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JAMMU:

Lauding the youth for upholding democratic values and contributing to the nation's progress, Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha exhorted the younger generation to seize opportunities to shape the country's future.

"Just like our brave soldiers protect our borders, our young students must dedicate themselves to driving innovation and India's eco-

nomic growth", the Lieutenant Governor after watching the captivating theatrical performance of Rashtrakavi Ramdhari Singh Dinkar's epic poem Rashmirathi, organized by the University of Jammu.

The Lieutenant Governor paid tribute to Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, highlighting his unparalleled contribution to Hindi literature, Indian nationalism, and society.

"Dinkar is incomparable. His

poems are timeless, and each verse is dedicated to existence. He induces intense feeling in his epic, and the nation can sing a song through his words," he said, noting that Dinkar's works continue to resonate with India's ancient values of righteousness and dharma, which remain relevant in today's evolving geopolitical situation.

The performance of Rashmirathi was presented as a tribute to

the Indian Armed Forces, who have demonstrated valor and taught a lesson to Pakistan, a nation accused of nurturing terrorism. He saluted the soldiers for their role in safeguarding India's sovereignty and punishing Pakistan for its misadventures.

The play, directed by Sumeet Sharma, Drama Instructor, University of Jammu, was dedicated to the heroes of the Indian Armed Forces, celebrating their courage,

sacrifice, and decisive actions against Pakistan, through Operation Sindoor.

The event saw remarkable performances by artists and students of the Design Your Degree (SIIEDC) program at the University of Jammu, earning special appreciation from the Lieutenant Governor.

On the occasion, Litzine, a magazine published by the University's Literacy Club, was also released.

Expert lecture on "Marketing of Information Products and Services" organized

JAMMU:

The Department of Library and Information Science organized an expert lecture on the theme "Marketing of Information Products and Services".

The lecture was organized under the guidance of Prof. Sangita Gupta, Head of the Department and Dean, Planning and Development.

The lecture was delivered by Prof. Joginder Singh from the Department of Library and Information Science, Kurukshetra University, a distinguished academician and expert in the field.

Prof. Singh offered insightful perspectives on contemporary strategies and best practices for effectively marketing information products and services in a dynamic and competitive environment. He also addressed critical challenges such as barriers in communicating service value, revenue generation approaches, and innovative promotional techniques.

The lecture was both informative and engaging and concluded with an interactive Q&A session that encouraged meaningful dialogue between the speaker and participants.

Prof. Sangita Gupta extended her gratitude Prof. Singh for his valuable contribution and for enhancing the academic enrichment of the students and scholars.

The lecture was attended by fac-



ulty members including Dr. Sharma, Ashwin Kushwaha, and research scholars and students. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Ashwin Kushwaha.

Interactive Parenting Program on "Parenting for a Healthier Today and Tomorrow"

JAMMU:

The Department of Home Science, organized an interactive Parent Empowerment Program for the parents of children enrolled at Surabhi Nursery School and Day Care Centre.

The program aimed to provide parents with practical insights, promote mindful parenting, enhance awareness of child health and development, and strengthen the parent-educator partnership. It focused on empowering parents with knowledge and strategies essential for nurturing healthier families and well-rounded children.

The event began with a warm welcome address by the Head of the Department of Home Science, Prof. Sarika Manhas, who spoke about the critical role of mindful parenting in shaping children's emotional, physical, and social development.

She emphasized that parents are the first role models for their children and that their influence plays a lasting role in how children view themselves and the world around them.

The program was held under the guidance and supervision of Prof. Rajni Dhingra, a distinguished academic and expert in the field of Child Development.

The central discussions of the day focused on enhancing parent-child communication, setting healthy boundaries with regard to screen time, promoting nutritious eating habits, and ensuring proper dental hygiene from an



early age. These themes were thoughtfully chosen to reflect the realities of modern parenting and to encourage practices that sup-

port the holistic well-being of young children.

Insightful sessions by expert resource persons were held.

Guneet Singh, Parenting Coach, delivered an engaging talk on positive parenting and the importance of emotional connection.

Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Chief Medical Officer at the Health Centre, shared valuable advice on preventive healthcare and maintaining a balanced lifestyle.

Dr. Gautam Sharma, Dental Officer, provided useful tips on oral hygiene and its impact on overall health in children.

Adding further value to the event was the gracious presence of senior faculty members of the department.

The staff of Surabhi Nursery School also participated enthusiastically, strengthening the collaborative bond between educators and families.

Faculty members from other departments, including Dr. Chinmoye Sharma, Dr. Sarabjeet Kour, and Dr. Priyanka Arya, were also present on the occasion.

A special highlight of the program was a creative and informative display presented by second semester students, under the guidance of Dr. Kanika Gupta.

The students showcased cooked tiffin ideas that were healthy, nutritious, and child-friendly, offering parents practical inspiration for everyday meal planning. This exhibit was well-received and appreciated for its creativity, relevance, and practical value.

The Parent Empowerment Program is a signature annual event of the Department of Home Science, reflecting its continued commitment to extending learning beyond the classroom and into the home environment.

