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JU is new rising sun, says Prof Dinesh Singh

VC HIGHLIGHTS INITIATIVES FOR ACHIEVING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

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Vice Chairman, J&K Higher Education Council, Padma Shri Prof Dinesh Singh has described the University of Jammu as a new rising sun, saying the initiatives like the "Design Your Degree" program is a pioneering step towards student empowerment.

"JU is in my DNA," Prof Singh, while recalling the deep connection he feels with the university.

Prof Dinesh Singh, former Vice Chancellor of Delhi University, was addressing a grand function held to celebrate the 55th Foundation Day of the University of Jammu, which was marked by a series of events highlighting the institution's growth and achievements.

Besides Vice Chancellor Prof Umesh Rai, the occasion was graced by Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director of IIT Jammu,



Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor of Cluster University of Jammu, and Prof. Pragiti Kumar, Vice Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University as the Guests of Honour.

Prof Singh, who was the Chief Guest at the function, urged attendees to consider the purpose of Foundation Day, suggesting it offers a moment to pledge renewed dedication to the institution, state, and nation.

He lauded the leadership of JU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai, for steering the University to new heights with focus on academic excellence and infrastructural development.

Prof. Dinesh Singh reflected

on the significance of such celebrations and emphasized the need for introspection and continual improvement. He also spoke about the evolving role of educators, stating, "A teacher should learn from his students and always strive for self-improvement, aiming to make a substantial change in society."

Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai highlighted JU's remarkable achievements, including its rise in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF-2024), where it secured the 50th position among universities and 23rd among 11,000 State Universities. He said that the University's Business

School earned recognition, ranking 18th in The Week's Government B-School category.

Prof. Rai introduced "Jammuriyat," a new term aimed at foregrounding the rich cultural diversity of the Jammu region. He asserted that the pluralistic nature of this region should necessarily be developed, fore-grounded, preserved and celebrated to ensure its addition to the national pluralism. He announced that the club consortium 'UTSAH' shall organize a series of activities around it.

On the infrastructure front, Prof. Umesh Rai announced the initiation of several significant

projects, including the Innovation Tower, a new facility for the Department of Journalism & Mass Media, and the Madan Mohan Malaviya Teachers' Training Centre.

"Sustainability initiatives such as campus digitization, the introduction of e-vehicles, and the creation of vertical gardens from recycled materials are important strides of the University," said Prof Umesh Rai, adding that the University has launched "GYANANJALI Journal" for language scholars and the QR Code System in the Dhanwantri Library, which will enhance resource accessibility.

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Kunwer Viyogi Memorial Lecture organized



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The Departments of Dogri and English, in collaboration with the Kunwer Viyogi Trust, hosted the 5th Kunwer Viyogi Memorial Lecture at the Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium.

The event was graced by Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai, as the Chief Guest, with Kunwerrani Dr. Ritu Singh as the keynote speaker.

The theme of the lecture, 'Naya Jammu-Preserving Legacy, Language, Culture, and

Education', sparked insightful discussions around pivotal questions: When will Jammu take true ownership of Dogri? When will 'Jammuriyat'; (the spirit of Jammu) take precedence?

Addressing the concerns

about Dogri might facing extinction without active citizen involvement, Kunwerrani Dr. Ritu Singh, Founder of Delhi Public Schools Jammu, Katra, Nagbani, and Leh, emphasized that Dogri's essence extends beyond just language—it's embedded in

the people, their food, fashion, and a shared responsibility to protect this heritage. She passionately remarked, "Imagine a language that is the very heartbeat of its people—that is Dogri. Today, we gather not only to celebrate this beautiful language but also to honor Sahitya Akademi Awardee Kunwer Viyogi, who lived and breathed Dogri".

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor underscored the deep connection between patriotism and cultural identity. Drawing from Kunwerrani Ritu Singh's insights, he reflected on the idea that a heart without love for one's homeland is like stone, emphasizing that true patriotism transcends geographical boundaries and is rooted in a region's values, culture, language, and traditions. Prof. Rai urged the people of Jammu to embrace their cultural heritage and called on educational institutions

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55th Foundation Day of JU: VC unfolds vision, spells out achievements

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Sharing the impressive accomplishments of the University of Jammu, Vice Chancellor Prof Umesh Rai noted with a sense of pride its rise in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF-2024), securing the 50th position in the University Category and 23rd among State Public Universities.

In a media interaction, the Vice Chancellor highlighted the Business School's success, ranking 18th in The Week's Government B-School category, solidifying its reputation as a leading management institution.

In an effort to protect and promote the rich cultural heritage of the Jammu region, Prof Rai introduced "Jammuriyat," a thematic series designed to preserve, celebrate and disseminate local traditions. This initiative not only aims to safeguard Jammu's culture but also to strengthen the University's connection with the community, he said.

Prof Rai also spoke about "Goonj-2024," an initiative aimed at encouraging the holistic development of students through a combination of cul-



tural, sports, and academic activities. He emphasized the impact of the newly implemented Samarth ERP system, poised to enhance efficiency and transparency across the University's administrative processes.

Highlighting the University's collaborative efforts, Prof Rai informed about the partnerships with key organizations such as the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, the FICCI Ladies Organization J&K and Ladakh Chapter, and the Airports Authority of India. These collaborations aim to ad-

vance electoral awareness, empower women, and provide students with unique internship opportunities. Additionally, new agreements with BSE Institute Limited and Growbyte IT Providers Pvt. Ltd. will further develop skills in finance and technology.

On the infrastructure front, Prof. Rai noted the completion of several major projects, including the Innovation Tower, a new facility for the Department of Journalism & Mass Media, and the Madan Mohan Malaviya Teachers' Training Centre. The University has also

embraced sustainability, implementing eco-friendly initiatives like the digitization of campus flora, the introduction of e-vehicles, and the creation of vertical gardens from recycled materials. He also shared the upcoming project of a lecturer hall complex to be constructed in the University.

In the academic arena, the University has launched the "GYANANJALI Journal," a pioneering publication for language scholars. Additionally, the Dhanwantri Library now features a QR Code System to enhance resource accessibility for both students and faculty.

In a significant academic development, Prof Rai announced the upcoming introduction of a range of undergraduate programs under the "Design Your Degree" initiative. This program, aligned with the NEP 2020, offers students the flexibility to tailor their academic journey according to their interests and career goals.

He also referred to the launch of the JU's monthly newsletter "Jammu University Times", an initiative of the Media Cell, which will provide updates on the University's activities, achievements, and events, serv-

ing as a key resource for the University community.

Others who spoke during the event included Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies who spoke of the path breaking research initiatives, including Research Policy and Research Manual, among others. Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs shared the increased integration of technology in the academics of the University through LMS, Prof. Parkash C. Anthal, Dean Student Welfare acquainted the media about the evolved format of the flagship programme of Display Your Talent taking it to zonal level for more participation by remote colleges Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar spoke about the various initiatives and achievements by the University marking its presence in the National Academia.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Prof. Garima Gupta, Head, Department of Journalism and Media Studies. Among others present included with Prof. Dushyant Rai, Dr. Suvidha Khanna and Dr. Pradeep Bali.

The event was coordinated and conducted by Mansi Mantoo Media Officer JU.

Prof Dinesh Singh calls for bridging gap between mathematical theory, its practical uses

VC highlights role of mathematics in advancing various branches of science



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Emphasizing the importance of making mathematics relevant to real-world applications and societal benefits, Vice Chairman, Higher Education Council J&K UT Padma Shri Prof. Dinesh Singh, has urged teachers to help students recognize the value of the subject in addressing societal challenges and to bridge the gap between mathematical theory and its practical uses.

Inaugurating the three-day National Seminar on 'Recent Trends in Analysis and Allied Areas' and the 31st Annual Conference of Jammu Mathematical Society (JMS), organized by the Department of Mathematics, Prof Singh shared his insights with the delegates from across the country.

Highlighting the evolving technological landscape, Prof. Singh, who was Chief Guest, en-

couraged educators to adapt their teaching methods to make mathematics more accessible and understandable for students.

Prof Singh also highlighted the responsibility of educators in empowering students by strengthening their foundational knowledge. He called on teachers to ensure that students become more capable, equipping them with the skills and confidence needed to navigate a rapidly changing world. By connecting students with the core principles of mathematics, he said, teachers can help them harness the power of the subject to thrive in a technology-driven future.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor University of Jammu, who presided over the inaugural function, lauded the Department for successfully organizing the event, acknowledging their efforts in promoting criti-

cal discussions on the intersection of disciplines.

The Vice Chancellor emphasized the pivotal role of mathematics in advancing various branches of science, particularly in biological sciences.

Prof. Rai explained that mathematics serves as the foundation for modeling complex biological systems. Mathematical principles can be applied to simulate biological processes, predict outcomes, and develop strategies for tackling real-world challenges, he added.

The Vice Chancellor stressed the need for dissolving traditional academic boundaries to encourage a more integrated approach to education. He argued that by fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, students and researchers could harness the full potential of mathematics to make significant advancements in biological sciences and beyond. This holistic approach,

he added, is essential for evolving education in a rapidly changing world where the integration of knowledge across fields is becoming increasingly crucial.

Prof. A. P. Singh, former Head Department of Mathematics and Dean Faculty of Sciences, appreciated the efforts of the Department of Mathematics to sustain the Jammu Mathematical Society for the past 34 years, ensuring its growth. He congratulated the organizing team of the National Seminar and 31st Annual Conference of the Jammu Mathematical Society.

Earlier, Prof. Romesh Kumar, HOD, Department of Mathematics, and President Jammu Mathematical Society and Convener of the National Seminar formally welcomed the delegates. He gave a detailed introduction to the National Seminar on Recent Trends in Analy-

sis and Allied Areas and academic status of the department. Delegates from various institutes of the country like Cluster Innovation Center Delhi, Indian Statistical Institutes, Bangalore, University of Delhi, Panjab University Chandigarh, Central University of Jammu, Central University of Kashmir, University of Kashmir are attending the Seminar.

On the occasion, Prof. Dinesh Singh, Prof. A.P. Singh, Prof. Umesh Rai, President JMS Prof. Romesh Kumar, and Dr. Tirth Ram, Secretary JMS, distributed prizes among the winners of 'One Day Students' Conference and Alka Memorial Mathematical Competition.'

Dr. Tirth Ram, Secretary of the Jammu Mathematical Society, presented the Annual Report of the Society and highlighted the activities being organized by the society in the Department.



JUTA celebrates Teachers' Day with enthusiasm, dedication

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The Jammu University Teachers' Association (JUTA) celebrated Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm, honouring the dedication, passion, and relentless efforts of educators who shape the future of students.

The event, held at the Brig Rajinder Singh Auditorium, brought together faculty members, office bearers, non-teaching staff, and distinguished guests to recognize the profound role of teachers in the academic and personal development of students.

The celebration was graced by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai, Dean Academic Affairs Prof. Anju Bhasin, and Office Bearers from the Officers Association, Non-Teaching Employees Union, and Non-Gazetted Employees Union.

Prof. Umesh Rai, who was Chief Guest of the function, delivered a thought-provoking address, acknowledging the growing challenges that educators face in today's dynamic and evolving educational landscape. He emphasized the need for teachers to continuously adapt to new technologies, teaching methodologies, and the diverse needs of students while maintaining the University's high standards of education.

"The role of an educator is ever-changing, and we must be ready to embrace new tools and methods to provide the best learning experience for our students," Prof. Rai said.

Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean of Academic Affairs and Guest of Honour, expressed deep admiration for the educators of Jammu University. She highlighted the multifaceted responsibilities that teachers carry, not only as academic guides but also as mentors, researchers, and community leaders.

"As teachers, we are entrusted with guiding the next generation through academic



and life challenges. Our dedication to our students extends far beyond the classroom, and it is this commitment that defines our role as educators," she stated.

In his keynote address, Dr. Vijay Saigal, President of JUTA, highlighted the significance of teaching as a profession that not only imparts knowledge but also shapes lives and futures. "We, as educators, carry the profound responsibility of guiding not just the academic growth of our stu-

dents but also their journey through life," he emphasized.

In keeping with the tradition of Teachers' Day, the President JUTA paid homage to the memory of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, India's former President and a celebrated educator. "Dr. Radhakrishnan's legacy reminds us of the transformative power of education and the immense role we play in shaping society through the lives we touch," Dr. Saigal remarked.

