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MGU DSS: The Pulse of Student Life

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KOTTAYAM, KERALA

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT SERVICES (DSS)

About DSS

The Department of Student Services (DSS) is a vital component of our University community, serving as a beacon of support for all students. Beyond mere welfare provision, the DSS embodies a commitment to understanding and addressing the diverse needs of students from various backgrounds. It ensures equitable access to resources and opportunities for all, including individuals with disabilities and those from the third gender.

Under its umbrella, the DSS offers support not only to students but also to their families, emphasising the importance of holistic well-being. The department plays a pivotal role in tackling various social issues from educational institutions affiliated with Mahatma Gandhi University. We are dedicated to making our mission known across Kerala, while extending our reach both nationally and internationally.

Our Responsibilities

- Oversees the allocation of the Students' Welfare Fund
- Manages Students' Insurance
- Offers financial assistance to students through fellowships and scholarships
- Organises the University Youth Festival
- Offers orientation to freshers through induction programmes and camps

Our Motto:

- "Fervent desire to train students as better builders of the Nation and to inculcate skills of leadership in all aspects of life"

Our Vision:

- To be a beacon of holistic student development
- To facilitate academic excellence that harmonises with physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth
- To create a supportive ecosystem with initiatives like personal accident insurance, medical aid, cultural and transgender scholarships

Our Mission:

- Establishing a progressive egalitarian society by fostering individual initiatives, democratic engagement, and self-government through Students' Unions at both college and university levels
- To be catalysts for literary and cultural prowess of the student community through comprehensive training programmes and workshops
- To provide the students with avenues to excel in inter-university and national level festivals
- To empower students to aim for success through career guidance, counselling, and innovative programmes
- To create a vibrant community where students participate in various co-curricular activities and health awareness programmes, guided by Gandhian principles, to enhance their overall development

Our dedicated team includes:

Director:

Sri. Abraham K Samuel

Computer Assistant:

Smt. Umadevi T K

Section Officer:

Dr. Antony Joseph

Assistants:

1. Sri. Sujin Raj

2. Sri. Sreeganeshdev

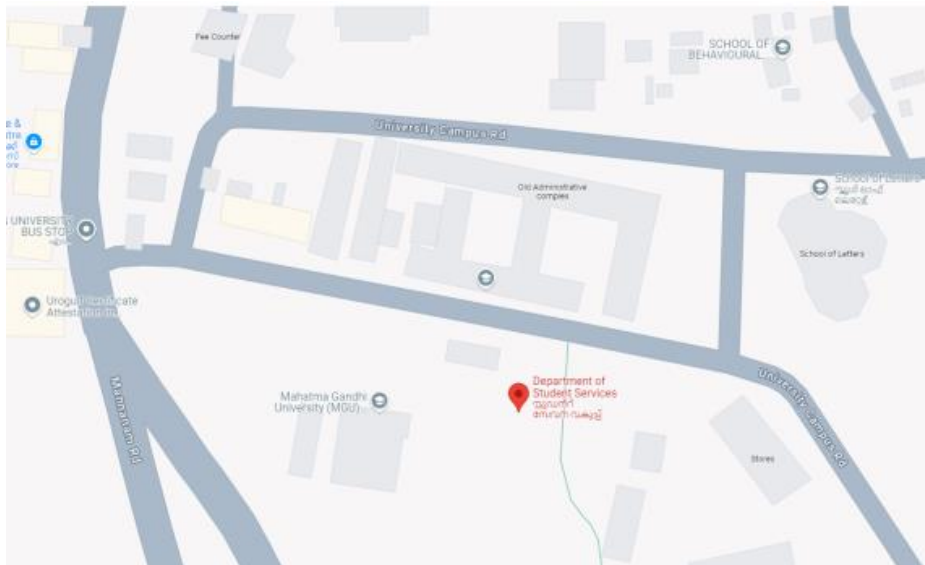
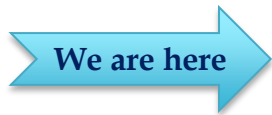
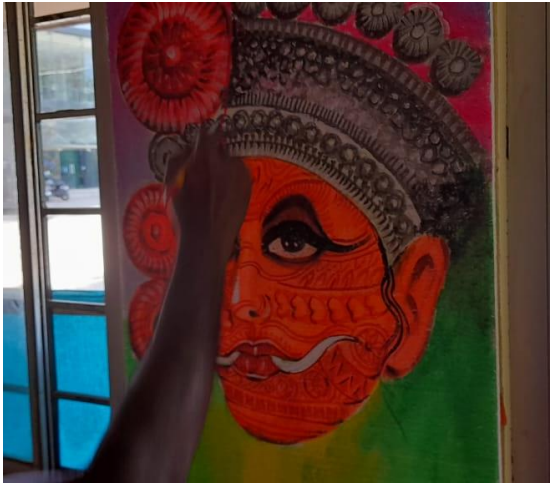
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Students' Union

