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SJU to host talk on entrepreneurship

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BENGALURU:The theme for this edition is 'India 2047: Future of work', said Samantha Dominic, the acting president for E-cell.

St. Joseph's University is all set to host the 7th edition of Corporate Genesis at 10 a.m. on 7 February 2024. The event is annually held by the entrepreneurship cell under the public relations office. Samantha stated that the theme is in alignment with the government's mission of Vision India@2047 to transform the Indian economy. 2047 will mark 100 years of independence and our theme is in alignment with the government's vision of innovation and technology, said Pratyaksh Burman, head of marketing for E-cell

"Mr. A. S. Kiran Kumar, former chairman of ISRO and a Padma Shri awardee, is the chief guest for the event, while Mr. Penpa Tsering, the Sikyong (President) of the central Tibetan administration is the special guest" said Dominic. She stated that Mr. Karan Virwani, CEO, WeWork India, Mr. Karan Bali, president and MD of Volvo group India, Mr. Arun K Chittilappilly, founder and MD, Wonderla, Mr. Karan Bahadur, founder of Draper startup house, Ms. Vanda Ferrao, CMO of Wow Skin Science, Mr. Rahul Arora, founder of Intervue and Mr. Mahesh Reddy, CEO of Go Pizza will be the other guest speakers for the event. She added that the event is a great platform for the audience to interact with dignitaries with vast experience in various industries and identify the right direction to achieve their goals.

Fiscal responsibility, a road map to 2024

Amrutha GP

In India 2024, during the recent budget allocation Nirmala Sitaraman mainly focused on four sections of the society, the Gareeb (poor), Yuva (youth), Annadata (farmers), and Nari (women).

"This budget has approved 43 crore loans, aggregating to Rs 22.5 lakh crore, were extended under the PM Yojana, and 25 crore people were freed from poverty. There is macroeconomic stability, and the economy is doing well," said Nirmala Seetharaman. It is to be noted that there are no changes in personal income tax slabs while there is no tax liability up to 7 lakhs income.

Few other key takeaways are no change in corporate tax, GST Tax doubled Rs:1.661cr



Nirmala seetharaman interim budget -24

assistance to be provided for 11.6cr farmers and housing schemes for those in slums. Government also plans to expand on the EV ecosystem, establish new bio manufacturing schemes and plans to boost tourism in the country. This is an interim budget that was presented before the election. It articulates from a position

where there has been better development. The management of the economy seeks correct intentions, policies, and decisions. It strives for people to have a better living, earning better, and having high aspirations for the future, she said. The fastest growing economy in G20 is all parts of the country, she added.

"This interim budget is inclusive and innovative. It has confidence of continuity. It will empower all 4 pillars of Viksit Bharat - Yuva, Garib, Mahila and Kisan. This Budget gives the guarantee of making India a developed nation by 2047," said Narendra Modi on X. "This year's budget integrates economic strategies

that prioritize capital expenses driven growth and enhances competition in the industry," said Chandrajit Banerjee, Director general of the Confederation of Indian Industry, while taking to social media platform X. He also stated that this strategy has led to India becoming a bright spot in the midst of a slowing global economy.

"Innovation is the key driver for growth through the introduction of a significant corpus of Rs. 1 lakh crore for offering a fifty-year interest free loan to increase research and development in sunrise domains," said Dr Anish Shah. The budgetary performance predicts wellness for the country's macroeconomic stability and investor confidence, he added.

Railway employees on duty till Ram Navami

Shruti Srivastava

In an attempt to control the surge in tourist footfall in Ayodhya since the consecration of Ram Mandir, special trains called Astha Special Trains have been in service since the inauguration of the temple, said Shailesh Pandey (name changed) Chief Booking officer of Northern Railways.

"On a daily basis there is a footfall of around 5000-10,000 people via these trains alone," said Pandey while speaking to The Beacon. He further added that there is a lot of unauthorised travel which happens every day



Darshan Nagar railway station

Shruti Srivastava

for which the data is not available.

There are four railway stations in Ayodhya namely, Ayodhya Dham, Ayodhya Cantt, Salaarpur

and Darshan Nagar which are being managed by the staff posted from different places. New recruitments for these stations are yet to be done, he added.

Astronomy enthusiasts on the rise

Sherin Johnson

BENGALURU:With research gaining more prominence following the implementation of the National Education Policy, there has been a notable increase in students' interest in astronomy, said Dipankar Banerjee, president of ASI.

The annual meeting of the Astronomical society of India that was held on 3 February by the Indian Institute of Science in association with the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, featured an array of events planned to engage visitors and students in various activities considering the sudden surge in the number of students interested in astronomy in recent years.

Speaking to The Beacon, Banerjee said, "It's really heartwarming to see that a lot of youngsters are getting into research. Of course, our new education policy demands that. It's also a very good platform for the students as they get to see and meet people from all over the country who are in this field and can subsequently do their projects and PHD."

Porakeya Haadu: A theatrical protest

Sonia Sebi

BENGALURU: In a groundbreaking initiative of the 3rd national conference of the All India Municipal Workers Federation (AIMWF) in Karnataka, Comrade Rajiv Dimri, General Secretary of AICCTU highlighted the exploitation of safai karamcharis under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, exposing caste discrimination and manual scavenging perpetuated by the government.

The inauguration of the two day conference was held at Institution for Agricultural Technologists on 3 February. It emphasized the setbacks faced by Pourakarmika



Scene from the play Porakeya Haadu

Sonia Sebi

and other working classes. A theatrical feast 'Porakeya Haadu' directed by Lakshman KP showcased the individual struggles. "I'm looking at ambedkar aesthetics which emerge from the world of these pourakarmika. The play has been successfully communicating its story to the audi-

ence. I think this has given them a different kind of lens also, like artists being very much part of working class people". Nirmala, BBMP Pourakarmika Sanga President said that the conference aimed to amplify the voices often unheard, providing a platform for the working class to share their stories.

ASI's cosmic annual meet

Neenu M

BENGALURU:With the primary objective of bringing together the entire astronomy and astrophysics community of the country, the forty second annual meeting of the Astronomical Society of India (ASI) was conducted from 31 Jan to 4 Feb. Indian Institute of Science, Indian Space Research Organisation and Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium jointly organized the ASI annual meeting at JN Tata Auditorium and was inaugurated by M Shankaran, U.R. Rao Satellite

Centre director of ISRO. The event comprises of various scientific sessions, public outreach events and presentations. "The number of participations this year is sort of largest. It's the record number so far for the ASI meeting, 750 plus which consists of senior scientists, another good fraction are actually younger people, like some even before their PhD, some masters and few bachelor students from universities as well as institutes," said Nirupam Roy, professor at IISc and member of the ASI organizing committee.