A major highlight of the cel-



bration was the warm welcome and facilitation of newly appointed faculty members.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean of Academic Affairs and office bearers of JUTA extended their best wishes to the new faculty members, recognizing their commitment to the teaching profession and their role in furthering the University's mission of academic excellence.

The newly inducted faculty members were acknowledged for their enthusiasm and readi-

ness to contribute to the University's growth.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks presented by Dr. Subhash Chander, Vice-President of JUTA. He expressed gratitude to the University leadership, members of the Teachers' Association, and the wider University community for their ongoing support and dedication to maintaining Jammu University as a leading institution of higher education.

JU, IGNC A celebrate Hindi Diwas with literary discussions; symposium held

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The Department of Journalism and Media Studies, Dhanvantri Library, and Translation Club, University of Jammu, under the auspices of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) Jammu, celebrated Hindi Diwas with literary discussions and symposium.

The celebration featured a panel discussion that brought together eminent scholars and faculty members, including Prof. Sham Narayan Lal from the History Department, Prof. Dushyant Kumar Rai from the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, Dr. Shruti-Awasti, Regional Director of IGNC A, and Dr. Vikram Sahi, In-charge Librarian at the University of Jammu.

The panellists engaged in an in-depth discussions on the lit-



erary contributions of renowned Hindi authors such as Bhartendu Harishchandra, Jaishankar Prasad, Mahadevi

Verma, Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, and HSV Agyeya.

Earlier in the day, a symposium was held for students

from the Department of Journalism and Media Studies and the Department of English.

14 students participated,

sharing their insights on the works of iconic Hindi writers, including Premchand, Suryakant Tripathi Nirala, Bhawani Prasad Mishra, and Harivansh Rai Bachchan.

Aryan, a first-semester student from the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, was awarded first place for his presentation. Suhani Gupta and Sakshi Shawney secured second and third places, respectively.

The event was smoothly managed by Swati, while Dr. Vikram Sahi extended a formal vote of thanks to the attendees.

Others present on the occasion included, Dr. Anita Sachar, Dr. Kusum Sharma, Dr. Neelam, Dr. Ashwin Kushwaha, Dr. Pardeep Singh Bali, Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Kumerjit Chajgotra, Deepika, Diksha and Garima Singh, research Scholar.

EDITORIAL

Education for Future: Embracing NEP 2020's vision

With the release of our second issue of Jammu University Times, we continue on a journey of growth and excellence. The launch of the first issue last month stimulated meaningful conversations and set the stage for the path ahead. Now, it's time to focus on a larger issue—one that not only shapes the future of our university but also transforms the face of higher education across the country—the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

NEP 2020 brings a fresh perspective to education in India. At its heart, the policy focuses on putting students first. It promotes flexibility, encouraging learning across disciplines and fostering critical thinking and creativity. At University of Jammu, we are proud to be part of this forward-thinking vision through our Design Your Degree program. This initiative empowers students to move beyond the traditional job market, helping them become innovators and job creators.

The future of education demands that we break old molds and embrace change. NEP 2020 is all about enabling students to carve their own paths, integrating knowledge from various fields, and applying it to real-world situations. In our classrooms, labs, and beyond, we are nurturing a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration, encouraging students to break away from rigid structures and explore new horizons.

In addition to reimagining education, NEP 2020 also emphasizes research and innovation.

University of Jammu is committed to expanding its research capabilities and creating an environment where curiosity and academic discipline thrive. Our efforts to build new research platforms and establish partnerships with industry and other institutions underscore our commitment to becoming a university that is ready for the future.

This is an exciting time of change, but it comes with its challenges. As educators, students, and stakeholders, we must navigate these shifts together. This will require us to rethink old ways of learning and teaching and embrace new approaches that meet the needs of today's learners. But in doing so, we are preparing both our university and our society for a world that is constantly evolving.

This issue highlights the innovations happening within our university, the accomplishments of our students, and the ways in which we are implementing the NEP 2020 framework. We invite you to join us on this transformative journey as we work together to create an educational environment where the pursuit of knowledge knows no bounds, preparing our students not just for careers, but for life.

Let's move forward with optimism and confidence, united by our shared vision of a more inclusive, dynamic future for learning.

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Drug addiction in India is a growing public health issue, exacerbated by factors such as socio-economic disparities, limited mental health resources, and increasing drug availability. Substance abuse often intersects with mental health disorders, leading to significant social and economic challenges. The situation is further complicated by stigma, which hinders access to treatment and support. Efforts are being made through government initiatives and non-governmental organizations to address the crisis, but more comprehensive strategies are needed to tackle the root causes and provide effective treatment and prevention.

The psychology of drug addiction involves an intricate blend of cognitive, emotional, and social factors that drive individuals to use and often become dependent on substances. Here's an in-depth look at the psychological aspects of drug addiction:

Psychological Mechanisms

Positive Reinforcement: Drugs provide immediate pleasurable effects, which can reinforce continued use. This positive reinforcement makes the behavior more likely to be repeated as the brain becomes conditioned to seek out these rewarding experiences.

Tolerance and Dependence: With repeated use, individuals often develop tolerance, requiring larger amounts of the substance to achieve the same effects. Physical dependence can develop as the body adapts to the drug's presence, leading to withdrawal symptoms when the drug is not available.

Craving and Relapse: Cravings are intense desires to use the drug, triggered by various internal and external cues. Even after periods of abstinence, these cravings can lead to relapse, as the psychological and physiological conditioning associated with the drug remains strong.

Behavioral Conditioning: Drug use can become a conditioned behavior. For instance, if drug use is associated with specific environments or social situations, those contexts can become triggers for drug-seeking behavior.

Escapism: Drugs provide an escape from reality and can temporarily alleviate feelings of boredom, dissatisfaction, or distress. For individuals facing socio-economic challenges, addiction can become a means to temporarily disconnect from their problems.

Emotional Factors

Coping Mechanism: Many individuals use drugs as a way to cope with negative emotions or psychological distress, such as anxiety, depression, or trauma. Drugs can provide temporary relief or escape from these emotional issues.

Self-Medication: People with untreated mental health disorders may use substances to self-medicate. For instance, someone suffering from anxiety or depression might use alcohol or sedatives to alleviate their symptoms, which can worsen their condition over time.

Biological and Genetic Influences

Brain Chemistry: Drugs affect the brain's reward system by altering neurotransmitter activity, particularly dopamine, which is linked to pleasure and reinforcement. This alteration creates intense feelings of euphoria, reinforcing the desire to repeat the drug use.

Genetic Vulnerability: Genetic factors can predispose individuals to addiction. Research suggests that certain genetic variations can affect how individuals respond to drugs and how susceptible they are to developing addiction.

Psychology of Drug addiction



Cognitive Factors

Cognitive Distortions: Addicts often hold distorted beliefs about their drug use, such as believing they can control their consumption or that the benefits outweigh the risks. These cognitive distortions help maintain the addiction by minimizing the perceived negative consequences.

Decision-Making: Drug addiction can impair decision-making abilities. Individuals may prioritize immediate rewards over long-term consequences, leading to continued substance use despite adverse effects on their health, relationships, and life.

Beliefs and Attitudes: Individuals may develop beliefs that drug use is necessary for social acceptance, relaxation, or to handle problems. These beliefs can reinforce drug use and make quitting more challenging.

Denial and Rationalization: Addicts may engage in denial, minimizing the impact of their drug use, or rationalize their behavior, convincing themselves that their use is justified or not as problematic as it actually is.

Social and Environmental Factors

Peer Influence: Social environments and peer groups play a significant role in drug use. Being in a social circle where drug use is common or encouraged can increase the likelihood of starting and continuing drug use.

Stress and Life Events: Stressful life events, such as financial problems, relationship issues, or job loss, can contribute to drug addiction. Drugs are often used as a means to escape or manage these stressors.

Family Dynamics: Family history of addiction, dysfunctional family relationships, or exposure to substance use within the family can increase the risk of addiction. Family environment can also impact both the onset of addiction and its treatment.

Psychological Impact of Addiction

Mental Health Disorders: Addiction frequently co-occurs with other mental health disorders, such as depression, anxiety, or personality disorders. These co-occurring conditions can complicate treatment and recovery efforts.

Cognitive Impairments: Chronic drug use can impair cognitive functions, including memory, attention, and executive functioning. These impairments can hinder the ability to recognize the negative impacts of drug use and to make effective decisions about treatment.

Emotional Instability: Drug addiction can lead to emotional instability, with increased mood swings, irritability, and difficulty regulating emotions. This can further exacerbate existing psychological issues and create a cycle of substance use and emotional distress.

Treatment and Recovery

Behavioral Therapies: Therapies such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) focus on identifying and changing harmful thought patterns and behaviors associated with drug use. CBT helps individuals develop healthier coping strategies and address underlying psychological issues.

Motivational Enhancement: Motivational Interviewing (MI) is designed to help individuals explore and resolve ambivalence about quitting drugs. It enhances motivation to change by focusing on personal goals and values.

Support Networks: Building a strong support network through family, friends, and support groups is crucial for recovery. Social support provides encouragement, accountability, and a sense of belonging, which can aid in overcoming addiction.

Integrated Treatment: For individuals with co-occurring mental health disorders, integrated treatment approaches that address both substance abuse and mental health issues simultaneously are often the most effective.

Understanding the psychology of drug addiction involves recognizing the complex interplay between biological predispositions, psychological mechanisms, and social influences. Effective treatment and prevention strategies must address these various aspects to support individuals in overcoming addiction and achieving long-term recovery.

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A Legacy Worthy of Remembrance: Celebrating Maharaja Hari Singh

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Despite extensive research on Jammu and Kashmir, Maharaja Hari Singh's legacy remains unjustly marginalized within scholarly discourse. Colonial narratives vilified him, reducing his reign to a mere caricature of crisis—an interpretation regrettably perpetuated by some modern historians. This tendentious framing obscures the reality of his progressive leadership. As a dedicated reformer, he enacted significant changes and staunchly defended the welfare of his people. In 1930, he boldly articulated his commitment to his land, calling for equality for Indians within the British Commonwealth during his engagement with colonial representatives in England. In an act of remarkable defiance against the tumultuous pressures of his era, the Maharaja signed the Instrument of Accession, leaving an indelible mark on history. This momentous decision not only forged a new destiny for his beloved land but also intricately reshaped the very map of India. His legacy, steeped in courage and vision, deserves to be celebrated and restored to its rightful place in our collective memory.

To truly appreciate Maharaja Hari Singh and his extraordinary reign, we must rise above the limiting colonial narratives. In this broader view, he emerges as an enlightened sovereign, passionately dedicated to his people's welfare. Amidst challenging socio-political landscapes, his rule became a beacon of transformative reform, laying the foundations for modern Jammu and Kashmir. From progressive agrarian policies to advancements in education, healthcare, policing, and social equality, his visionary legacy illuminates every facet of the state, revealing his profound contributions to its growth and development.

Even from a young age, Maharaja Hari Singh displayed an unwavering sense of duty to his people, earning their admiration long before ascending the throne. During the 1921–22 food crisis that threatened the Valley with famine, it was his strategic insight and tireless efforts that averted catastrophe. His handling of the situation not only saved countless lives but also solidified his place in the hearts of his subjects.

By the time he ascended the throne in 1925, the state was enmeshed in political intrigue, with divisive forces conspiring to unravel the social fabric so carefully nurtured by his predecessors. The agents of the colonial apparatus, along with self-serving political factions, had begun to destabilize the region's syncretic cultural space. A realist with keen insight, Maharaja Hari Singh met these challenges head-on, famously declaring, "I have no religion; my religion is justice." This proclamation was far more than a political gesture—it became the guiding principle of his rule. His actions soon demon-

strated the sincerity of his

words, as seen in his 11-point reform agenda, which aimed to improve education, healthcare, irrigation, forest rights, and land ownership. His liberal outlook and unwavering dedication to public welfare earned him widespread praise, with Kashmiri Muslim organizations hailing him as a "highly enlightened ruler under whose wise and sympathetic guidance the people of this great state are sure to advance in various spheres of human activity."