First Open House for third batch of flagship “Design Your Degree” (DYD) Program held

JAMMU:

The University of Jammu organised the first Open House for the third batch of its flagship “Design Your Degree” (DYD) program for the prospective students and their parents at the University Campus. The event provided an open and engaging platform for students to learn more about

the innovative four-year undergraduate program, interact with faculty and mentors, and gain clarity on the academic structure and admission process.

Prof. Alka Sharma, Director School of Innovation and Incubation for Design and Entrepreneurship Cell (SIIDEC), opened the session with a warm welcome and an overview of the program. She encouraged questions from students and parents alike, highlighting the university's commitment to nurturing student-led academic journeys.

A detailed presentation on the DYD curriculum was delivered by Prof. Sadaf Shah, Associate Director, SIIDEC.

She explained how the program is designed to promote interdisciplinary learning, skill development, and personalized course selection.

The Open House included an interactive session where prospective students and their guardians engaged with a panel of mentors, including Prof. K.S. Charak, Prof. Jatinder Manhas, Sandeep Arya, Dr. Shallu Sehgal, Dr. Sunil Bhogal, Dr. Sandeep, Dr. Chinmoyee Maharana, Dr. Sarika Verma, Dr. Manish, and Dr. Ripu Daman Parihar. Their insights helped the prospective students better understand the opportunities and expectations of the DYD program. The session was smoothly coordinated by Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva.



The Design Your Degree (DYD) program is a pioneering four-year undergraduate program grounded in the principles of interdisciplinary learning, personalized course selection, and skill-based education, in line with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Through this

program, students can tailor their educational journey by selecting courses across diverse disciplines, enabling both academic depth and flexibility.

This Open House was designed to empower students to make informed choices about their academic future and to better under-

stand the innovative opportunities offered by the DYD program. The questions from parents, guardians, and students regarding the degree program were answered by the mentors, and the program ended on a very positive note when the senior batch of students shared their experiences

and journey in the DYD program. The next open house is scheduled for 16th and 30th May 2025.

The event was successful at promoting awareness and engagement with the DYD program, which is an innovative step towards reimagining undergraduate education.

Interaction Session held during 2nd Open House for DYD Program

JAMMU:

A second open house was held at the University for its flagship Design Your Degree (DYD), an innovative four-year undergraduate program, on 16th May 2025. An engaging open house with prospective students and their parents was held, where they interacted directly with mentors and students of the senior batch.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Honble Vice Chancellor, addressed the gathering and reassured each participant about how this DYD is going to be the future of the country when implemented across India in the right spirit of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. He stressed how the world out there is looking forward to prepared minds with Mathematical, Analytical, Communication, Creativity, and Critical Thinking skills. Prof. Alka Sharma, Director SIIDEC, addressed the gathering and opened the house for a to-and-fro interaction between all the stakeholders. The program was coordinated, and a detailed presentation was made by Prof. Sadaf Shah, Associate Director, SIIDEC. She outlined the program curriculum, admission process, and compared how this



program is unique and different from traditional degree courses. Prof. K.S. Charak, Prof. Anil Gupta, Dr. Jatinder Manhas, Dr. Sandeep Arya, Dr. Shallu Sehgal, Dr. Sunil Bhogal, Dr. Sandeep Singh, Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva, Dr. Chinmoyee Maharana, Dr. Ripu

Daman Parihar, Dr. Sarika Verma, Dr. Manish were the mentors of DYD present during the interactive session with the parents and prospective students.

The soul of this innovative four-year undergraduate pro-

gram, the Design Your Degree (DYD) program, is “Educate to Empower, Teach to Transform, Learn to Lead”. This program is interdisciplinary and emphasizes skills in 1st two years, which is completely aligned with NEP 2020. In the last 2

years, the students will choose the subject of their choice and design their own degree in the true spirit of a bachelor's degree in B.A/B.Sc./B.Com./ B.Tech. IT etc. The next and last open house is scheduled on 30th May 2025.

EDITORIAL

EMPOWERING YOUTH,
ENRICHING NATION’S FUTURE

In a resounding endorsement of India's young population as the bedrock of its democratic spirit and development trajectory, the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and Chancellor of the University of Jammu, Shri Manoj Sinha, has recently offered a deeply inspiring call to youth for playing their pivotal role in nation building. Commending the youth for upholding democratic values and playing a significant role in the nation's progress, he called upon them to seize every opportunity to shape the future of India. This counsel comes not merely as a ceremonial address, but as a timely and much-needed reminder that the destiny of the world's largest democracy lies in the hands of its young citizens.

This message underscores an important truth — that India, with over 65 per cent of its population under the age of 35, is experiencing a unique demographic dividend. This potent human resource, when nurtured with the right opportunities and values, can transform the economic, technological, and socio-political landscape of the country. The youth are not just stakeholders in India's future—they are its torchbearers. Their participation in civic life, innovation, entrepreneurship, and nation-building is essential for sustaining the momentum of progress that the country aspires to achieve in the 21st century.