Mahatma Gandhi University Union & MGU Department Students' Union

Student unions play a significant role in shaping the educational experience at the University. They are integral to promoting a vibrant student community. They empower students to take charge of their own projects and ideas, which are essential for personal and academic growth. They are also instrumental in educating students about the electoral process and democratic procedures. By involving students in solving their own problems and participating in educational administration, student unions foster a sense of ownership and responsibility.

Mahatma Gandhi University Union Activities

- Youth Festivals
- Democratic Fest
- Drama Fest
- Literature Fest
- Secular fest
- Nature Camp & various other camps
- Leaders' Camp
- Kalajadha
- Academic Seminars on national issues
- Magazine Editors' Camp
- Film fest

Mahatma Gandhi University Department Students' Union Activities

- Arts Festival
- Campus Day
- Freshers' Day
- Film Festival
- Observation of Various Regional Festivals such as Onam
- Literature and Research Fest
- Sports Day
- Theatre Camp
- Academic Seminars, Workshops & Talks
- Campus Carnival
- Campus Magazine
- Nature Camp
- Various aspects of Students' Welfare

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എം ജി സർവ്വകലാശാല യൂണിയൻ 2022-23 നാടകോത്സവത്തിൽ രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്ത ടീമുകളുടെ ലോട്ട് എടുത്ത് 29/01/2024 തിങ്കളാഴ്ച രാവിലെ 11 മണിക്കു ഡി.ബി ഡബ്ല്യു പാരുമല കോളേജിൽ വെച്ച് നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നതാണ്. മേൽ പറഞ്ഞ തീയതിയിൽ രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്ത ടീമുകൾ എത്തി ചേരണമെന്നു എന്ന് അറിയിക്കുന്നു.

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MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENTS' STUDENTS UNION 2023-24

Arts Fest

COMING SOON

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY
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Arts Fest

രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ

രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ ചെയ്യേണ്ട
അവസാന തീയതി 2024 ജനുവരി
27 വൈകുന്നേരം 05:00 വരെ

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Oath-taking

The DSS proudly conducts the oath-taking ceremony for both the Mahatma Gandhi University Union & MGU Department Students' Union.

Medical aid to students

Our Student Welfare Fund is crucial in ensuring that all students have access to essential medical support and care. By providing medical aid, we aim to alleviate the challenges faced by financially struggling students.

Cultural scholarships

The Department is pleased to offer cultural scholarships to those who have demonstrated outstanding talent and dedication in cultural activities. These scholarships are designed to support those students who excel in the arts and cultural pursuits.

Scholarships are granted based on annual income criteria, ensuring that assistance is provided to those who need it most.

Grace marks for achievements in cultural activities

In line with the norms established by our Syndicate, grace marks are awarded in the University examinations to students who excel in University and Inter-University youth festivals. By linking academic recognition with extracurricular achievements, DSS aims to encourage and celebrate students' cultural and artistic achievements.

Students should be instructed to submit the Application/s for the award of grace marks for youth festivals winners duly attested and forwarded by the Institution Head/Principal, immediately after receiving the Certificates.

Cash awards for achievements in cultural activities

DSS awards cash prizes to the first and second place winners of the University Youth Festival, as well as to all prize winners from the South Zone and National Inter University Youth Festivals. These awards are funded by the Student Welfare Fund, which plays a crucial role in nurturing and recognising the talents of our students.