The welfare of the peasantry was especially close to his heart. In 1926, he enacted the Agriculturist's Relief Regulation, which capped interest rates at 12% per annum to free farmers from the stranglehold of debt. Notably, this progressive law was not only applied to agriculturalists but extended to those in horticulture and pastoral economies, at a time when such reforms were uncommon even in British India. Maharaja Hari Singh didn't stop there—he pioneered a cooperative movement, deploying state officers to educate rural masses about the benefits of cooperative credit. By 1942, the state boasted 1,491 cooperative societies, with a capital of Rs. 24,86,708—a remarkable achievement for the time.

Further social reforms under his rule radically altered Jammu and Kashmir's rural landscape. The Land Alienation Regulation of 1933, along with other legislative measures like the Agriculturists and Land Improvement Act, gave peasants unprecedented rights and protections. His livestock improvement initiatives and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act also reflected his wide-reaching concern for both human and animal welfare.

Maharaja Hari Singh's social reform agenda extended into areas that many rulers hesitated to address, especially the status of women. In 1927 and 1928, he established two Women's Welfare Associations to address issues such as child marriage, widow remarriage, prostitution, and human trafficking. Remarkably, despite his often-tense relationship with the British Empire, he enlisted several Englishmen to aid in these efforts, demonstrating his pragmatic commitment to progress.

One of his most radical reforms, enacted despite fierce opposition, was the removal of social barriers for marginalized groups. He opened public services and temples to the so-called "untouchables" and awarded them special scholarships. His defiance of conservative social mores earned him both criticism and admiration, marking him as a ruler ahead of his time.

In the realm of education, his contributions were equally transformative. He founded numerous schools in rural areas, raised academic standards, and ensured that Muslim teachers were appointed in predominantly Muslim neighborhoods. Responding to demands from the All India Kashmiri Muslim Conference, he introduced free and compulsory primary education and supported female education, following recommendations from the 1938 Education Reorganization Committee. In the sphere of healthcare, too, his initiatives were groundbreaking, significantly improving access to medical services across the state.

The sweeping reforms of Maharaja Hari Singh, a beacon of progress and visionary leadership, were tragically interrupted by the seismic upheaval of 1947. As the British Raj crumbled, Jammu and Kashmir was engulfed in the chaos of partition. In this tumultuous moment, the Maharaja resolutely chose to be part of India, guiding his state onto the path of democratic peace and progress. His courageous decision not only altered the course of history but also left an indelible mark on the legacy of Jammu and Kashmir, affirming his commitment to the welfare and unity of his people. His vision continues to inspire a proud narrative of patriotism, resilience and hope.

When we step back and gaze upon the broader canvas of his life and legacy of Maharaja Hari Singh, we behold a ruler who masterfully navigated the treacherous waters of his era. His legacy is not merely one of loyalty and patriotism; it is a vibrant tapestry woven with the threads of comprehensive reforms, a steadfast stand against colonial exploitation, and a selfless surrender of power for the greater good of his people. In reclaiming his story, we uncover the true essence of a leader who fought not just for his own state, but for the very soul of India itself.

The declaration of a public holiday on Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday, and the growing celebrations in recent years, are heartening signs of recognition—yet they remain but small steps in acknowledging his profound historical significance. What is truly needed, however, is a deeper, critical re-evaluation of Maharaja Hari Singh's life and legacy. The time has come for scholars to undertake an objective study of his multifaceted contributions, using fresh sources and adopting more nuanced perspectives. Maharaja Hari Singh deserves to be remembered not just as a ruler of Jammu and Kashmir, but as one of the most pivotal figures of the 20th century.

This noble task cannot rest solely upon the shoulders of historians and academics; it demands a collective endeavor—a harmonious alliance of educational institutions, civil society, and all who cherish the values he embodied. Together, let us honor Maharaja Hari Singh's memory by restoring him to his rightful place in history, celebrated not just as a monarch, but as a visionary reformer whose enduring legacy continues to inspire. May our voices rise in unison, for the call for recognition is one that must be heard.



Directorate of Sports & Physical Education organizes Intramural Competition



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The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu organized Intramural competition for the students of B.P. Ed & M.P. Ed at Basketball Court of the Directorate.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest on the occasion who interacted with the students in the presence of Dr. Man-deep Singh (Assistant Professor), Vimal Kishore (Assistant Professor), Ravish Vaid, Vikas Karlopiya, Gagan Kumar, S. Harinderpal

Singh, S. Inderjeet Singh, Rishiv Sharma, Richa Mandla, Vandana Sharma.

While addressing the gathering Dr. Daud, congratulated the organizers for organizing such type of Sports event, which will provide an opportunity to the students of the Directorate to come closer to each other besides showing their Sports talent. He also appreciated the participants and officials of the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu. He further added that the Directorate is organizing various Inter-College, Inter-

Universities competitions, for that it is one of the best ways to prepare the students for the competitions. He also emphasized that Sports and games impart a sense of discipline, fellow-feeling and togetherness. Sports and games are the right avenues to channelize energy and vitality of students in a positive direction.

The results of the basketball matches were as follows: the Gold Medal was awarded to M.P. Ed – 3rd Semester, the Silver Medal to M.P. Ed – 1st Semester, and the Bronze Medal to B.P. Ed – 1st Semester.

TLS students champion voting rights through Nukkad Natak



JAMMU:

To raise electoral awareness and voter participation, the students of The Law School, University of Jammu, organized Nukkad Natak titled "Samvidhan Ka Samman, Matdaan Ka Adhikaar." This event was part of the third Prof. V.S. Mallar Memorial Legal Aid Competition, 2024, organized by NLSIU, Bengaluru, and Symbiosis Law School, Pune, in collaboration with the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India. The program attracted an audience from various departments, including notable faculty members, the NSS Unit, and the District SVEEP Team.

Opening the event, Piyush Khajuria, Rishabh, and their team delivered an engaging musical performance that set the tone for the day, emphasizing the crucial role of youth in shaping a democratic society. Their energetic presentation served as a reminder of the importance of active participation in the electoral process.

The highlight of the program was a powerful Nukkad Natak performed by students, which traced the historical journey of voting rights in India, from independence to the present day. The play intricately woven together themes of constitutional rights, the attributes of a good candidate, and the significance of election manifestos. It also addressed contemporary challenges to free and fair elections, ensuring the audience was both informed and engaged. The talented cast, including Suhasni Sharma, Tanvi Bhagat, Janvi Sharma, Diksha Sangra, Bhagirathi, Usman, Raghvendra, Harshika, and Aditya, delivered a spellbinding performance under the expert guidance of Sumet Sharma, Drama Instructor, DSW. Their dedication and creativity brought to life the struggles and achievements associated with voting rights, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.

DSW, CWS organize Natrang play "Naye Yug Ki Naari"

JAMMU:

Department of Students Welfare in collaboration with the Centre for Women's Studies, University of Jammu hosted an outstanding performance of Natrang's hard-hitting play 'Naye Yug Ki Naari' at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu. Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest at the occasion who appreciated the performance for its content, form and amazing vibrant energy of the performers. The play, which was performed in front of a packed house gathering and received standing ovation has been magnificently written and directed by Padmashri Balwant Thakur who is, besides being an eminent theatre personality, also an illustrious alumni of the University of Jammu.

In her welcome address, Prof. Monika Chadha, Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee informed about several new initiatives being introduced by the Department of Students Welfare to vivify the cultural and literary landscape of the University under the dynamic leadership of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai.

The play 'Naye Yug Ki Naari' was produced by Natrang under an initiative aimed at popularising and propagating the art of theatre amongst youth. In this process, Natrang offered an intense theatre training programme to both the women colleges of the city and selected 30 girls were exposed to the various elementary aspects of theatre. Followed by the elementary training they were introduced to



the production process of theatre in which the play 'Naye Yug Ki Naari' was produced under the direction and mentorship of Balwant Thakur.

Play 'Naye Yug Ki Naari' speaks loudly about the new-age women. Opening with a narrative full of depressing stories of the exploitation of women from birth to death, the play depicts the odyssey of women from patri-

archal times-the harrowing experience of the times to her unwavering commitment to be a part of change and transformation. Fact remains that there have been significant achievements in doing away gender inequality, the journey towards dismantling deeply ingrained patriarchy and achieving women empowerment in India in true sense remains arduous. This eye opener play is set

to shake the society and will prompt all to give women the overdue space for growth to make India the most developed nation of the world. The play conveys a very strong message of the women folk seeking mindset of the society.

Balwant Thakur who is known for devising innovative presentation styles, structured the play 'Naye Yug Ki Naari' in a

chorus style. Interestingly in his new style of presentation all performers from beginning to end get the equal opportunity of performance. It is a prerequisite that all learn and prepare the entire script and perform different roles on rotation basis. Whatever may be the number on stage, they are trained in such a manner that even 10% of the participants can perform the entire play with similar effectivity. This new innovation of Balwant Thakur is aimed at revolutionizing the theatre movement which suffers extensively when few amongst the team of performers refuse to turn up for the shows. Artists may come or go, this style of presentation will never allow the play to die and will always strengthen the slogan 'Show Must Go On'.

Prominent poet and composer Brij Mohan significantly collaborated this play musically and the same was supported by senior artist Veerji Sumbli in design and craft. Experienced Neeraj Kant ably assisted Balwant Thakur in mounting this vibrant production whereas Mohd. Yaseen was the coordinator. Others who assisted the shows included Aadesh Dhar and Kushal Bhat

The actors who received accolades, repeated thunderous applause and standing ovations included Pragi Sharma, Aradhana Soodan, Shalini Bhagat, Mahi Verma, Lakshita Devi, Ayushika Rajput, Meenu Sharma, Aakriti Jamwal, Isha Gupta, Harmandeep Kour, Prerna Sharma, Divyanshi Sharma, Kibriya Gohar, Geeta Thakur, Simran Rajput, Simran Bhagat, Palak Thappa, Pooja Thakur and Pratibha Verma.

Bhaderwah Campus hosts Management Club Activity



BHADERWAH:

The School of Management Studies, Bhaderwah Campus successfully organized a vibrant Management Club Activity—an event aimed to enhance student engagement, creativity, and innovation in management practices.

Prof. J.P. Singh Joorel, Rector of Bhaderwah Campus, appreciated the efforts of the students and faculty in organizing a meaningful and educational event. He emphasized the role of co-curricular activities in shaping future leaders, stating, "These events provide a platform for students to not only showcase their talents but also to learn the crucial skills necessary for thriving in the world of management. The level of dedication and passion shown by the students is truly commendable and reflects the quality of education being imparted at Bhaderwah Campus."

Dr. Umesh Choudhary I/C Head Department of Management, while inaugurating the event, lauded the collective ef-

forts of the students, faculty, and staff for their contributions toward making the event a resounding success. In his keynote address, he encouraged students to actively participate in future activities, emphasizing the importance of personal development and self-grooming in the corporate world. His interactive session highlighted the significance of creativity and innovation, which was further demonstrated through engaging activities with the students.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across various programs, including BBA, B.Com, and MBA, with Tanvi Choudhary serving as the master of ceremonies. The program featured a series of insightful presentations delivered by students on a wide range of contemporary topics.

Key highlights of the event included an impactful presentation by Nitin, a B.Com 3rd Semester student, on the societal issue of Drug Abuse, discussing its consequences and

preventive measures. Riya, a BBA student gave a presentation on Latest Trends in Business, offering an overview of recent developments in the business world. Prakarti, an MBA 1st Semester student, inspired the audience with Success Stories of Women Entrepreneurs from Jammu and Kashmir, showcasing their resilience and innovation. Sameer Mehta, MBA 1st Semester student, shared insights on Emerging Trends in Management, highlighting strategies shaping the future of business. Simran, a BBA 3rd Year student, addressed the vital topic of Hygiene in Society, emphasizing its role in personal and public health. Arbaz, a B.Com 3rd Semester student, concluded the presentations with General Knowledge Tips, broadening the audience's awareness on diverse subjects.

The event saw the presence of several faculty members who actively contributed to the success of the event with their support and encouragement.

Learning Management System Workshop organized at Udhampur Campus



UDHAMPUR

To enhance teaching methodologies and embrace technology-driven education, Udhampur Campus organized a comprehensive workshop on Learning Management System (LMS). Aimed to equip with the knowledge and skills necessary to leverage LMS effectively in their teaching practices, the participants, comprising students and faculty members, gained valuable insights into the implementation of LMS to create engaging and interactive online learning environments.

