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Open Heart 2024 hosts Hon'ble Shri Ram Nath Kovind

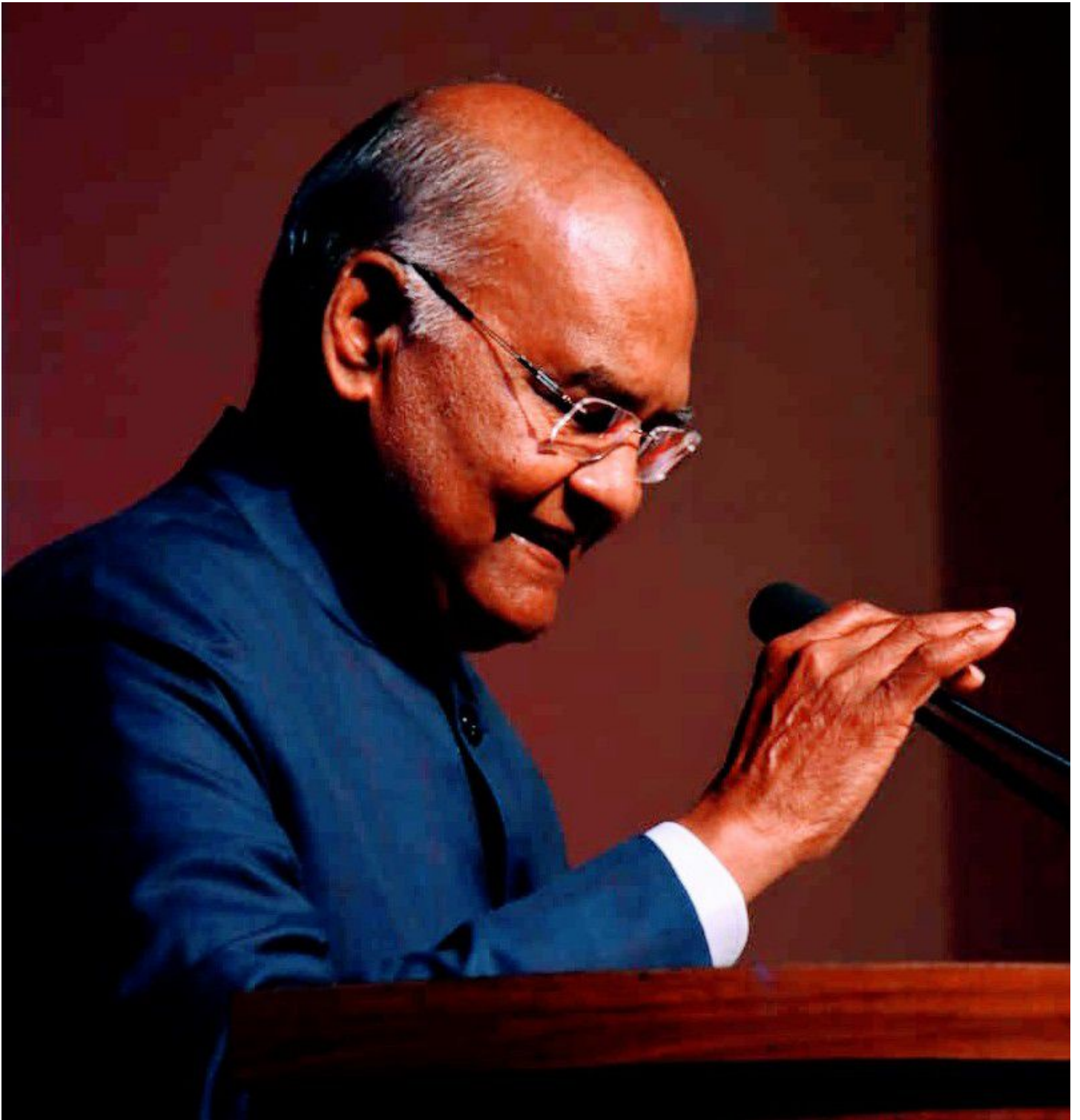
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St. Joseph's University, renowned for commitment to academic excellence and social responsibility, proudly hosted the 6th edition of Open Heart 2024 on 29th January 2024. The event, dedicated to promoting openness, dialogue, and inclusivity, reached new heights as it welcomed the esteemed presence of Hon'ble Shri Ram Nath Kovind, the 14th President of India. The occasion served as a platform for engaging discussions, cultural celebrations, and the exchange of ideas aimed at advancing societal progress and unity.



The 6th edition of Open Heart 2024 attracted a diverse audience comprising students, faculty members, researchers, policymakers, and members of civil society. Held at the expansive campus of St. Joseph's University, the event featured a comprehensive agenda designed to stimulate intellectual discourse and foster a sense of community engagement. Participants had the opportunity to attend a wide range of sessions, including panel discussions, keynote addresses, cultural performances, and interactive workshops, all aimed at addressing pressing issues facing society.



Highlights:

1. Open Heart Talk Hon'ble Shri Ram Nath Kovind: The 14th President commended the idea of an Open Heart Talk at St Joseph's University with light humour. Speaking about his own humble origins of having experienced the lack of resources, the President highlighted that it is very important to work hard and stay focused, he emphasised it is important not to forget our roots we came from and it is important for every person to give back to his village, town and community, he pointed out the great achievements of the nation in recent years from the military feat of building our own Aircraft Carriers; India showcasing its historical heritage to the major countries through the G20 Summit and the events that followed throughout the country to success in the Space sectors with India becoming the first to land in the South Pole of the Moon and Aditya L1 Observatory including XPoSat. He expressed his hope for the students of St Joseph's University to be the leaders of tomorrow's India, to achieve much more. He concluded with a last note of the Open Heart of St Joseph's University as an event that aims to keep a clean heart and a positive mind taking positive decisions for a positive future.

2. **Launch of St. Joseph's University Gandhian Centre:** In a symbolic gesture commemorating the upcoming 76th Shaheed Diwas of Bapu, Mahatma Gandhi Ji, President Kovind unveiled the poster of the establishment of the St. Joseph's University Gandhian Centre. The center aims to serve as a beacon of Gandhian principles, promoting truth, non-violence, and service to humanity. It represents the institution's commitment to nurturing ethical leadership and social responsibility among its students and faculty.

3. **Release of International Students Information Brochure:** President Kovind also unveiled the International Students Information Brochure, signaling the university's dedication to global engagement and cultural exchange. The brochure serves as an invitation to talented individuals from around the world to join the vibrant academic community of St. Joseph's University, enriching the learning experience for all.

As Open Heart 2024 drew to a close, participants expressed their gratitude for the enriching experience and the opportunity to engage with President Kovind. The event served as a testament to the university's unwavering commitment to fostering dialogue, understanding, and unity in an increasingly complex world. As we reflect on the thought-provoking discussions and memorable moments shared during Open Heart 2024, we look forward to building upon this foundation and continuing our collective journey towards a more inclusive and enlightened society.

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