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**TWO DAYS WORKSHOP ON
ICT TOOLS FOR
EFFECTIVE LEARNING
AND RESEARCH**

INAUGURATION:
Mr. Abraham K Samuel
Director,
Department of Students Services,
Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam

SESSION 1
Mr. J S Anantha Krishnan
Research Scholar
Artificial Intelligence in Art Digital Humanities
Translator, Author, Orator, Literary Columnist

SESSION 2
Ms. Reshma P R
Asst. Professor,
Department of Commerce

SESSION 3
Ms. Anu Varghese
Head of the Department,
Department of Computer Science

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Dr. Marugan R
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മഹാത്മാഗാന്ധി സർവ്വകലാശാല, കോട്ടയം

അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്ന

“അമേയ-2023”



വേദി : യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി കോളേജ്, തിരുവനന്തപുരം

സമയം : 2023 നവംബർ 5 വൈകുന്നേരം 6 മണി മുതൽ

ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റ് ഓഫ് സ്റ്റുഡന്റ് സർവീസസ്, മഹാത്മാഗാന്ധി സർവ്വകലാശാല, കോട്ടയം.



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1. Cultural Scholarship for the Youth Festival Winners and conduct a ceremony to felicitate them (based on annual income of the Family)
Rs.5,000 X 25 Beneficiaries
(The beneficiaries shall be selected from regular students of the university for 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 Academic Years)
2. Scholarship to differently abled Students
(Based on the Annual Income of the Family)
Rs.5,000 X 40 Beneficiaries
(The beneficiaries shall be selected from regular students of the university for 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 Academic Years.)
3. Medical aid to Students
(based on expert opinion from the University Medical Officer) Rs.50,000 X 8 Beneficiaries
(The beneficiaries shall be selected from regular students of the university for 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic years.)
4. Cash Awards to Republic Day Parade Contingent of NSS & NCC and conduct a ceremony to felicitate them. Rs.5,000 X 25 Beneficiaries
(The beneficiaries shall be selected from regular students of the university for 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic years)
5. Seminars/Orientation Programmes/Camps/Workshops/Training for Students in Various Affiliated Colleges
Topics Suggested: Various Student Welfare Activities /RPWD Act (Right to Person with Disabilities Act) Limited to 10 numbers

(The maximum amount admissible to each program is either 50% of the total expenses of the program or Rs. 25,000/- whichever is less.)

6. Medical Aid / Scholarships to Transgender Students (10,000/- to each applicant)
7. Inter Collegiate and Inter University Competitions / Cultural Exchange Programs conducted by DSS
8. Conduct of at least one seminar on socially relevant topics each year for each district, where Mahatma Gandhi University has jurisdiction. The topics include anti ragging, RPWD Act, Haritham, Social and domestic Violence, pandemic health care, non reusable plastic, obesity and healthcare, individual social cleanliness.
(Topic and venue (in one college of a district) to be decided by the DSS)
9. Seed Money: To encourage ideation, support transition from concept to market ready solutions, contribute to the growth of entrepreneurial endeavors.
Financial seed money to be provided for the following:
apiculture, goat rearing, poultry farming, cattle rearing. Limited to an amount of 10,000/- per persons (revenue certificate to be produced regarding annual income of the family and certificate from the DSS Coordinator of the College forwarded by the Principal ensuring the same
10. Participation in various Inter University Youth Festivals
 - A. South Zone Inter University Youth Festival 2024-2025
Conducted by the Association of Indian Universities
 - B. National Inter University Youth Festivals 2024-2025
Conducted by the Association of Indian Universities
 - C. Inter University State Youth Festivals conducted by the Government of Kerala.
 - D. Distribution of cash awards to the I,II,III prize winners irrespective of whether the event is Individual or Group in the following rates:
I Prize: Rs.5,000/-
II Prize: Rs.4,000/-
III Prize: Rs.3,000/

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Embracing equality and artistry

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MGU Arts Fest
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Elevating family protection: a ground-breaking Insurance upgrade for students and parents

The University's student insurance scheme has been substantially enhanced to offer a robust layer of protection that now extends to parents as well. It not only eases the financial burden but also reflects the University's deep commitment to the holistic well-being of its students and their families.