What makes this message even more compelling is its rootedness in the context of Jammu and Kashmir. For decades, the region has battled challenges of instability. Yet, the youth of Jammu and Kashmir have consistently demonstrated resilience, brilliance, and a thirst for meaningful change. In recent years, we have witnessed a promising emergence of young scholars, innovators, artists, sportspersons, and entrepreneurs from this region — all breaking barriers and rewriting the script of possibilities. Jammu and Kashmir does not lack talent. The young people of this part of the country are equally enterprising and dynamic as those from any other region. They have consistently shown that, when given the right platform and support, they can compete and excel at national and international levels. From UPSC qualifiers to tech innovators and grassroots changemakers, their achievements stand as testament to a spirit of determination that is both inspiring and empowering.

In this backdrop, the Chancellor's exhortation that youth must dedicate themselves to innovation and India's economic growth carries special significance. Innovation today is the key to unlocking not only economic prosperity but also to addressing complex challenges such as climate change, digital inclusion, healthcare access, and education. Youth-led innovation — whether in the form of startups, social enterprises, scientific research, or digital creativity — has the power to bridge regional gaps, create jobs, and foster inclusive development.

But for such innovation to thrive, the government, educational institutions, and society at large must commit to creating an enabling ecosystem. That means investing in skill development, promoting digital literacy, expanding access to quality education and entrepreneurship networks, and ensuring equitable opportunities for all — especially in previously underserved regions like Jammu and Kashmir. The Lieutenant Governor, through various youth-centric schemes and platforms in the UT, has already laid down a promising foundation. What remains is the responsibility of the youth to harness these opportunities with vision and vigor.

India's pride in its human resource is not unfounded. From Silicon Valley CEOs to frontline healthcare workers, from space scientists to young sports icons, Indians have left a distinct imprint on the global stage. This has not only contributed to the progress of other nations but has also elevated India's image as a reservoir of talent and capability. What remains is the need to now ensure that this talent is equitably nurtured across all regions — including Jammu and Kashmir — and aligned with national priorities. Shri Manoj Sinha's appeal must also be viewed through the lens of democratic participation. At a time when youth around the world are often disengaged or cynical about politics and governance, it is heartening to see a call that recognizes their role as torchbearers of democratic values. Civic engagement, community leadership, and social responsibility are crucial attributes that the younger generation must emulate to keep the democratic fabric of the country vibrant and resilient. The youth of Jammu and Kashmir, many of whom are now enrolling in higher education, joining civil services, participating in elections, or volunteering for local causes, are leading the way in this regard.

The words of the Chancellor are more than ceremonial praise — they are a guiding compass. His call to the youth to contribute to innovation and economic growth is a clarion call for transformation through peace, progress, and participation. It is also a reminder that the youth are not passive recipients of change — they are its architects. Their aspirations, when met with the right support and inspiration, can build a future that is not only bright for Jammu and Kashmir, but glorious for the entire nation. Let this message echo in classrooms, innovation labs, community halls, and family homes across the Union Territory and beyond. For in empowering our youth, we empower the very soul of India's future.

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Yoga: A Way of Living

In an age marked by relentless pace and ever-mounting pressures, humanity finds itself increasingly disconnected — not just from one another, but from nature, the body, and the self. Amidst this chaos, Yoga emerges not merely as a form of physical exercise, but as a comprehensive way of living — a philosophy that integrates the body, mind, and spirit in the pursuit of harmony, health, and holistic well-being. Derived from the Sanskrit root “yuj”, which means to join or unite, Yoga symbolizes the union of individual consciousness with universal consciousness. While often associated with physical postures (asanas), Yoga encompasses far more — including breathing techniques (pranayama), meditation (dhyana), ethical principles (yamas and niyamas), and spiritual insight. It is a science of inner transformation that has been practiced for thousands of years in India and now resonates globally across all walks of life. Yoga is not a religion, but a spiritual discipline; not just a physical practice, but a journey inward. It calls for mindfulness in every act and inspires one to live with awareness, compassion, and clarity. Modern-day lifestyles are increasingly sedentary, stressful, and fragmented. In contrast, a yogic lifestyle encourages simplicity, moderation, and intentional living. It promotes not only physical fitness but also emotional resilience, mental focus, and spiritual depth. From waking up early, maintaining a balanced diet (often satvik), practicing regular asanas and meditation, to being kind, truthful, and non-violent — a yogic lifestyle is one rooted in balance and discipline. Such a life is not rigid but liberating; not bound by rituals but guided by self-awareness. At a physiological level, the benefits of yoga are extensively documented. Regular practice enhances flexibility, improves posture, strengthens muscles, and supports the functioning of vital organs. It has been shown to regulate blood pressure, improve respiratory efficiency, and strengthen immunity. Yoga also helps manage chronic conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, and thyroid imbalance — offering a natural, non-invasive means of care. But more significantly, yoga fosters body awareness. Unlike high-intensity workouts that may often lead to injuries, yoga encourages practitioners to listen to their body's needs, move at their own pace, and cultivate gratitude for what their body can do. In today's hyper-connected digital world, mental clutter has become the norm. Anxiety, depression, insomnia, and burnout are increasingly common across all age groups. Yoga, with its deep focus on breath and mindfulness, provides a profound antidote. The simple act of focusing on one's breath — in pranayama or meditation — calms the nervous system, slows the racing thoughts, and anchors the mind in the present. It nurtures emotional intelligence by creat-