In his virtual message to the audience, Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Rector, Udhampur Campus, highlighted the significance of adopting LMS in higher education. He emphasized its role in fostering a dynamic and inclusive learning environment, allowing faculty members to cater to diverse learning styles and preferences. Nikhil Khajuria, lecturer, Udhampur campus, conducted the workshop's proceedings. He acquainted the students with the registration process on the LMS portal.

He also familiarized the students with the various features of LMS like assignments, courses offered, attendance, profile editing, schedule of classes, etc. Also for the faculty, he covered various aspects of LMS, including course content creation, student engagement strategies, assessment tools, and data analytics. At the end, he resolved queries and doubts of the students. Other faculty members attended the workshop were Taruna Dubey, Dr. Jyotishna, Dr. Sunita Sumbria, Dr. Jyoti, Dr. Som Raj.

Awareness program under SVEEP initiative held

BHADERWAH:

Bhaderwah Campus organized a comprehensive awareness program under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative at Lal Ded Auditorium. The program aimed at educating students and faculty about the significance of electoral participation. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teaching faculty, and staff from all departments of the Bhaderwah Campus.

The Superintendent of Police, Bhaderwah, Vinod Sharma (JKPS), graced the occasion as the chief guest. In his address, SP Bhaderwah emphasized the pivotal role that students can play as ambassadors of the SVEEP initiative. He urged the students to actively spread awareness among their families and communities about the importance of voting and also highlighted the critical role of voters in the formation of a new government.

In his message, Rector Bhaderwah Campus, Prof. J P Singh Joorel, emphasized the crucial importance of participating in the electoral process.



He highlighted that the right to vote is a fundamental aspect of democracy, empowering citizens to shape their governance. Prof. Joorel encouraged everyone to take pride in exercising this right, reminding them that a healthy democracy relies on the active involvement of its people. By casting their vote, individuals contribute to the

strength and transparency of the democratic system, he added.

The program also featured insightful talks by Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Head, Institute of Mountain Environment, Bhaderwah Campus, and Dr. Kuljeet Singh, Academic Coordinator Bhaderwah Campus. Both speakers highlighted the

vital role of an informed electorate in the success of a democratic system. They emphasized that voters must be well-versed in the electoral process and the significance of their participation, as it directly impacts the governance and future of the nation. Their addresses encouraged students to not only engage in the voting

process but also to educate others about the importance of making informed choices during elections.

Students from the Department of Education Ayushi Gupta, Komal Thakur, Shalini, and Shariq also shared their perspectives on the electoral process, emphasizing the power of individual votes in shaping the future of society.

Present on the occasion were Dr. Kuljit Singh, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Rakesh Sharma, Dr. Umesh Choudhary, Dr. Shayan Javed, Dr. Abid Sarwar, Bablu Sharma, Dr. Ashok Sharma, Dr. Amir, Dr. Atif Qazi, Dr. Sundus Qayoom, Dr. Raashidah Qazi, Dr. Ashok Sharma, Neetu Parihar, Renu Devi and Vimal Kumar.

The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Shayan Javed, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, who appreciated the participation of students and faculty, media in this vital initiative. The event concluded with a pledge from all attendees to promote the electoral process and ensure widespread voter participation in the upcoming elections.

IIC-DESJU hold interactive lecture 'Empowering India's Net Zero Goals: Innovative Climate Actions'

JAMMU:

The Institution Innovation Council (IIC) in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Jammu, organized an interactive lecture on 'Empowering India's Net Zero Goals: Innovative Climate Actions'.

In his keynote address, Dr. Sanjeev Anand, Assistant Professor, School of Energy Management and Innovation Ambassador, IIC, SMVDU, Katra, emphasized the critical role of innovation in achieving India's ambitious climate goals. He expounded India's commitment to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2070, as pledged at the COP26 climate summit.



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Dr Anand discussed various innovative strategies, including the adoption of renewable

energy, sustainable agriculture; electric mobility and carbon capture technologies, which are essential to drive

the nation towards its net-zero targets.

He also emphasized the role of youth, research institutions and industries in accelerating climate action and the significance of collaborations among them.

Discussing the importance of local solutions, tailored to India's diverse ecological and socio-economic landscapes, Dr Anand said achieving net-zero is not just a governmental responsibility but a collective societal effort requiring contributions from all sectors.

In her welcome address, Prof Veenu Kaul, President, Institution's Innovation Council, JU, highlighted the importance of academia and innovation in tackling the global climate crisis.

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Others present during the event were Prof. Piyush Malaviya, HoD Environment Sciences, Prof. Parmil Kumar, HoD Statistics and Vice President, IIC, University of Jammu, Dr. Deepika Salathia and members of IIC, JU Drs. Sunil Kumar, Pramod Kumar Singh, Rakesh Kumar Attri, Ripu Dhaman Parihar, Romica Verma and Sajan Thakur.

In his concluding remarks Prof. Parmil Kumar emphasized on the event being a significant step towards developing awareness among the young students about the need to devise actionable strategies for climate resilience and sustainability for India's vision of a greener future.

Dhanvantri Library holds LibSys-10 modules training program

JAMMU:

To enhance the technical and operational skills of library professionals, Dhanvantri Library University of Jammu held LibSys-10 Modules Training Program, which culminated in a Certificate Distribution Ceremony.

Registrar JU Prof. Rahul Gupta distributed certificates among the participants.

Addressing the participants, the Registrar, who was Chief Guest on the occasion, acknowledged the efforts of the Incharge Librarian and the Library Staff and emphasised the importance of continuous learning and professional development.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vikram Sahi, Incharge Librarian highlighted the significance of the training program, saying this comprehensive initiative is aimed at empowering participants with advanced knowledge of the LibSys Software, covering various aspects of Library Management, including cataloging,



circulation, acquisition and the Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC). The program is part of the Dhanvantri Library's ongoing efforts to stay at the forefront of Library Automation and digitalisation, ensuring efficient management and access to resources.

During the event, 46 participants, including 10 Officers and 36 Library Professionals, were awarded certificates by the

Chief Guest. Additionally, three Appreciation Certificates were awarded to recognize the remarkable performance of Library Professionals in the Jammu University Employees Tournament.

The Chief Guest also lauded the Academic Activities Committee, led by Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Deputy Librarian for dedication and efforts in making the program a success.

Arboriculture & Landscaping Unit organises 4-day plantation activity



JAMMU

Under four-day plantation activity, organized by the Arboriculture and Landscaping Unit, over 800 saplings of diverse ornamental and fruit plants of Molsari, China palm, Excoecaria, Terminalia, Hamelia, Murraya, Hibiscus, Loropetalum, Traveller's palm, Parijat, Kinnow, Mosambi, Lime, Star fruit, etc. were planted in lawns near the National Flag located at the University of Jammu and residential area of the University. Prof. Piyush Malaviya, Convener, Arboriculture and Landscaping Committee, Prof. Parmil Kumar, member, Mr. Ajmer Singh, Landscape Development Officer, and the staff members of Arboriculture and Landscaping Unit enthusiastically participated in the plantation activity.

Workshop on 'Gender Sensitization; Prevention of Violence' held

JAMMU:

The Centre for Women's Studies (CWS) organized an interactive workshop on gender sensitization for P.G students and scholars of the School of Bio-Technology.

Director CWS Prof. (Dr.) Savita Nayyar, and Faculty Ms. Kunzang Angmo were the resource persons.

Speaking on the theme "Gender Sensitization; Prevention of Violence", Prof. (Dr.) Nayyar, elaborated on the concept of sexual harassment and the practice of various forms of violence against women.

She gave an overview about the Sexual Harassment Committees constituted in the educational institutions and highlighted its working and importance.

While interacting with the participants, she also shared few landmark Case-Studies related to Sexual



Harassment.

Ms. Kunzang Angmo, faculty, gave a vivid presentation on the theme and explained the concept of sex and gender with the help of

activities. She elaborated on the concept of Gender Roles, Gender Stereotypes, Gender Typing and various causes of gender discrimination and inequality in the soci-

ety.

She also gave a video presentation on the concept of consent.

In her welcome address, Dr. Saranjit Kaur, faculty,

CWS explained the importance of conducting such workshops and threw light on the efforts taken to create gender awareness among students and scholars of the university.

Prof. Sanajana Kaul, Director, School of Bio-Technology, in her opening remarks spoke about the importance of such workshops and applauded the efforts of the Centre. She described such workshops as an important part of formal education, saying these not only change the perspective of individuals but also make society more inclusive.

Large number of students, scholars and faculty members from the Department of Bio-Technology enthusiastically participated in the workshop.

Prof. Madhulika Baghat, faculty, School of Bio-Technology, presented the formal vote of thanks.

Four -day induction ceremony concludes at TLS

JAMMU:

The Law School, Jammu University organized a comprehensive four-day induction ceremony for first-semester BA LLB (5 Year) students. Aimed at fostering a sense of belonging and guiding students in their academic journey, the program included expert-led sessions on various aspects of student life, emphasizing academic excellence, human values, and professional ethics as part of the UGC's Mulya Pravah 2.0 initiative on ethical education.

After formal introduction by the newcomers and getting an idea regarding their motivations for pursuing a career in law, the first day of the induction ceremony commenced with an orientation on National Service Scheme (NSS), National Cadet Corps (NCC), and Bharat Scouts &



Guides, led by experts like Prof. (Dr.) Vishav Raksha (Convener, NSS, University of Jammu), Prof. (Dr.) Renu Nanda (Commissioner, Rangers J&K and Ladakh), Mr. Haroon Malik, and Dr. Isha Sharma (Coordinator, NCC) highlighting the activities available under these programs.

The second day featured a crucial interaction on "Nurturing Caring Lawyers: Professional Ethics & Responsibility" led by Senior Advocate

D.S. Chauhan, who emphasized the lawyer's role as a guardian of the Constitution and the importance of integrity and knowledge. Following this, Prof. (Dr.) Savita Nayyar, Director, Centre for Women Studies, JU conducted a session on Gender Sensitization, addressing gender roles and their societal implications.

The third day was dedicated to an engaging alumni interaction with seven distinguished graduates who

shared their experiences and insights viz. Naveed Anjum (Senior Prosecuting Officer), Advocate Meenakshi Slathia, Arshad Noomani (JKAS), Advocate Nitin Parihar, Dr. Pallavi Mathavan Puri, Advocate Meenu Padha and Dr. Nitin Sharma. They provided a beautiful analogy comparing the diverse offerings of law school to the sea, where each student can find something valuable, whether it be knowledge, skills, or memories.

The induction program concluded with an important awareness session on Drug Abuse and its Prevention, organized by JKSPYM in collaboration with NISD, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The session featured discussions on the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan, Drug education, and the legal framework surrounding narcotics, led by experts like Pallavi

Singh, Project Director JKSPYM, Dr. Vinay Kumar, Sr. Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social Work, Central University of Jammu and Advocate Kapil Sharma, High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

The induction ceremony was a dynamic event, with students actively engaging with speakers through questions and thoughtful discussions. Faculty and senior students worked diligently to create a supportive atmosphere for newcomers, helping them navigate their academic journey. Dr. Seema Rohmetra, Director, The Law School, JU, highlighted the importance of such programs in fostering responsible citizenship. By exposing students to diverse perspectives in social, legal, and political realms, these initiatives contribute significantly to their overall personal development.

GCTF- JUorganizes Plantation drive under “एक पेड़ मां के नाम” campaign



JAMMU

The Green Campus Task Force (GCTF-JU) and the Department of Environmental Sciences, in collaboration with the Arboriculture and Landscaping Unit, University of Jammu organized a plantation drive in the University Campus as part of a one-day special plantation drive called by the University Grants Commission under the “एक पेड़ मां के नाम / Plant4Mother” campaign initiated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on World Environment Day 2024. During this event, more than hundred traditional, medicinal, and ornamental saplings were planted at various locations on the main Campus of the University of Jammu. Prof. Piyush Malaviya, Head, Department of Environmental Sciences, Dr. Deepika Slathia, Member Secretary, GCTF-JU, Dr. Ravinder Kumar, Mr. Ajmer Singh, Landscape Development Officer, students from the Department of Environmental Sciences, volunteers of GCTF-JU and the staff from the Arboriculture and Landscaping Unit actively participated in the plantation activity.

