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The week-long "National Dhokra Sculpture Workshop" under the joint aegis of Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur and State Lalit Kala Akademi, Lucknow was successfully concluded today by the exhibition of sculptures made by the students. The workshop had participants hailing from CSJMU and its affiliated colleges, Lovely Professional University, College Of Arts Delhi, Prayagraj and other parts of India.

Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sudhir Kumar Awasthi appreciated the efforts and the work done by the Department under the Leadership of Dr. Brijesh Swaroop Katiyar. He also appreciated the artwork sculpted by the participants and expressed his gratitude towards the tribal community for the magnificent art form along with wishing the participants to take this craft to new heights.

In the program, Dr. Yashwant Singh Rathore, Secretary, State Lalit Kala Akademi (UP) appreciated the efforts of Dr. Brijesh Swaroop Katiyar in the beautification of the university with the conceptual artworks and said that cooperation of CSJMU and State Lalit Kala Akademi has proved fruitful with the creation of all the splendid artworks in the workshop.

Dr. Brijesh Swaroop Katiyar while explaining the vision of this workshop said that the workshop was conducted to promote and revive the ancient Indigenous Dokra sculpting Process which is at the brink of extinction in modern times. Furthermore, he said that the student who has participated in this workshop have infused their innovation with the ancient art form. He hoped while displaying their artwork to the public they will reflect, synthesize, and consolidate what they have learned in the past week.

Mr Vishal Bagmera, a participant of this workshop who belongs to the tribal community associated with Dokra sculpting and is a skilled Dokra artisan explained the extensive effort required in crafting the sculptures he also said that each artwork is unique because it is handcrafted.

In the program, Shikhar Kashyap, a nine-year-old student of Chintels School, Kanpur was honoured for creating the figure of a deer using the Dhokra Style.

Registrar Dr. Anil Kumar Yadav proposed the vote of thanks in the program. Chief Proctor Prof. Sanjay Swarnkar, Prof. Abhay Nandan Dwivedi, Dr. Kumud Bala, Dr. Ravindra Nath Katiyar, Akhilesh Srivastava, Sweta Yadav, Shashank Shukla, Smriti Tripathi, Dr. Prahlad Singh, Dr. Lokeshwar Singh, Deepshikha Maurya, Anamika Tiwari, Poonam Pal, Shobhit Gangwar, Rajkumar Singh, Jeet Bali, Kuldeep, Saroj, Pawan, Chandramani, Rajiv and students of the department were also present.

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