ing a space between stimulus and response. Over time, the practitioner develops a more grounded perspective toward life's fluctuations, cultivating steadiness, patience, and inner peace. Yoga is, at its core, a return to the self. The ultimate goal of yoga is self-realization — to discover the inner self, beyond the ego, fears, and attachments. Through deep meditation, chanting, or even quiet reflection, yoga reconnects us to our essence — that part of us untouched by material success or external chaos. This spiritual dimension of yoga does not demand withdrawal from life, but rather fuller presence within it. Whether one is a student, a working professional, or a homemaker, yoga teaches that every action — if done with mindfulness — becomes an offering, a step toward personal growth. Recognizing its universal relevance, the United Nations declared June 21st as the International Day of Yoga. Millions across the globe now roll out their mats in parks, schools, offices, and homes, embracing yoga not as a passing trend, but as a timeless tradition. Scientific studies, too, continue to affirm what ancient sages intuitively knew — that yoga transforms not just the body, but one's entire relationship with life. From trauma recovery and stress reduction to enhanced learning and productivity — yoga is now being embraced across fields and generations. To say that yoga is a way of living is only part of the truth. Yoga is also a way of loving — loving the self, loving others, and loving life with all its complexities. It reminds us that well-being isn't something we chase outside, but something we awaken within. In a world obsessed with speed, yoga teaches us to slow down. In a culture that thrives on noise, it offers silence. And in times of disconnection, it brings us back — to the breath, the body, and the boundless stillness within. Yoga isn't about how far you can stretch, but how deeply you can feel. It is about discovering presence, practicing kindness, and becoming more in tune with life — not just as we live it, but as we embody it. That is the quiet, transformative magic of yoga: not as a pose, but as a perspective.

Kishtwar’s Cultural Route: A Symbol of Unity and Tradition

PROF. POONAM CHAUDHARY AND MONIKA CHOUDHARY

The Machail Mata Yatra is more than a pilgrimage. It offers a deep spiritual and cultural experience in the stunning Himalayas of Jammu and Kashmir. Each year, thousands of devotees trek to the sacred shrine of goddess Chandi (Durga) that is located in the remote Machail village. Beyond its spiritual significance, it showcases the depth of intangible cultural heritage, representing age-old beliefs, oral traditions, music, folklore, and community spirit.

Shri Machail Mata Shrine and the History associated with it:-

The Machail Mata shrine is situated at an altitude of around 2,800 meters in the village of Machail, within the Paddar Valley of Kishtwar district in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The temple is open only during the summer months of July and August. The ‘Charri Yatra’/the ritual of carrying the holy mace (Charri) from Jammu to Machail marks the ceremonial heart of this event. Geographically, the Paddar valley occupies the north-eastern region of the Kishtwar district. It shares its northern boundary with the Zanskar region of Ladakh, its eastern boundary with the Pangi region of Himachal Pradesh, and its western boundary with the Marwah-Wadwan area. To the south, the valley is bordered by the districts of Basholi and Ramnagar within Jammu and Kashmir.

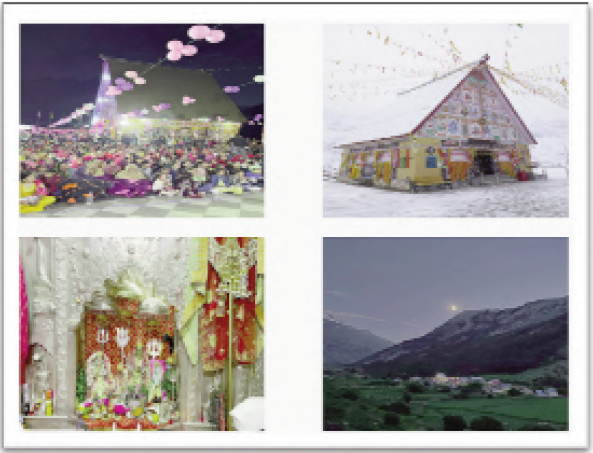


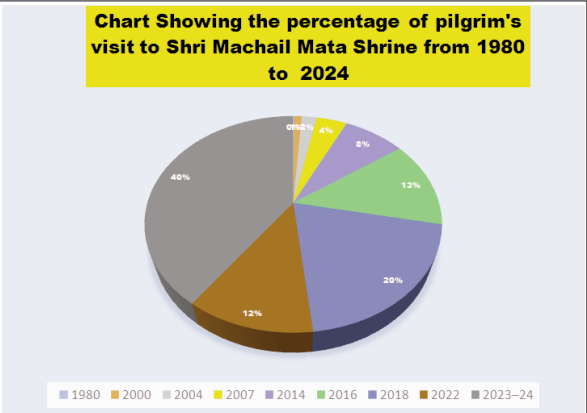
Photo: Machail Mata Shrine, Machail Village, Paddar Valley