ICccR & HRM organize One - week “Induction and Personality Development Programme”



JAMMU

“One - week Induction and Personality development Programme” for the students of MBA (IB) was organized at International Centre for Cross Cultural Research and Human Resource Management (ICccR& HRM). The intent of programme was to introduce the students the academic, social, and professional aspects of pursuing an MBA (IB) programme at ICccR& HRM and to the ethos of our institution, its values, and the rich learning experiences that await them.

With an objective to provide a comprehensive orientation to students, ensuring a deep understanding of the institution's vision, mission, and values, the programme offered a holistic overview of the MBA (IB) curriculum, specialization options, academic policies, and extracurricular opportunities

thereby enabling the students to align themselves with University of Jammu ethos and chart their academic path effectively. Further, the induction and personality development programme focused on recognizing the importance of holistic development of the students by nurturing personal and professional growth with workshops on self-awareness, personality profiling, goal-setting, ice breaking sessions, stress management, career planning, and resume building. By fostering self-reflection, enabling students to set meaningful goals, and equipping them with the requisite career planning tools, the programme ensured that students are well-prepared to make apt decisions and excel in their chosen career paths in industry.

Prof. Alka Sharma, Dean Business Studies, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest in the inaugural function

of the Induction and Personality Development Programme. In her address, the Prof. Sharma briefed the students about the importance of management and inculcating it as a way of life. She emphasized the need for incorporating IT skills, communication skills, data analytical skills, problem solving and critical thinking for holistic development of the students.

Prof. Hardeep Chahal, Director, ICccR& HRM, University of Jammu during her remarks, highlighted the significance of international business management in today's globalised economy. She expressed satisfaction for the conduct of Induction Programme with speakers and resource person from different specializations and expertise, thereby making programme an inclusive platform for students to develop their competencies and envision the future ahead.

Hands-on training on Information Technology under DES held

KATHUA

Kathua Campus organized hands-on training on Information Technology under Dynamic Education Series (DES).

The initiative aimed to provide real-world exposure to students from Government Girls High School Nagri (Kathua), who visited the Kathua Campus as part of their industrial visit.

The visit began with a warm welcome by the faculty members of the Kathua Campus, followed by interactive sessions. The students engaged with faculty members, gained insights into the latest trends and technologies in Information Technology. The sessions provided the students with hands-on exposure to real-time applications and learning, giving them a glimpse into the workings of the IT industry. From laboratories equipped with cutting-edge technology to research centres fostering innovation, the students witnessed first-hand conducive learning environments provided by the institution. The establish-



ment of various laboratories and infrastructure showcased the campus's high-tech technological resources, enabling the students to witness the integration of academic learning with modern technological advancements. The exchange of ideas and experiences served to inspire and motivate the students, encouraging them to explore

their interests and pursue academic excellence.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus (JU) interacted with the visiting students. He emphasized the importance of such initiatives, highlighting how they play a crucial role in providing students with a platform to apply their classroom knowledge in practical, real-

world scenarios. He said that exposure to industry settings and hands-on experience is vital for young minds to understand the true scope of their academic studies. He further encouraged students to utilize such opportunities, as they help preparing them for future challenges in the professional world. Prof. Jasrotia reiterated that Kathua

Campus is committed in providing quality education and fostering innovation, it strives to empower students with the knowledge and skills required to meet the challenges of the ever-evolving technological landscape.

Dr. Sourabh Shastri, I/c Head, MCA, Kathua Campus (JU) welcomed the teachers and students and gave a detailed view of the campus's vibrant environment. He stressed that such initiatives continue to strengthen the relationship between the institution and the surrounding community, promoting education and inspiring young minds to explore their potential in technology.

Dr. Sunny Sharma, Pranav Ratta, Gourav Sharma, Avni Sharma and Dr. Bharti Rana delivered captivating lectures.

Dr. Shivani Sharma, Dr. Nomita Sharma, Dr. Ritu Sharma, Er. Amarjeet Chopra, Er. Jeewanjot, Er. Rakshit Khajuria interacted with students explaining the range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses offered at the Campus.



The Law School fosters practical learning with court visit

JAMMU:

To supplement theoretical knowledge with real-world insights, The Law School, University of Jammu organized a court visit for its 6th-semester students, an experiential endeavor aimed at prioritising practical experience and fostering a deeper understanding of the legal landscape.

The students remained engaged in an immersive observation of civil and criminal proceedings, witnessing first-hand the dynamics of courtroom interactions, judicial decision-making, and legal advocacy. They also interacted with practicing lawyers, gaining practical tips and invaluable advice on navigating the legal profession.

A memorable highlight was an interactive session with Hon'ble District Judge Haq-nawaz Zargar, Anti-Corruption Court, Jammu, who emphasized the significance of hard work, punctuality, honesty, and consistency in achieving success in the legal field.

This mentorship opportunity inspired students to adopt these values in their future careers. The students attended High Court proceedings, specifically in the courts presided over by Hon'ble Justice Sanjeev Kumar

and Hon'ble Justice Sindhu Sharma, providing a unique opportunity to observe the learned and experienced judges in action.

The visit was meticulously coordinated by Dr. Rajneesh Khajuria, Dr. Pallvi Mathavan Puri, Dr. Mool Raj, and Dr. Nitin Sharma, Faculty members, The Law School.

"By prioritizing practical experience, this immersive experience will shape the students' perspectives on the legal profession and inspire them to become competent, ethical, and practice-ready legal professionals", said Dr. Seema Rohmetra, Director, The Law School.

JU organizes lectures on "Gender Sensitization" and "Cyber Crime"



JAMMU

Under the aegis of Chemical Society of PG Department of Chemistry, University of Jammu, two lectures were organised in the Seminar Hall of Department of Computer Science by Department of Chemistry, University of Jammu. Lectures began with the formal introduction by Vaishali Thakur, student of M.Sc. Sem-III and welcome address was delivered by Prof. H.N. Sheikh, Head, Dept. of Chemistry. The first lecture was delivered by Prof. Savita Nayar (Director, Centre for Women Studies), Department of Law, on "Gender Sensitization". She sensitized the audience about the gender issues, such as harassment at workplace, domestic violence, etc. She guided students about various aspects of gender sensitization as to how we can foster it in our professional spaces. She emphasized upon how to file the complaint in case of harassment

at workplace. Yaseen Kichloo (SSP Cyber Crime Institute for Excellence, Jammu) delivered the second lecture on "Cyber Crime". He informed audience about the evolving landscape of cyber threats and crimes in view of increasing dependence on digital platforms for various social and professional activities. He also sensitized the audience about the need to remain informed, vigilant and proactive to safeguard themselves from cyber threats and crimes. The students actively participated in the discussions. Session concluded with the vote of thanks by Vaishali Thakur. Faculty members who joined the session were Prof. Kamal K. Kapoor, Prof. Satya Paul, Prof. D.S. Sambyal, Dr. Monika Gupta, Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Dr. Kuldeep Raj Sharma, Dr. Riahc Singhal, Dr. Nitika Sharma and Dr. Amir Fayaz. Scholars, students and non-teaching staff also joined the sessions.

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JU is new rising sun

The inaugural issue of the 'Jammu University Times', a monthly e-newsletter published by the Media Cell of the University was released as high-light of the occasion.

Prof. Rai said the e-newsletter will serve as an invaluable resource for JU fraternity and public about the University and provide internship opportunities to the students.

Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu, commended the University's achievements under Prof. Rai's leadership, particularly the institution's impressive performance in the NIRF rankings and its role in implementing the National Education Policy (NEP).

Prof. Manoj Gaur, Director IIT Jammu, highlighted JU's journey, saying these achievements are a reminder of the glorious past. He praised the University's present NIRF ranking, attributing it to the dynamism of the Jammu University fraternity. Prof. Gaur further acknowledged JU's legacy of producing notable personalities.

Prof. Pragiti Kumar, Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, congratulated all stakeholders, recognizing their contributions to JU's success and offered unconditional support for the further implementation of the NEP.

Earlier, Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affair presented a formal welcome address. On the occasion, former employees including Prof YR Malhotra, former Vice Chancellor of the University of Jammu, Kulbushan Gupta, former Confidential Assistant in Examination, Raj Kumar, former section officer, Punjab Singh, former Jamadar, Dayal Chand, former maali, Kurku Ram, former Head Security and Shakina, former sanitation worker were felicitated.

Serving employees, Prof KS Charak and Vinod Bali were felicitated for their contributions in

Design Your Degree and NAAC preparations, respectively. Students from sports, NCC and NSS were also felicitated for their achievements.

The event was marked by the cultural performances in which students from the University departments participated. The dance was led by Neetika Aggarwal and song and Ghazal by Suraj Singh. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar, University of Jammu and Prof. Garima Gupta, conducted the proceedings of the event. Prominent among others present on the occasion included Prof Vinod Kumar, Fellow of Indian National Science Academy, Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning and Development, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Pankaj K. Srivastava, Director DD&OE, Deans of various faculties, heads of various departments, faculty members and students.

Kunwer Viyogi Memorial

to lead the way in cultivating this cultural pride.

Prof Rai highlighted the University's initiatives to promote Jammu's rich culture and heritage through various clubs and activities. He pointed to the success of the inaugural event, Dogar Darpan, which celebrated Dogra culture, followed by the focus on Pahari culture in the second year.

This year's theme, 'Jammuriyat' will bring forth a series of events that showcase the region's vibrant history, heritage, and arts. Prof. Rai also informed about the launch of the University's monthly newsletter, Jammu University Times, saying the effort is aimed at generating awareness about Jammu's cultural legacy. The Vice Chancellor emphasized the need to integrate technology into education, urging departments like Dogri to incorporate AI and interdisciplinary approaches, propelling the region onto both national and international platforms.

Prof. Rai also distributed scholarships to Dogri toppers – Shikha Sharma and Rahul Singh and to English topper Sparsh Dubey. Poonam Singh Jamwal, Founder of the KVM Trust, announced that in 2025, which marks the 10th anniversary of the Kunwar Viyogi Utsav, she will officially entrust Jammu with the responsibility of preserving Kunwar Viyogi's legacy. "Just as Bengal has Tagore, Jammu has its own Viyogi. Why should we look to Europe or quote Shakespeare when we have a literary treasure like Viyogi? While Shakespeare wrote 300 sonnets, Viyogi has gifted Jammu 2,000. Now, it's time for Jammu to come together and protect his legacy", she added. Prof. Sucheta Pathania, Dean Faculty of Arts and Head Department of Dogri welcomed the guests and complimented the Kunwar Viyogi Memorial Trust for their dedication to preserve the legacy of Dogri poet and cultural icon, Kunwar Viyogi.

"It is a pleasure to be part of this remarkable event that not only commemorates Kunwar Viyogi Ji's work but also fosters a deeper connection with our cultural heritage", said Prof. Pathania.

Prominent Dogri writer Padma Shri Mohan Singh also delivered a lecture on Kunwar Viyogi, which was followed by a session of Kavi Goshti, held by Duggar Manch. A monograph on the celebrated poet was also inaugurated. KVM Trust Chairman Goverdhan Singh Jamwal, delivered the vote of thanks. Faculty members present on the occasion included Prof. Ravinder Singh, Head Dept. of English, Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee Prof. Monika Sethi, Prof. Sushma Sharma, HoD Journalism Prof. Garima Gupta, HoD Sanskrit RK Shukla, Dr. Padam Dev Singh, Dr. Sandeep Dubey, Dr. Radha Devi Sharma, Dr. Satyapriya, Dr. Pritam Singh, Dr. Harjinder Singh and Dr. Neeraj Sharma besides prominent citizens of the civil society, eminent Dogri writers and artists.

UIET, Kathua Campus conducts one-week Student Induction Program

KATHUA:

A week long Student Induction Program, organised by the UIET Kathua Campus concluded on September 4, 2024. The event was, aimed at easing the transition of newly admitted students into the college, fostering a sense of belonging, and preparing them for the exciting academic journey ahead.

