deskyong secured 8,734 votes, compared to 7,884 votes for NOTA, a difference of just 850 votes.

The pattern was reversed in the other two contests. For vice-president, AISA-SFI candidate Akshat Shikhar polled 2,383 votes, while NOTA received 4,359 votes -- 1,976 more than the Left candidate.

Cheers and slogans filled the area outside the DU's Arts Faculty as ABVP supporters gathered to celebrate the outfit's victory.

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, who herself was the DUSU president in 1996-97, congratulated the newly-elected office-bearers of the ABVP, saying the support from youngsters was a stamp of their unwavering faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and the resolve for a developed India.Follow Federal Policy

Newly-elected DUSU president Dabas said his first task would be a safety audit of all college hostels and paying-guest accommodation, while vice-president Shokeen vowed to seek justice for those killed in the Satya Niketan building collapse.

"This victory belongs to social harmony, patriotism and unity," Dabas said.

Shokeen said he walked barefoot throughout the campaign following the Satya Niketan building collapse, in which seven people including five DU students died. He said he will not wear shoes until justice is delivered to the students affected by the tragedy.

Ratna Singh, a leader of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) that led the Jantar Mantar protest in June, said the agitation was aimed at seeking redressal of the NEET paper "leak" three months ago.

"After the Jantar Mantar protest, we have been actively addressing other issues related to students and youngsters like the condition of schools. The DUSU polls were a different space that we did not directly engage with," she told PTI.

Over 47 Kg Heroin Recovered In Faridkot: Punjab Police

CHANDIGARH, SEPT 20: Punjab Police recovered over 47 kg heroin and also arms and ammunition from four people as it unearthed a cross-border heroin smuggling network in Faridkot on Sunday.

"In a major breakthrough, @FaridkotPolice busts a cross-border heroin smuggling network, apprehends 4 operatives and recovers 47.3 kg heroin, 3 pistols, 3 magazines, 15 cartridges and 2 vehicles," Director General of Police



Gaurav Yadav said in a post on X.

Investigation revealed that the accused are linked to a network involved in cross-border smuggling of heroin and illegal arms into Punjab, he said.

A case has been registered at Police Station Sadiq in Faridkot.

Further investigation is underway to uncover the wider network and establish its forward and backward linkages, the DGP said. (PTI)

NSS Unit of SMVDU Organizes “Sampada”- A Celebration of Talent, Creativity and Togetherness

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The NSS Unit of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) organized “Sampada,” a get-together of NSS volunteers, with the aim of bringing volunteers together in an atmosphere of joy, creativity, and friendship.

The event provided a platform for volunteers to interact, share their experiences, and showcase their hidden talents beyond their regular NSS activities. The event was graced by NSS Coordinator Dr. Rajiv Kumar, NSS Co-Coordinator Dr. Kamaldeep. Their presence encouraged and motivated the volunteers to participate enthusiastically and made the gath-



ering more meaningful.

The programme featured a variety of cultural performances, including

poetry, storytelling, singing, and dance. Volunteers participated with great enthusiasm and confidence,

creating a lively and energetic atmosphere. Rashmi, Ritu Raj, Kunal, Durgesh, Zeeshan, Bhavya, Pratibha

and Ekjot presented poetry, while Prachi captivated the audience with a storytelling performance.

The musical performances added to the vibrancy of the event, with Suraj Bhandari, Vishal, Praveen Giri and Abhishek showcasing their singing talents through solo performances. The dance segment witnessed energetic performances by Tanisha and Manat, Jahnavi while Tanisha also presented a solo dance performance.

The event was further supported by the volunteers who contributed to its smooth execution and stage management with Ekjot and Zeeshan taking responsibility for stage management.

The enthusiastic participation of the volunteers made “Sampada” a memorable gathering, reflecting the spirit of NSS beyond social service—a spirit of creativity, camaraderie, confidence and togetherness.