Early traditions of the Kishtwar region associate the land with a hermit named Sher Pal, who is said to have established the first settlement in the area. This hermit was a devotee of Goddess Kali, and his hermitage attracted many pilgrims. Later, the area corresponding to present-day Kishtwar is said to have been annexed by the King of Suru in Ladakh, remaining under Tibetan occupation for a considerable time. The town at that time was called Bhotnagar, which was later renamed Kishtwar. Kishtwar remained an independent principality until it was annexed to the Jammu Kingdom in 1821. It later became a tehsil of Udhampur district until 1948, after which it became part of the erstwhile Doda district. In 2007, it was established as a district of Jammu province

The commencement of the Machail Mata pilgrimage as an organized annual religious event of 43 days is attributed to Thakur Kulbir Singh of Bhaderwah, who served in the Jammu and Kashmir Police and was stationed in Machail. He began this tradition in 1981. Under his initiative, the pilgrimage evolved into a significant religious tradition, attracting devotees not only from across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir but also from other parts of India and among the Indian diaspora abroad.

The popularity of the pilgrimage is evident from the fact that in 2018 alone, more than one hundred thousand pilgrims visited the shrine before the arrival of the charri/mace yatra from Chinote, Bhadarwah to Kishtwar on August 18. Since the start of the pilgrimage on July 25, 2018, official data shows that a total of 1, 50,208 pilgrims, including 64406 males, 55288 females, 30398 children, and 116 sadhus, paid their respects at the shrine. Data for the years 2019 and 2020 could not be collected because the pilgrimage to the shrine was disrupted in 2019 due to security reasons and in 2020 due to COVID-19. In recent years, the pilgrimage has witnessed remarkable growth, with the number of devotees rising from 58,000 in 2022 to nearly 2 lakh in 2023–24. Backed by Vedic myths, spiritual beliefs, and astronomical references, existence of Maa Chandi transcends time. This religious pil-

grimage site of the Jammu region has been evolving as a major spiritual and adventurous journey. The route becomes more significant in that it facilitates the pilgrimage to the temple of the goddess Chandi of



Machail.
Source: Sarv Shakti Sewak Santha (1980-2018) & Daily Excelsior Newspaper (2022-24)

As the route is important for the locals and people from outside the area, it has many intangible cultural aspects associated with it, which are discussed below:

The Machail Pilgrimage (Charri Yatra) and Social Practices/Rituals Associated with It:-

The Machail pilgrimage makes the Paddar valley more popular among pilgrims. The pilgrimage commences in the month of August every year. Surrounding the area of Machail pilgrimage route, are number of hot (Tatta Pani) and cold springs which flow intermittently. These springs are called miracles of nature and are considered sacred. Springs in Kishtwar region have a special significance, as these are associated with the Naga worship in the region. Local communities of the area are bhots, thakurs, padyar, nagseni, galheri, doolwal and Padderi. Influence of various cultures, because of its close proximity to Bhadarwah, Tibet, Basholi, and Himachal Pradesh is quite visible in the local heritage of the area.

The pilgrimage to Machail over a period of time has gained popularity throughout the country as well as abroad, though before 1980, its popularity was confined to the Padar region only. The annual pilgrimage in the form of Charri commences in the month of August from Chinote, in Bhadarwah, in which thousands of pilgrims pay obeisance to the goddess. The devotees participate in the pilgrimage along the mace or holi Charri of Machail Mata. They sing bhajans in praise of the goddess Chandi amidst beating of drums, playing upon flutes and chanting of mantras. In fact, the pilgrimage starts with the Jagrata/ Jagran of the Mata, which continues for the whole night. TrishoolB-hent Yatra' is an important component of Machail pilgrimage in which Shimal Jain, a businessman from district Doda (J&K) present the main trishool / Charri for the pilgrimage.

Nowadays, however, the pilgrimage is also taken out from the Lakshmi Narayan Mandir (Pacca Danga) of Jammu. The temple has a Chandi temple within its premises. This Chandi(diety in the Machail temple) temple was inaugurated on March 1, 1997 by Thakur Kulbir Singh Jamwal.The devotees after paying obeisance to the Goddess join the pilgrimage at Chinote in Bhaderwah, from where it takes off to Kishtwar and then to Atholi in Paddar. Thousands of devotees welcome the ‘Holy mace’/Charri Yatra en-route by offering free Langars at Gulabgarh, Massu, Kundhail, Chishoti, Hamori and Machail.

Table below shows the calendar of the Annual

Date	Departure	Arrival
18 th August	Chinote (Bhadarwah)	Kishtwar
29 th August	Kishtwar	Atholi(Padar)
20 th August	Atholi (Padar)	Massu
21 st August	Massu	Chishoti
22 nd August	Chishoti	Machail
23 rd August – Hawan and Stay at Machail		
24 th August- Return of Charri of Machail Mata to Chinote, Bhadarwah		

Machail Pilgrimage:-
(Source: Sarva Shakti Sanstha, J&K)
23rd August – Hawan and Stay at Machail
24th August- Return of Charri of Machail Mata to Chinote, Bhadarwah



A blend of various cultures- Naga, Hindu, Buddhist, and Islamic is quite visible in the local heritage along the route, which starts from Chinote in Bhadarwah. Bhadarwah, since ancient times, has been a Naga worship region with Nagas emerging as their main local deity. This becomes apparent from the number of Naga shrines spread throughout the length and breadth of Badarwah, and which are also sprinkled over to the adjoining areas like Kishtwar. Chinote, the base camp of Machail pilgrimage finds mention in the folklore of Bhadarwah in connection with the Naga deity in Vasikdehra (Bhadarwah) wherein it is also mentioned that the King of Badarwah prayed to Goddess Chandi for the safety of the valley.