The concluding ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus (JU), who delivered an inspiring address to the students. The one-week induction program, organized by UIET, was packed with a variety of activities designed to acquaint students with the institute's culture, academic environment, and support systems.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, in his address, encouraged the students to study diligently, and focus on building a bright future. He emphasized the importance of hard work, perseverance, and a positive attitude in achieving academic and personal success. Further he motivated the students to focus on their long-term goals and encouraged them to envision a bright future. He also urged the students to utilize the resources, faculty expertise, and peer support available to them.

The program commenced with a formal inauguration ceremony in the presence of Dr. Rocky Gupta, I/c Principal, UIET on August 28th, 2024, followed by a series of orientation sessions that provided detailed insights into the academic curriculum, examination procedures, and campus facilities. Throughout the week, students participated in different interactive sessions, workshops, and extracurricular activities that promote teamwork, creativity, and personal growth. These activities included group discussions, team-building exercises, and cultural events that allowed students to showcase their talents and interact with their peers and faculty members in a relaxed and informal setting.

On the inauguration day, Dr.



Pooja Sharma, Sr. Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, SMVDU gave a lecture on "Cyber-Crime" and Dr. Saurabh Shastri, Sr. Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & IT, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu delivered a lecture on "Problem Solving through Coding". After the session, the new batch was taken on departmental visit and campus tour covering labs, workshop and hostels.

The second day was marked by a blend of physical well-being and interactive sports activities, aimed at promoting a healthy and active lifestyle among the new

students. The day started with an invigorating Yoga Session led by Shallini Gupta, a well-known yoga instructor. After the yoga session, students were encouraged to take part in a variety of Sports Activities organized by UIET faculty. The student engagement activities included games like Chess, Carrom, Table Tennis and Quiz Competition, providing an opportunity for students to showcase their athletic skills and engage in team-building exercises. Further two faculty members of UIET: Dr. Nisha Choudhary and Er. Jeewanjot delivered a lecture to the students.

The third day was marked by

insightful and motivational lectures delivered by esteemed Faculty members from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu. The event featured two distinguished speakers: Dr. Vinit Jakhetiya, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) and Dr. Rajendra K. Varma, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering.

The lectures were aimed at guiding the newly inducted students on their career paths and providing them with valuable insights into their respective fields. Both speakers emphasized the importance of continuous learning,

practical experience, and a commitment to societal betterment in their respective fields. Following the expert lectures, Dr. Ritu Sharma, faculty of UIET too interacted with the students.

As part of the Student Induction Program, an outside field visit was organized on the 4th day to enhance the students' understanding of local area, and history. The students were taken to two significant places: Jasrota Temple and Ujh dam. The visit was aimed at fostering interaction among the students while providing them with practical insights into regional heritage and infrastructure.

The 5th day of the Student Induction Program was marked by a series of insightful activities and two expert lectures. The first lecture of the day was delivered by Mohit Sharma, Founder & Director SudansTechnocrats Foundation and Midway, a seasoned expert in technology and innovation, who spoke on the topic of hackathons and the second expert lecture, was conducted by Amit Sharma, Assistant Professor, Kathua Campus (JU) who focused on the topic Human to Machine. Later in an interactive session, Er. Vishavjeet Singh and Er. Ritika Gupta, the faculty members of UIET interacted with the students.

On the last day of the One Week Induction Program, a session by the Art of Living on "Mental Peace and Meditation" was organized for the students. After the session, the resource person Paramveer Nandal, an alumnus of IIT Jammu and Founder and CEO of Techible and Nucleon conducted an expert lecture on the topic "College Life, Diverse Skills and Career Pathways".

The Chief Guest along with other dignitaries felicitated the students and winners of the Sports activities.

The one week Student Induction Program was conducted under the convenorship of Dr. Shivani Sharma, Dr. Seema Jamwal, Er. Sushant Gagal, Er. Amarjeet Chopra and Er. Sourav Gupta.

4 J&K BN NCC Cadets of Kathua Campus, participate in All India Thal Sainik Camp-2024



KATHUA

Two cadets from the Kathua Campus of the University of Jammu took part in the esteemed Thal Sainik Camp - 2024 in New Delhi, a significant achievement for each of them. Following a thorough selection process, two cadets from Kathua Campus, University of Jammu, namely Cadet Nishant Manhas and Cadet Vikrant Singh, were selected to attend the camp, which took place from September 2nd to 13th, 2024, in

New Delhi. These cadets achieved a significant milestone by being selected from numerous Pre-TSC camps and ultimately joining the JK&L Directorate TSC 2024 contingent. The Rector of Kathua Campus, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, commended the cadets for their active involvement and facilitated them for their achievement. ANO Lt. Amit Sharma also recognized their hard work and encouraged them to continue their participation in future prestigious National camps.

CO 4 J&K BN NCC visits Kathua Campus

KATHUA

Commanding Officer 4 J&K BN NCC, Col. Kuldeep Kachru, made a historic first visit to the Kathua campus and had an exclusive interaction with the cadets.

The Commanding Officer was welcomed by Lt. Amit Sharma, ANO and Dr Pankaj Khajuria, Assistant Registrar, Kathua campus. The newly raised Kathua Campus NCC unit's accomplishments were presented by the ANO.

The visit of the Commanding Officer was marked by an engaging session with the NCC cadets, who had the opportunity to interact directly with the senior officer.

The Commanding Officer addressed the cadets and inspired them to strive for excellence in their NCC training and to be prepared to serve the nation with dedication and commitment. He emphasized the values of teamwork and perseverance, which resonated with the aspiring leaders. His words of encouragement and motivation left a lasting impres-



sion on the cadets.

Rector, Kathua Campus, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia in his message said that such interactions with the cadets are very essential for their personality development.

Col. Kachru also engaged in an interactive Q&A session where he answered queries regarding career opportunities in the defence forces.

Students of Psychology visit Boria Basti, Bahu Fort

JAMMU:

The students from the Department of Psychology, University of Jammu embarked on an eye-opening field visit to Boria Basti, Bahu Fort, Jammu, which provides shelter for the homeless and helps them to reunite with their families.

Under the guidance of Dr. Sarita Sood, a faculty at the Department of Psychology, the visit was organized as part of the academic curriculum. It aimed to give students firsthand exposure to the psychological and social challenges faced by the homeless and marginalized population. The primary objective of the visit was to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-life applications of psychology in community settings. The students made observations to gain a deeper understanding of the mental health issues that often accompany homelessness and their exist-



tial crisis.

The field visit provided the students an opportunity to interact with the residents and staff. Students participated in discussions about the psychological impact of homelessness in pres-

ent situations that includes mental health challenges such as stress, depression, anxiety, and psychological ailments. The residents shared their personal stories, highlighting the difficult circumstances that led to their cur-

rent situations. The students got an insight into how trauma, and lack of affordable housing are interconnected issues that contribute to development of major psychological illnesses, gaining a deeper understanding of how psy-

chology plays a critical role in addressing these problems.

This visit to the shelter has inspired the students to provide psychological aid and services to the inmates of the shelter home. They expressed interest in volunteering at the shelter in the near future, furthering their contribution to society while gaining valuable experience in the field.

The staff and residents welcomed the students warmly. For the residents, it was an opportunity to share life experiences, concerns and receive support from a new generation of mental health professionals while for the students, it was a valuable lesson in the importance of understanding and compassion. It being the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, all joined the residents in celebrations too. The field visit was facilitated by Ms. Paru Manchanda, alumni of the Department of Psychology and NSS volunteer.

Awareness program on prevention of sexual harassment organized by JUICCASH



JAMMU:

Jammu University internal complaints committee against sexual harassment (JUICCASH) initiated a series of awareness programmes on prevention of sexual harassment in Educational institutions for newly admitted students. The first lecture in this series was organised for 1st semester students of faculty of life sciences in Department of Botany. Sheetal Nanda (IAS) Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare, Government of Jammu and Kashmir was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Advocate Pooja Uppal from High Court was the resource person.

Prof. Namrata Sharma, Presiding officer, JUICCASH welcomed the guests and students and made them aware of the mandate of the committee. Advocate Pooja Uppal made the audience aware of the various provisions of laws regarding sexual harassment in Educational institutions. Speaking on the occasion, Sheetal Nanda emphasised the rights of every individual to complain against sexual harassment. Her motivational address included her being an alumnus of Jammu University and her efforts to safeguard women against any sort of harassment.

Dr. Bindu Sangra, a member of JUICCASH apprised the students about intricacies of laws for safeguarding rights of every student.

The event was attended by 1st semester students of Departments of Botany, Zoology, Environmental sciences, and School of Biotechnology. Prof. Susheel Verma, Head of Department of Botany, Professor Venu Kaul, Dr. Sikander Pal, Dr. Geeta, Dr. Harish, Dr. Skarma, Dr. Sheetal, Dr. Tarsem and other faculty members as well as all members of JUICCASH were also present. The stage proceedings were handled by Aroosa Matto, scholar member of JUICCASH.

DLL celebrates International Literacy Day

JAMMU:

Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu celebrated International Literacy day. Prof. Prakash Narayan, Head Department of Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi was the key speaker on the occasion whereas Prof. Sangeeta Gupta, Dean Social Sciences, University of Jammu presided over the proceedings.

Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Director, Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu introduced the guest speaker and illustrated upon the work and contributions of the speaker in the field of literacy and adult education. Speaking on the occasion Prof. Narayan discussed about corporate social responsibility and the role of educators in the globalized world. He focused on the role of educators in shaping social responsibility: bridging academia, community and industry gaps. He also



highlighted the pivotal role of educators globally in integrating CSR, especially in bridging the gap between academia, industry and community. Prof. Narayan reflected on International CSR Education model and suggested strategies for effective collaboration in interdisciplinary research and incentivizing industry participation.

Prof. Sangeeta Gupta in her remarks emphasized upon the 2024

UNESCO goals on literacy and reiterated the need to continually work upon the issue to reach the targets envisaged. She congratulated the organizers for choosing International Literacy Day to deliberate upon corporate social responsibility and role of educators in the globalized world.

Dr. Vivek Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning presented the formal Vote of thanks.

Vistas of Creativity: Poster making competition marks In'l Week of Deaf

JAMMU

The Department of Home Science (Human Development), University of Jammu, hosted a vibrant and thought-provoking Poster Making Competition to celebrate the International Week for the Deaf. The event, themed "Vistas of Creativity", aimed to raise awareness about the Deaf community and their contributions to society, while also providing a platform for students with special needs to express their ingenuity and creativity.

Children of the J&K Samaj Kalyan School for hearing impaired, Shaheedi Chowk, Jammu showcased their artistic talents through posters that vividly captured the essence of their Deaf experience. Each entry emphasized themes of inclusivity, empowerment, and the importance of breaking communication barriers. Some of the posters portrayed the beauty of sign language, while others focused on the challenges faced by the Deaf community in their everyday lives.

Prof. Sarika Manhas, Head of the Department of Home Science and Coordinator Disability Initiatives, University of Jammu



inaugurated the event, highlighting the importance of sensitizing the society especially the youth to the issues and rights of the Deaf community.

"This competition is not just about art; it's about using creativity as a medium to communicate and advocate for a more inclusive society. We are proud to be part of the global movement supporting the Deaf community," she remarked in her opening speech.

50 hearing impaired children participated in the event and were judged by a panel of esteemed faculty members. The winning posters were recognized for their originality and impactful messages. The top entries will be displayed in the De-

partment of Home Science providing a platform for ongoing dialogue about the experiences of deaf individuals.

The event concluded with a brief address by Prof. Rajni Dhingra, former Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu who commended the efforts of the Home Science Department and encouraged students to actively participate in such initiatives. She emphasized the need to foster an inclusive environment on campus and in society at large. She mentioned that such events not only promote creativity but also spread a message of inclusivity and respect for diversity.

Sh. Roshan Bhan, Principal of J&K Samaj Kalyan School for hearing impaired graced the occasion with his presence. The teachers of the school Neelam, and Geetanjali were also present on the occasion. Team of research scholars and students of the Department of Home Science helped in successful conduct of the competition.

The competition was a part of multiple community outreach activities that the University of Jammu undertakes for advocating for social change and fostering an inclusive society.

World Tourism Day: SHTM students visit Suchetgarh Border

JAMMU

In observance of the World Tourism Day, the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management (SHTM), University of Jammu, organized a unique and impactful visit to the Suchetgarh Border, focusing on this year's theme of 'Tourism and Peace'.