Under the new plan, students from MGU campus and affiliated colleges can receive up to Rs. 5000 for medical treatment for injuries like fractures or stitches, easing financial stress, helping them concentrate on recovery and academic goals. The revamped insurance now covers major needs: up to Rs. 25,000 for hospitalisations of 24 hours or more and Rs. 25,000 for partial disability due to accidents.

In the unfortunate event of complete disability due to an accident, the scheme provides coverage of up to Rs. 50,000. In cases of accidental death, compensation of up to Rs. 1 lakh is offered, providing security during times of profound loss. A standout feature of the revamped scheme is the extension of coverage to parents. In the event of a parent's untimely death due to an accident, the family will receive compensation, with funeral expenses covered up to ten thousand rupees.

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Fostering Excellence: Youth festivals

We remain dedicated to fostering connections among diverse student groups and enhancing mutual respect through active participation in extracurricular activities. Youth festivals are breeding grounds for future stars, showcasing students' passions and dedication. These festivals keep the University's vibrant artistic spirit alive and thriving.

Those who excel in their college youth festivals are selected to represent their colleges at the University Youth Festival. Outstanding students who make their mark at the University Youth Festival are given opportunities to shine on an even grander stage. They are enabled to participate in inter-university and national-level competitions, showcasing their talents on a broader platform and competing with peers from across the nation.

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STUDENT - PARENTS SAFETY INSURANCE

Sl. No.	Risk Description	Sum Insured (INR)
1	Number of Students & Parents Covered	Students & their Parents under affiliated colleges of MG University without any selection on named basis
2	Accidental Death Sum insured Per Student	1,00,000
3	Permanent Total Disability Sum insured Per Student	50,000
4	Permanent Partial Disability Sum insured Per Student	25,000
5	Sum Insured for Accidental Medical Expenses cover for Students - Minimum Hospitalization of 24 hours	25,000
6	Sum Insured for Accidental Medical expenses cover for students as outpatient-Treatment Only for fractures, stitches & sutures	5,000
7	Accidental Death Sum insured for both living parents (Both of the parents on named basis as per university records are covered, whereas claim shall be considered on either or named basis)	1,00,000

8	Permanent Total Disability Sum insured for both living parents (Both of the parents on named basis as per university records are covered, whereas claim shall be considered on either or named basis)	50,000
9	Additional Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funeral expenses Cover of Rs. 10,000 per death claim (Both Parents and Students) • Parents will be as per legal and university records. • Both parents are covered, whereas claim shall be considered on either or basis, i.e. if claim is lodged for any of the parent under any of the section, claim shall not be available under any of the sections for other parent of same student

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Let's take a moment to review the remarkable accomplishments in youth festivals .

• Recognised and honoured!


Victory in the South Zone: Yuvabheri Inter-University Youth Festival 2023-24

The crowd held its breath as strong, tough teams clashed with their sharpened skills at Vizag. Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, emerged as the overall champion in the prestigious 37th South Zone Inter-University Youth Festival held in Visakhapatnam. MG University shone brightly among 23 esteemed Universities, highlighting exceptional talent across 27 diverse categories. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. K. Samatha, graced the valedictory ceremony as the chief guest, adding to the significance of this grand occasion.

• Proud moment!

National Youth Festival 2023-24, Hunar

The National Youth Festival, conducted annually by the Association of Indian Universities, brings together the top three winners from the eight Zonal Youth Festivals, making it a cauldron of competitions. It is a test of endurance and a trial by fire, where only the strongest rise to the top.



At the National Youth Festival 2023-24, held at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Mahatma Gandhi University proudly clinched the title of Third Runner-Up. This prestigious achievement highlights MGU's exceptional proficiency and dedication on a national stage. Our team at the Nationals was recognised for their spectacular display of skill and strength.

Elevated in glory!

The Department of Student Services at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, received the prestigious Professional Excellence Award from the Principal of BPC II College, Piravom, for our outstanding contributions to student welfare.

Thank You for the recognition.