Though the Goddess Chandi abodes at many places all over the UT, it is however, manifested at Machail. In the region of Paddar, where the Machail temple is located, one can see the influence of Himachal as well as Tibetan cultures. People in the area have Tibetan features and dress the Tibetan way. This is so because of its close proximity to Tibet. Moreover, parts of Tibet (Baltistan or Little Tibet) and Paddar were annexed with Kishtwar by Zorawar Singh, the General of Maharaja Gulab Singh in the 19th century and this might be one of the reasons for the adoption of Tibetan features by the people of Paddar (Kishtwar). Associated to the melas and festivals, there are many rituals which are performed along with the dance Diku and music called Dhouns.

The beliefs and faith of communities along the Machail route have given rise to numerous local deities and rituals like Jatir/Jatran and Zagroo. These are closely linked to agricultural and social life. Farming begins in Chet and ends in Magher, divided into two phases—sowing to 'gudai' and autumn harvest. The intervening period is marked by joy and celebration through local fairs and festivals known as Jatars. Popular Jatars include Hirai, Rotran, Shadu, and Malcheh.

A resident of the Kishtwar belt named Akshay Sharma had briefed about this local festival. It is an annual ritual performed by families in honour of their Kula Devta/Devi (family deity)—Naga Devta, Chandi mata, or Lord Shiva. The event involves inviting relatives and villagers, with the deity carried in a palanquin, followed by the Chela, who enters a trance to deliver prophecies and guidance believed to come from the deity. The earliest records to it dates back to the 17th century when Raja Bhagwan Singh of Kishtwar initiated the Kankat Jatar mela to commemorate the defeat of the Balauria troops by the Mughal army. Another significant ritual, Zagroo or Jagara, involves the village priest (Dewala) and Chela walking barefoot on burning embers. The ceremony begins with a sacrificial offering, followed by a feast, devotional songs, and the offering of Rot to the deity. It concludes with trance, dance, and music using Dhouns, Narsingha, and flute. The cultural landscape of Kishtwar also incorporates ritualistic practices such as Poothchwar, wherein Bhootdevta is invoked to ward off witchcraft and malevolent forces. The sacrificial rite, followed by a communal meal conducted within the animal shed, exemplifies the fusion of spiritual protection and social cohesion in local belief systems.

In the present context of preserving the cultural heritage and building sustainable communities, the Machail Mata pilgrimage route and the intangible heritage of the Kishtwar region play a dynamic force to sustain collective memories, reinforce social cohesion, and embody the region’s living cultural identity.

Inaugural of Inter-Departmental Tournament 2025-26 for Men, Women held



Jammu: The University's much-awaited Inter-Departmental Tournament 2025-26 unfolded over several days at the Gymnasium Hall and Table Tennis Hall, featuring fierce competition across multiple sports for both Men's and Women's categories. The tournament was conducted under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Chairman,

Campus Sports Committee, and coordinated by Raj Kumar Bakshi, Incharge PTL.

Day 1: Inaugural and Early Matches in Table Tennis & Chess

The tournament began with an enthusiastic inauguration and opening matches in Table Tennis and Chess, drawing spirited participation from various departments.

Table Tennis (Men's Category):

Mathematics Department secured convincing 2-0 victories over the Biotechnology and Physical Education Departments.

Chess (Men's Category):

Zoology Department defeated The Law School.

MCA Department triumphed over Geology Department.

Law Department won against D.S.R.S Department.

Physical Education Department overcame Design Your Degree Department.

Chess (Women's Category):

Physical Education Department beat D.S.R.S Department.

Law Department defeated Design Your Degree Department.

Physical Education Department triumphed over Law Department.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba emphasized the role of sports in improving mental health, managing stress, and fostering student productivity during the opening ceremony.

Day 2: Thrilling Finale of Table Tennis & Chess

The second day witnessed intense final matches in Table Tennis and Chess, characterized by strategic brilliance and exceptional sportsmanship.

Table Tennis Finals:

Men's Final: Mathematics Department defeated Law Department 2-1 to claim the championship.

Women's Final: Physical Education Department won over Law Department 2-1, showcasing resilience and skill.

Chess Finals:

Men's Final: Zoology Department emerged victorious against MCA Department.

Women's Final: Physical

Education Department claimed the title by defeating MCA Department.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba reiterated the importance of sports for physical and mental well-being, highlighting the contribution of such competitions to campus culture and all-round student development.

Day 3: Carrom and Bad-

Badminton Finals:

Men's Final: Physical Education Department overpowered Law Department 2-0 to clinch the title.

Women's Final: D.S.R.S Department defeated Geology Department 2-0, showcasing excellent athleticism.