The visit was aimed to foster community outreach and raise awareness about the significance of tourism in promoting peace.

The day began with a flag-off ceremony held at the Fountain Plaza in the campus.

The event was inaugurated by Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs; Prof. Prakash Anthal, Dean Students Welfare; Prof. Alka Sharma, Dean Faculty of Business Studies; and Prof. Garima Gupta. They expressed their appreciation for the efforts of the school in organizing such a meaningful event.

As part of the community outreach program, the students of the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management performed a Nukkad Natak (street play) and a cultural program. These performances aimed at creating awareness among the local community about the role of tourism in fostering peace and unity.

The event attracted a large gathering of locals, who actively engaged with the students' message.

Following the cultural programme, the students had an opportunity to witness the solemn and patriotic retreat



ceremony at the border. This provided a firsthand experience of the spirit of national pride and the crucial role of peace in border regions.

The event concluded with the felicitation of the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) BSF Sector Jammu Chiter Pal and the Company Commandant, Battalion 165, Border Security Force (BSF), Pradeep Sharma, who played a pivotal role in facilitating the visit. Speaking on the occasion, Company Commandant, BSF Pradeep Sharma appreciated the students and the faculty for their efforts in promoting peace through tourism. He acknowledged the significance of such initiatives in strengthening the bond between the local community and the BSF.

Prof. Anil Gupta, Director-SHTM, expressed his gratitude to the BSF authorities for their support in making this event possible. He highlighted the im-

portance of collaboration between educational institutions and security forces in promoting mutual understanding and peaceful coexistence.

Dr. Suvidha Khanna, Event Coordinator, along with faculty members Dr. Poonam Sharma, Dr. Nikita Dogra, Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Dr. Honeyka Mahajan, Tapas Tandon and Taniya Sharma coordinated the event with the support of the staff, including Pawan Kumar, Sachin Thapa and the students. Their collaborative efforts were widely appreciated by the local community from the village of Suchetgarh.

The visit to the Suchetgarh Border not only underscored the role of tourism in peace building but also gave the students an invaluable opportunity to connect with the local community and experience the rich cultural heritage of the region.

CDOE organizes intellectual talk on Positivism, Mental Health



JAMMU

The Centre for Distance and Online Learning (CDOE), University of Jammu, in collaboration with the Council for Teacher Education Foundation (CTEF) Jammu and Kashmir Chapter and Kalra College of Education, Kud (Patnitop), organized an insightful talk on "Positivism and Mental Health".

Prof. Nilima Bhagwati, International Secretary General, Gauhati University, Assam, was the keynote speaker.

In her address, Prof. Bhagwati highlighted the importance of positivism as a key approach to promoting mental well-being and sustainability. She emphasized how maintaining a positive mindset plays a crucial role in promoting both physical and mental health, particularly in today's increasingly competitive world.

Prof. Bhagwati expressed concern over the growing risk of mental health issues among young people, from childhood through adolescence and into adulthood, noting that academic, work, and career pressures have intensified these challenges.

She also stressed the need

for timely and appropriate guidance to help individuals cope with academic stress, examination pressures, and career uncertainties. She underscored how increasing competition and negative emotions are having a detrimental impact on the mental health of younger generations worldwide, urging for a balanced focus on positivity alongside mental and physical health.

The event began with a welcome address by Dr. Jaspal Singh, Chairperson of CTEF J&K and faculty member at CDOE, JU, who outlined the significance of the talk. Other prominent attendees included Dr. Rakesh Sharma, Principal of Kalra College of Education (Kud), Dr. Inderjeet, Principal of Shere Kashmir College of Education, Jammu, and faculty members from Kalra College of Education, Chenab College of Education, and other affiliated institutions. Students from the Centre for Distance and Online Learning, Department of Education, Kalra College of Education, and other affiliated colleges, actively participated in the event.

The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Rakesh Bharti, Assistant Professor at Govt. College of Education, Canal Road, Jammu.

Bhaderwah Campus, District Jail Bhaderwah Organize One-Day Workshop on Swachh Bharat Mission

BHADERWAH

In a collaborative initiative to promote cleanliness and environmental awareness, District Jail Bhaderwah and Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu, jointly organized a one-day workshop on the Swachh Bharat Mission at District Jail Bhaderwah. The event brought together inmates of District Jail Bhaderwah, students of Bhaderwah Campus, and officials from both institutions, aiming to inspire a collective commitment towards the goals of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Prof. J P Singh Joorel, Rector Bhaderwah Campus, in his message, congratulated the prison department, particularly the Superintendent of Police, District Jail Bhaderwah, for organizing the workshop on such a vital subject. He emphasized the importance of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, highlighting that it is not just a governmental initiative but a movement that requires the active participation of every individual in society. He expressed his appreciation for the collaboration between the prison and the university in

organizing this meaningful event.

The Superintendent of

Prime Minister on Gandhi Jayanti (October 2nd) each year, as a tribute to Mahatma

grate it into their daily lives. Dr. Shayan Javed, Assistant Professor in the Depart-

the Swachh Bharat Mission is a step towards creating a cleaner and healthier India, one community at a time.

Arif Haleem Khateeb, External Relations Officer, Bhaderwah Campus, also spoke on the occasion, expressing his gratitude to the SP District Jail for initiating the event. He noted that under the able guidance of Rector Prof. J P Singh Joorel, Bhaderwah Campus is committed to organizing more such awareness programs in the future, which will greatly benefit the community.

Additionally, students from the School of Education, Bhaderwah Campus Shariq Ahmed, Komal Thakur, Shallini Kotwal and Ayushi Gupta took the stage to share their thoughts and insights on the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, stressing the pivotal role that youth can play in carrying forward the mission's objectives.

The workshop concluded with a sense of renewed responsibility among the participants, leaving them motivated to contribute actively to the cleanliness drive and make Swachh Bharat a reality in their respective communities.



Police, District Jail Bhaderwah, Mr. Hamidullah Naik, in his address, thanked Rector Bhaderwah Campus for the collaborative venture. He underlined the significance of the Swachh Bharat Mission, initiated by the Hon'ble

Gandhi's vision of a clean and self-reliant India. Mr. Naik urged the jail inmates and students to become ambassadors of the mission, encouraging them to take the message of cleanliness beyond the confines of the event and inte-

ment of Economics, Bhaderwah Campus, also spoke at length about the importance of the mission, emphasizing its role in improving public health, environmental sustainability, and overall quality of life. He highlighted how

JU collaborates on new Int’l Project to address landslide risks in Himalayas

JAMMU

In a significant step towards addressing the growing risks of landslides in the Himalayan region, the University of Jammu is playing a pivotal role in an international research collaboration aimed at mitigating the impact of landslides.

The project, led by the University of Aberdeen (UK), seeks to enhance understanding of these catastrophic events, which have become more frequent due to climate change.

The collaboration brings together experts from India and the UK, with more than £1 million in combined funding from the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), and India's Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES). The research will focus on the Central Himalayan region, an area increasingly vulnerable to landslides due to rapid infrastructure development, population growth, and the rising frequency of extreme weather events.

Prof. Kavita Suri from the University of Jammu, who has a background in social sciences and community engagement, is part of this team, which includes geoscientists, remote sensing specialists, and experts in geotechnical analysis from prominent Indian institutions such as the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Jammu, GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, and the Borehole Geophysics Research Laboratory. In fact, University of Jammu is one of the only two Universities in India, which are part of this prestigious international project.

Prof. Suri's involvement in this project follows earlier studies conducted by the University of Jammu on landslide hazards



and cascading glacial events in the Himalayan region. The current research aims to integrate various scientific and social datasets, creating robust methodologies for landslide risk assessment and impact mitigation. She will contribute her ex-

pertise in exploring community perceptions of landslide hazards. This social dimension will be crucial in developing locally acceptable and effective mitigation strategies. These partners will work in unison to map and monitor landslide risks using

cutting-edge technology, including satellite, drone, and tree-ring data analysis.

Dr. Anshuman Bhardwaj, Project Lead and Senior Lecturer in Geosciences at the University of Aberdeen, emphasized the importance of this re-

search:

“Our project will bridge critical gaps in understanding the nexus between geohazards, human activity, and infrastructure. By providing comprehensive hazard assessments, we aim to bolster community resilience and improve preparedness for future landslides”, Dr. Bhardwaj said.

As extreme weather patterns persist and landslides continue to devastate communities, the work of Prof. Suri and her colleagues will inform vital policy decisions on infrastructure development and disaster preparedness across high-mountain regions. The research will provide improved understanding of the relationship between slope failure mechanisms and slope materials, analyse and reconstruct past landslide events using tree-ring records, and model potentially destructive future glacial landslide events.

The ground-breaking project integrates multiple disciplines to cover all aspects of landslides in a high-mountain catchment and will serve as a benchmark for similar research in other landslide-prone high-mountain regions, contributing to effective monitoring and mitigation of geohazards.

Project Co-Lead Dr Lydia Sam, lecturer in Geosciences at the University of Aberdeen, added: “There is a lack of comprehensive hazard assessment models that consider both, the environmental as well as social aspects and our project is a much-needed step in that direction.”

Indian Project Lead Dr S. Nawaz Ali explained: “The project will inform policymakers about landslide-prone regions, ensuring sustainable development of critical infrastructure. Mitigation strategies, such as identifying optimal shelter locations, alternative routes for food supply,

New Format of Display Your Talent: Promoting Participation from Far-Flung Areas

JAMMU

The University of Jammu, through its Department of Students Welfare, has long been a hub of cultural expression in the region with its annual 'Display Your Talent' (DYT) event. Every year, this mega event draws in students from all across the Jammu region, showcasing talents in various forms like music, dance, literary activities, fine arts, and theatricals. While this event has earned a prominent place in the cultural calendar of the University, the changing dynamics of the region's student population have necessitated a fresh approach.

In response to the growing number of affiliated colleges and teaching departments across the Jammu region, the University of Jammu has introduced a new format for Display Your Talent starting from this academic ses-

sion. This shift in format aims to decentralize the event, ensuring greater participation from students in far-flung areas who were often left out due to logistical challenges.

New Zonal System: A Pathway to Greater Inclusion

When DYT was first introduced in 1983, the University had a relatively small student body, consisting of only a few departments and affiliated colleges. Today, however, the University caters to the cultural needs of thousands of students from 164 affiliated colleges and 40 teaching departments. With such growth, it has become imperative to restructure the event to make it more inclusive and accessible.

The new format divides the Jammu region into five zones based on geographical proximity:

Tawi Zone (Jammu District)
Pir Panjal Zone (Rajouri-

Poonch Districts)
Chenab Zone (Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban Districts)
Devika Zone (Udhampur, Reasi Districts)
Raavi Zone (Kathua, Samba Districts)

Each zone will host its own zonal competition, allowing students from affiliated colleges within these areas to compete. The winners of these zonal events will then proceed to the main Display Your Talent event at the University of Jammu. This approach not only decentralizes the competition but also provides a platform for students from remote areas to actively engage in co-curricular activities.

Benefits of the New Format

The introduction of zonal competitions is expected to bring a multitude of benefits to the student community. First and foremost, it addresses the

participation gap that existed for students from far-flung areas who previously found it difficult to travel to the central event in Jammu. Now, with the event being held closer to their colleges, a greater number of students can participate, promoting inclusivity and boosting morale.

Additionally, this new format offers a richer and more diverse cultural representation, as the zonal structure highlights the unique sub-regional cultures of different districts. The winners of the zonal competitions will bring these cultural elements to the main event, enhancing the overall quality of the performances. The decentralization is expected to act as a "renaissance" in promoting regional culture, and similar formats are already successfully adopted in universities in neighboring states.

Ensuring Quality and Fairness

To maintain the high standards of the competition, the Department of Students Welfare will continue to regulate the event, ensuring that the rules and guidelines of the existing DYT structure are upheld at all levels. The colleges selected to host the zonal events will rotate annually, ensuring that the opportunity to organize and lead the competition is distributed evenly across the region.

By decentralizing the Display Your Talent competition and introducing zonal events, the University of Jammu is taking a significant step toward promoting a more inclusive cultural environment. This new format not only promotes wider participation from students in remote areas but also enriches the cultural landscape of the University, ensuring that the event continues to grow in scope and significance.