TRIUMPHS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Mahatma Gandhi University is the first institution to ensure that all students and their parents benefit from a unique umbrella of insurance. The Department of Student Services aims to transform students with innovative outlooks into entrepreneurs and empowered citizens through the 'Seed Money Initiative. The DSS stands out for its unique approach in illuminating student paths through a range of attentive and supportive mechanisms, crafted with care, dedication, and innovation by its dedicated team.

The dedicated support from the higher echelons of the University, including the Syndicate and Senate, the Students, Council, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, and Finance Officer, is empowering and commendable. Partnering with the Mahatma Gandhi University Students' Union and the Department Students' Union has significantly enriched our commitment to providing comprehensive support, guidance, and welfare to the student community.

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MGU wins overall championship in South Zone Inter-University Arts Fest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kottayam

THE Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU) in Kottayam emerged as the overall champion in the 37th South Zone Inter-University Arts Festival held in Visakhapatnam. Students from 23 universities across South Indian states participated in a total of 27 different events.

MGU's performance was truly commendable, as they secured first-place victories in eight events, second prizes in four, third places in five, and a fourth-place finish in two.

The prizes were distributed by Prof K Samatha, the vice chancellor of Andhra University. The event was attended by the Department of Student



The Mahatma Gandhi University team that won the overall championship at the South Zone Inter-University Arts Fest held in Visakhapatnam

Services (DSS) team led by director Abraham K Samuel. MGU's vice chancellor in-charge, C T Aravindakumar, congratulated all the participating students and commended the DSS for this remarkable achievement.



വിശാഖപട്ടണത്തു നടന്ന ദക്ഷിണ മേഖലാ അന്തർ സർവകലാശാല കലോത്സവത്തിൽ ഓവറാൾ കിരീടം നേടിയ മഹാത്മാ ഗാന്ധി സർവകലാശാല ടീം.

ദക്ഷിണ മേഖലാ അന്തർ സർവകലാശാല കലോത്സവം; എം.ജി യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റിക്ക് കിരീടം

കോട്ടയം: വിശാഖപട്ടണത്തു നടന്ന 37ാമത് ദക്ഷിണ മേഖലാ അന്തർ സർവകലാശാല കലോത്സവത്തിൽ മഹാത്മാ ഗാന്ധി സർവകലാശാലയ്ക്ക് ഓവറാൾ കിരീടം, ദക്ഷിണേന്ത്യൻ സംസ്ഥാനങ്ങളിലെ 23 സർവകലാശാലകൾ പങ്കെടുത്ത കലോത്സവത്തിൽ 27 ഇനങ്ങളിലായിരുന്നു മത്സരം. എല്ലാ ഇനങ്ങളിലും മത്സരിച്ച എം.ജി സർവകലാശാല എട്ട് ഒന്നാം സ്ഥാനവും നാല് രണ്ടാം സ്ഥാനവും അഞ്ച് മൂന്നാം സ്ഥാനവും രണ്ട് നാലാം സ്ഥാനവും നേടിയാണ് ഒന്നാമതെത്തിയത്. ആസ്രാ സർവകലാശാല വൈസ് ചാൻസലർ പ്രഫ. കെ. സാമന്ത സമ്മാനാനന്ദ നിർവഹിച്ചു. എം.ജി സർവകലാശാല ഡി.എസ്.എസ് ഡയറക്ടർ എബ്രഹാം കെ. സാമുവൽ, അഡ്മിനിസ്ട്രേറ്റീവ് ഓഫീസർ ഡോ. ആന്റണി ജോസഫ്, സി.ജി. മഞ്ജുക്ഷ, സുജിൻ രാജ്, ശ്രീഗണേഷ് ദേവ് എന്നിവരും സന്നിഹിതരായിരുന്നു. കലോത്സവത്തിൽ പങ്കെടുത്ത വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെയും ഡി.എസ്.എസ്.എസ്. വൈസ് ചാൻസലർ ഡോ. സി.ടി. അരവിന്ദകുമാർ അഭിനന്ദിച്ചു.