The final day's matches were smoothly conducted with



minton Finals

The concluding day featured exhilarating final matches in Carrom and Badminton, marking the successful culmination of the tournament.

Carrom Finals:

Men's Final: Geography Department dominated the Botany Department with a 2-0 win.

Women's Final: Design Your Degree Department secured a 2-0 victory over Law Department.

professionalism by officials including Raj Kumar Bakshi, Ravish Vaid, Vikas Karlopia, and Gagan Kumar.

The entire tournament's fairness and success were ensured by dedicated officials: Raj Kumar Bakshi, Vikas Karlopia, Gagan Kumar, S. P. D. Singh, Dr. Inderjeet Singh, Anil Singh, and Ravish Vaid. Their commitment was pivotal in the seamless execution of matches across all days.



"Fit India Sundays on Cycle" rally held to promote healthy lifestyle

JAMMU:

The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, organized the 'Fit India Sundays on Cycle Rally' in collaboration with the Fit India Mission, under the aegis of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

The event, part of nationwide initiative, was aimed at promoting physical activity and encouraging citizens to integrate fitness into their everyday lives.

The cycling rally com-



menced early in the morning from the University campus

and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, fac-

ulty members, and local residents.

The initiative aligned with the broader objective of the Fit India Movement, launched by the Government of India, to promote a culture of fitness and well-being across the country.

The rally was flagged off from the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education by Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, who highlighted the importance of incorporating regular physical activity

into daily routines.

"Cycling is not just an environmentally friendly mode of transport, but also a great form of cardiovascular exercise that strengthens the body and mind. This campaign is our humble step towards building a healthier and more active community, he added.

The Fit India Sundays on Cycle initiative encourages citizens to dedicate at least one day a week to non-motorized transportation and physical activity.

Enthusiastic response to final open house for JU's pioneering DYD program

JAMMU:

The University of Jammu successfully held the third and final Open House for its flagship Design Your Degree (DYD) program, drawing the curtain on a series of engaging and interactive sessions aimed at prospective students and their families.

Organized at the university campus, the event provided a vibrant platform for open dialogue among aspiring students, their guardians, faculty mentors, academic experts, and current students of the DYD program.

The concluding Open House began with an address by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, who reiterated the University's commitment to reshaping undergraduate education through the DYD initiative, which is firmly in line with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Prof. Rai described the DYD program not merely as a curriculum shift but as a rethinking of higher education—where students are given the tools and freedom to steer their academic journeys.

He emphasized the importance of core skill development in areas such as analytical thinking, mathematical reasoning, communication, creativity, and critical thinking—skills essential for success in today's fast-changing world. He



urged students to step forward and take ownership of their futures by embracing this forward-looking model of education.

Prof. Alka Sharma, Director SIIDEC, welcomed the participants and facilitated a lively, open-format interaction. She encouraged students and parents to ask questions, share their aspirations, and learn more about the opportunities the DYD program has to offer.

A detailed overview of the program was presented by Prof. Sadaf Shah, Associate Director, SIIDEC, who explained the flexible academic structure and outlined the admissions process. She elaborated on how the first two years of the program are designed to build a solid foundation across disciplines, while the final two years allow students to craft their own degree pathways—selecting from options

such as B.A., B.Sc., B.Com., or B.Tech. (IT). Prof. Shah noted that DYD encourages students to go beyond traditional academic boundaries and design cross-disciplinary learning experiences based on their interests and career ambitions. She also coordinated the overall event, ensuring its smooth execution.

The audience was also addressed by Mr. A.M. Tiwari, Vice

Chancellor of TransStadia University, Gujarat, who shared candid insights into the gaps in the current education system and praised the DYD model as a timely and much-needed step towards preparing future-ready graduates.

The event saw active engagement with a team of dedicated DYD faculty mentors, including Prof. K.S. Charak, Prof. Anil Gupta, Dr. Jatinder Manhas, Dr. Sandeep Arya, Dr. Shallu Sehgal, Dr. Sunil Bhogal, Dr. Sandeep Singh, Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva, Dr. Chinmoyee Maharana, Dr. Ripu Daman Parihar, Dr. Sarika Verma, and Dr. Manish, who interacted with students and shared insights on the unique strengths of the DYD program as a flexible, student-centric model.

A major highlight of the Open House was a heartfelt experience-sharing session by current DYD students from Semesters 2 and 4. Their personal stories and reflections resonated strongly with the audience, offering a glimpse into how the program has shaped their academic choices, creative growth, and personal confidence.

"With this final Open House, the pre-admission phase of the DYD program draws to a close. The entrance examination is scheduled to be held on 5th June 2025 at 10:30 AM at the new Design Your Degree building on the university campus.

Fresher-cum-farewell function lights up Chandrabhaga Girls Hostel

JAMMU:

Jammu: A heartwarming blend of beginnings and goodbyes unfolded at Chandrabhaga Girls Hostel during a beautifully organized Fresher-cum-Farewell Function.

The event was a celebration of new journeys and cherished memories, bringing together students, faculty, and hostel wardens in a vibrant and emotional gathering.