JU hosts workshop on 'Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019: Genesis and Future Prospects'

JAMMU

The Department of Law, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the National Institute of Social Defence, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, organized a day-long workshop titled "Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019: Genesis and Future Prospects" at the General Zorawar Singh Auditorium.

The workshop aimed to delve into the legislative framework for the protection of transgender rights and explore the future prospects of this landmark law.

The event began with a welcome address by Prof. Manju Jamwal, Programme Convenor, who highlighted the significance of creating awareness around transgender rights.

Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean of Academic Affairs, University of Jammu, who was the Chief Guest, stressed the importance of inclusivity and equal rights address.

Dinesh Singh Chauhan, and Sonia Mata graced the occasion as the Guests of Honour.

The keynote address was delivered by. Dhananjay Chauhan, President of the Saksham Prakriti Welfare Society, Chandigarh, and a prominent transgender rights activist.

Dhananjay Chauhan shared their journey, underlining the progress and challenges the transgender community continues to face despite the enactment of the 2019 Act.

Kunwarani Ritu Singh made a special guest appearance and announced the opening of free legal aid cells for all who are deprived of justice due to high litigation



costs under the title 'Das-toor'.

Sonia Mata, a social worker from Jammu, also shared her views on the social dynamics affecting transgender persons.

The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Satinder Kumar, acknowledging the contributions of the organizers, speakers, and attendees.

The post-lunch session featured engaging discussions led by eminent speakers including, Dinesh Singh Chauhan, Advocate, Supreme Court and J&K and

Ladakh High Court, who guided through the historical timeline of transgender rights in the country, illustrating the resilience of the transgender community.

Karan, Post Graduate Student of Law, Panjab University, Chandigarh underscored the vital role of legal aid in addressing the challenges faced by transgender community.

Chaya, Social Worker, Chandigarh expressed the struggles faced by the transgender community through the prism of her own personal experiences and how

awareness, acceptance and empowerment can pave the way for better life for the community.

Vishipreet, Post Graduate Scholar in Fashion and Lifestyle Technology, Panjab University, Chandigarh took the floor to illuminate the nuances of the topic complementing our previous discussions.

Dr. Kartika Bakshi, Researcher and Academician initiated the address by highlighting the disparities in literacy rate of transgender across the Indian state and under the light of various

judgments. She dwelt upon the issues and the stance maintained by the judiciary to protect the rights of the transgenders.

Dr. Sandeep Dogra, Professor and HoD, Department of Microbiology, GMC Jammu presented a profound and enlightening discourse on the topic, highlighting the key aspects of gender identity and shedding light on both biological and social dimensions.

In their presentations, the speakers analyzed various aspects of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, addressing its implications, current challenges, and the path forward for better implementation of the Act.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from students, scholars, and faculty members. LL.B, LL.M, and PhD Research Scholars of the Department of Law, along with faculty members including Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Prof. Satinder Kumar, Prof. Sanjay Gupta, Prof. Savita Nayyar, Dr. Aarti Sharma, Dr. Vijay Saigal, Dr. R.K. Sandhu, Dr. Navdeep Kour Sasan (Programme Coordinator), and Dr. Sonia Aneja, who were actively involved in making the event a resounding success.

The student coordination efforts were led by Sunny Singh. Student rapporteurs were Saria Shabir, Sanyogita Saini, Vatsalya Chada, Syed Ezza Shah, and Vasundhra Thakyal.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Prof. Savita Nayyar, marking the end of a day filled with insightful discussions and reflections on the rights and inclusion of transgender persons in India.

Awareness programme on ORCID, INFLIBNET services for scholarly communities held

JAMMU

The Department of Library and Information Science, in collaboration with INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, organized a day-long awareness programme on ORCID and INFLIBNET services for scholarly communities.

Attended by about 135 participants—faculty members, research scholars, and library professionals from various universities, colleges and research institutions of Jammu and Kashmir, the programme was organized under the supervision of Prof. Sangita Gupta, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences and Head, Department of Library and Information Science.

The inaugural session was presided over by the Chief Guest, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu.

Prof. R. L. Raina, Vice-Chancellor, Jaipur National University Rajasthan delivered the inaugural address and discussed in detail the relevance of visibility and credibility of research output through the usage of various tools and services.



In her welcome address, Prof. Sangita Gupta emphasized the importance of ORCID and INFLIBNET services in promoting research and academic excellence.

The programme was anchored by the research scholars Pooja Rana and Kumar Chitraketu.

The technical sessions featured insightful presentations by Dr. Kannan P and Dr. Abhishek Kumar on ORCID, Shodhchakra, IRINS and various other INFLIBNET services.

The sessions were aimed at creating awareness among researchers, scholars, and librarians about the benefits and applications of these services.

In the valedictory session Prof Meena Sharma, Dean Planning and Development, was the Chief Guest.

Prof Sangita Gupta, Head, DLIS briefed gave a detailed briefing about the workshop.

While the programme concluded with a feedback and vote of thanks by Ashwin Kumar Kushwaha, the session was anchored by Dr Reenu Arti Thakur, Lecturer in the Department.

Exhibition-cum- seminar on ‘Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh—Through the Ages’ held



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Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi organised a week long exhibition on ‘Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh—Through the Ages : A visual Narrative of continuities and linkages’ in collaboration with Department of Strategic and Regional Studies, University of Jammu; Kala Kendra Society Jammu and Jammu Kashmir Study Centre, Delhi.

The exhibition was inaugurated by J&K Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, IAS in presence of several eminent dignitaries, which also included Suresh Kumar Gupta, IFS, Principal Secretary Culture, J&K.

A seminar was also organised in which several dignitaries highlighted different historic and cultural perspectives on Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary appreciated the idea behind this exhibition and said “Once you go in, you will come out feeling prouder about the fact that you belong to such a beautiful civilisation.”

The Chief Secretary described the exhibition as a visual representation of the history of five-thousand years.

Suresh Kumar Gupta, IFS, Principal Secretary Culture,, who was the Guest of Honour at the event, highlighted the rich history of erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir and its historical and cultural evolution over the years.

He stressed upon the need of knowing the history by the masses especially the youth.

Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs said this exhibition represents more than just a collection of artworks but is a very vivid presentation of the rich cultural and ideological history.

She asserted that it is a moral responsibility of the University of Jammu to spread awareness about magnificent history of J&K.

The commencement of the exhibition took place with the welcome address by Dr.Javaid Rahi, Secretary, Kala Kendra Jammu.

Dr.Noopur Singh, Deputy Director (Research), ICHR gave a brief intro about ICHR and their role as premier historical research institution. She also provided information regarding the funding schemes for research purpose.

Prof.Lalit Gupta, a renowned art historian, gave a brief introduction of the exhibition and provided valuable insights, which included information regarding Saptasindhu Valley civilisation, rise of Buddhism, cultural literacy and about the oldest scripts of Jammu and Kashmir.

Prof. Shonaleeka Kaul, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, was the keynote speaker of the event.

She highlighted about the concept of Bharatvarsha and elaborated upon the historic, organic, Indic and sanskritic character of Kashmir.

Prof.Suman Jamwal, Head, Department of History, University of Jammu, stressed the need for understanding, re-reading, rectifying and rewriting our history by re-exploring the pre-existing historical texts.

Prof. Sham Narayan Lal, Department of History, University of Jammu, said that there are enough sources available about the history of Jammu but they all are improperly placed and stand highly unorganised.

Prof. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, SCERT Jammu, gave a different perspective on Rajtrangani by highlighting the importance of Jammu as a distinct historical and geographical identity.

Dr. Javaid Rahi, Secretary, Kala Kendra Jammu, stated that there is a need to build narrative



based upon knowledge, research and historical text. He also stressed upon making historical text accessible to all so that general public and researchers can get access to authentic information. The event was hosted by Dr.Chahukeshi Jamwal, Research Associate, DSRS.

The vote of thanks was presented by Prof.Virender Koundal, Director, DSRS, University of Jammu.

The members of civil society, faculty, research scholars and students of Jammu University and representatives from media participated in the event.

Coaching programme for upcoming JKSET exam launched

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In line with the visionary leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu, Prof.Umesh Rai, aimed at fostering student excellence in competitive examinations, the Department of Lifelong Learning (DLL) launched its coaching classes for the upcoming JKSET Examination 2024.

The primary objective of this initiative is to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to successfully clear the JKSET exam, thereby increasing the pool of qualified candidates eligible for Assistant Professor positions in the higher education sector.

The month-long coaching programme was inaugurated by Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Director DLL.

In her welcome address to the students, Dr. Sharma emphasized the department's role within the University, as it offers coaching for a range of competitive exams such as NET, SLET, Banking, KAS, and IAS.

She also lauded the efforts of



Dr.Vivek Sharma, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the programme, for this initiative.

Addressing the students, Dr. Kavita Suri, Professor and former Director of DLL, highlighted the Department's success in helping students become bureaucrats, educators in higher education, and professionals in fields such as banking, through its coaching programmes.

The DLL faculty members Dr.Pallavi Sachdeva and Dr. Sandeep Singh were present at

the event.

Prof Sanjeev Gupta and Dr. Rakesh Atri interacted with the students, providing them with valuable insights and strategies for cracking the JKSET, NET, JRF examinations.

Dr.Vivek Sharma conducted the proceedings and also delivered the formal vote of thanks. He also motivated the students to focus on thorough preparation to achieve success in competitive exams and also shared tips for cracking the JKSET examination.

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B.Ed ADMISSION NOTIFICATION - 04
Re-Opening for Online Registration for B.Ed
(ACADEMIC SESSION 2024-25)

In continuation to Notification No. CDC/2024/1902 dated 29.08.2024. It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that online registration for admission to the B.Ed Programme of the University of Jammu for the Academic Session 2024-25 has been re-opened w.e.f. 28.09.2024 to 04.10.2024 with a fee i.e. Rs. 2860/- (Rs. 2660/- and Late fee Rs. 200/-). Further the **Admission Schedule** is to operate as under:-

SCHEDULE FOR COUNSELLING & ADMISSION (OFFLINE MODE)	
1. Last date of FILING of Online Registration Form/Preferences on the University website: https://www.jammuuniversity.ac.in/PG/2024-25 (with late fee)	28.09.2024 to 04.10.2024

OFFLINE PHYSICAL VERIFICATION & COUNSELLING (By Affiliated B.ED Colleges)

2. Reporting time for Physical Verification of the Eligibility/ Original Documents. (NOTE: All applicants must report in person for Physical Verification/ Admission)	5th & 8th October, 2024 (10:00 am to 01:00 PM)
3. Admission in order of Merit/ Preferences	5th & 8th October, 2024 (From 02:30 pm onwards)

Other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

The candidates who have already applied but unable to get admission in the previous rounds of counselling need to apply a fresh in case they intends to seek the admission.

All applicants are advised to refer B.Ed Admission portal for latest information / updates: <https://www.jammuuniversity.ac.in/PG/2024-25> OR <https://juet.org>

No. CDC/2024/2459
Dated: 27.09.2024

Sd/-
DIRECTOR (CDC)

**OFFICE OF DEAN RESEARCH STUDIES**
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NOTIFICATION
Ph.D Admissions (Session: September, 2024)

Online applications from eligible candidates are invited for admission to Ph.D Programme for the Session: September, 2024 as per vacancies available in the various departments of the University. The candidates are required to apply only after ensuring their eligibility and availability of the seats in respective departments along with specialization, if any.

ADMISSION SCHEDULE

1. Date of Commencement of filling of Online Application Form	18.09.2024
2. Last date for filling of Online Application Form	17.10.2024

Admissions shall be made strictly as per the Statutes governing the whole-time/ part-time Ph.D programme of University of Jammu as shall be applicable from time to time. Submission of NOC from the concerned Competent Authority, authorized to issue NOC in case of part-time aspirants is mandatory for seeking admissions.

For details of eligibility, specialization discipline/department wise, thrust areas, application fee and/or other allied information, please refer University Website: www.jammuuniversity.ac.in . Candidates are advised to visit and refer Website of the University regularly for any updates.

No. DRS/24/3017
Dated : 13-09-2024

Sd/-
Professor Neelu Rohmetra
Dean Research Studies