ആസ്ര യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റിയിൽ നടന്ന സൗത്ത് സോൺ ഇന്റർ യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി യൂത്ത് ഫെസ്റ്റിവലിൽ ഫൈൻ ആർട്സ് കാറ്റഗറിയിൽ ഫോട്ടോഗ്രഫിക്കും ഇൻസ്റ്റലേഷനും രണ്ടാം സ്ഥാനം നേടിയ ഗോപു കൃഷ്ണ (സെന്റ് ആൽബർട്ട്സ് കോളജ്, എറണാകുളം).





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Young India converges on PAU campus

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Taste of India comes to Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana

Ludhiana: By Wednesday evening, nearly 500 students from 38 universities had reported to participate in the five-day 37th Inter-University National Youth Festival at Punjab Agricultural University (PAU).

At Dr A S Khera Open Air Theatre, stage is set for a 4pm inauguration and the festival will end on April 1.

Almost 2,500 students from 118 universities are expected to participate in the festival. The events will be organised at six venues on the campus, including Dr. Manmohan Singh Auditorium, Pal Auditorium, Wheat Auditorium, Dr D S Dew Examination Hall, Conference Hall of Dr M S Auditorium, and Dr A S Khera Open Air Theatre.

Sharing the detailed itinerary, Nirmal Singh Jaura, director of students welfare, said that the March 29 events included one-act plays, classical dances, group songs,

classical music (instrumental, solo, and percussion), poster-making, clay-modelling, collage-making, and quiz (preliminary round).

One-act plays, folk or-

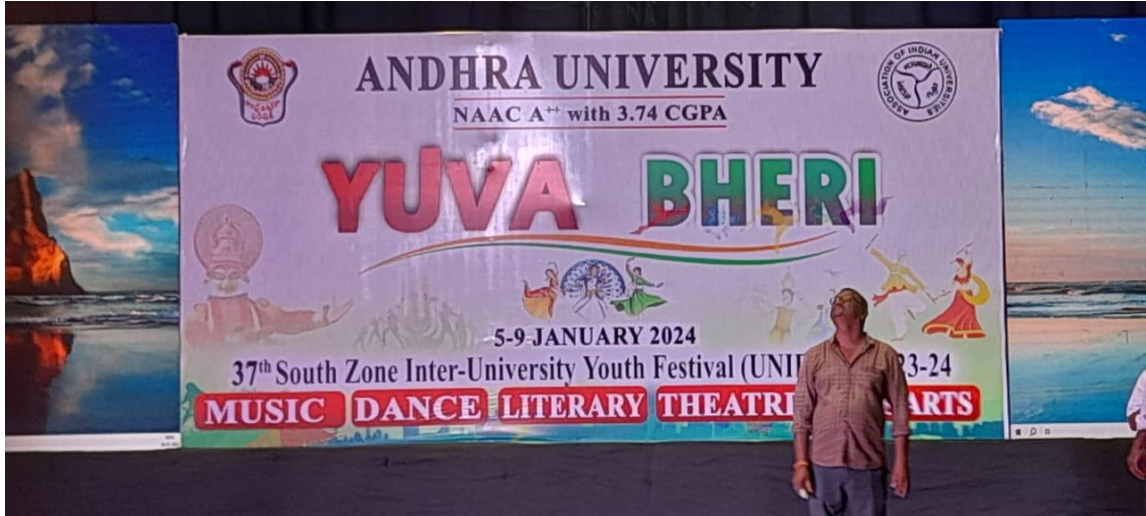
44 centres for SOE entrance test

Ludhiana: For the March 30 entrance examination for Punjab's Schools of Eminence and Meritorious schools for the class IX and XI intakes in this district, 44 centres have been made. These include 9 private schools and 12 aided schools, while the rest are govt schools where 15,121 students will sit the examination. So far 4,812 candidates have registered for the class IX test and 10,588 for the Class XI examination. Common aptitude tests of English, mathematics, science and reasoning, and mental ability will be conducted for these intakes. The minimum qualifying score is 25% in subjects, 35% in reasoning, and 40% in total. The

and debate, followed by a valedictory ceremony at Dr A S Khera Open Air Theatre at 11am on April 1.

PAU vice-chancellor Satbir Singh Gosal stated that "This colourful extravaganza will celebrate the rich and vibrant cultural diversity of students from different states, who will perform in the vast array of events."





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