The event was graced by Provost Dr Shashi Manhas, Dr. Sonia Jasrotia (Resident Warden of Chandrabhaga Girls Hostel), Dr. Chinmoye Maharana (Resident Warden of Sarojini Naidu Girls Hostel) Dr Sushma Bhardwaj (Warden of Sarojini Naidu Girls Hostel), (Dr Skarma (Warden of Priyadarhsini Girls Hostel) and Dr Bhagvati Devi (Resident Warden of Priyadarhsini Girls Hostel) and whose presence added both grace and depth to the occasion. Their inspiring addresses resonated with the students, offering words of encouragement, guidance, and warmth.

Prof Shashi Manhas, Provost Girls Hostels while addressing the gathering highlighted the importance of unity, discipline, and emotional balance in hostel life. The Provost emphasized that hostel years are not just about academics but also about shaping strong, independent, and compassionate individuals. The heartfelt speech was met with admiration and applause from the audience.

The program was smoothly anchored by Sakeena Kouser (Law



School), Nazma Akhtar (Department of History), and Hiteshi Jamwal (Research Scholar from the Department of History). Their lively and heartfelt anchoring kept the spirit of the function high and engaging throughout.

The Cultural Committee Head, Ghinni Sharma from the Department of Buddhist Studies, played a key role in curating and overseeing

the cultural segment of the program, which included student performances, reflections, and shared laughter.

The success of the event was made possible by the dedicated efforts of the organizing team comprising Manisha Khajuria (Department of Law), Hiteshi Jamwal (Research Scholar of History Department), Suhani Sharma (Law

School) Jaya Vardhani (Law School), Simran Jaideep (Research Scholar of English department), Shiwal Sharma (Law department) and Ishika Parihar (Department of Biotechnology) whose coordination ensured a memorable evening for all.

Freshers were given the spotlight to introduce themselves and reflect on their initial experiences

in the hostel, sharing moments of laughter, gratitude, and new friendships. As part of the farewell gesture, each student received a thoughtful token of appreciation, creating a moment of emotional connection and celebration.

The function was graced by Dr. Sonia, Resident Warden of Chandrabhaga girls Hostel, and Dr Chinmoye, Resident Warden of Girls Hostels. Dr. Sonia, reflected on the hostel journey as a space of personal growth, learning, and togetherness, reminding students to cherish the bonds they form here.

Dr Chinmoye, in her uplifting address, emphasized the importance of self-reliance, discipline, and emotional resilience, encouraging students to embrace the hostel as their second home and step into their futures with strength and compassion.

From spirited introductions to bittersweet farewells, the evening stood as a testament to the bonds formed within hostel life – bonds that go beyond rooms and walls, forming a community of support, memories, and empowerment.

The event concluded with a sincere vote of thanks delivered by Hiteshi Jamwal, who extended heartfelt appreciation to the wardens, organizing committee, cultural participants, and all the residents for their support and enthusiastic participation.

The function ended with heartfelt gratitude and shared hope — that each resident carries the essence of Chandrabhaga with her as she moves forward in life.

Law School strengthens Experiential Pedagogy through immersive Court Visit Program

Jammu: In a significant initiative to bridge the gap between theoretical legal education and practical courtroom dynamics, The Law School, organized an immersive court visit for its 6th-semester students as part of its experiential learning pedagogy.

The visit aimed to provide students with firsthand exposure to civil and criminal proceedings while fostering meaningful interactions with members of the Bench and Bar.

The students had the privilege of engaging in an insightful interaction with Mr Haq Nawaz Zargar, Special Judge, Anti-Corruption, and Ms Rekha Sharma, Munsiff JMIC, Jammu, an esteemed alumna of The Law School.

The judges shared their invaluable experiences and addressed students' queries on litigation strategies, career challenges, and the evolving competitive landscape of the legal profession. Emphasizing the cornerstones of a successful legal career, they underscored the importance of professional ethics,



rigorous research, unwavering integrity, and a compassionate commitment to justice for marginalized sections of society.

Prof. Seema Rohmetra, Director, The Law School, while

orienting the students, highlighted the transformative power of experiential learning in shaping competent and socially responsible legal professionals. She stressed how "learning by doing" not only

enhances legal acumen but also cultivates essential life skills such as critical thinking, discipline, and empathy.

The visit was meticulously coordinated by Dr. Rajneesh Khajuria and assisted by Dr.

Palvi Mathavan Puri, Dr. Vandita Sharma, Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Dr. Rubia Wani, and Dr. Nitán Sharma, faculty members of The Law School, who ensured a seamless and enriching experience for the students.

SHTM students shine at FICCI GITB at Jaipur



Jammu: School of Hospitality and Tourism Management (SHTM), organized a visit of MBA (TTM) students to the prestigious 14th FICCI Great Indian Travel Bazaar (GITB) being held in Jaipur.

The students working as official volunteers for FICCI had the unique opportunity to gain practical exposure to the MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions), event management, and international tourism business.

Prof. Anil Gupta, Director, SHTM, emphasized that the initiative aligns with the visionary approach of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, who advocates for skill-based and experiential learning. He further said that active involvement of students in this international event allowed them to understand the scale, professionalism, and networking dynamics of one of India's biggest B2B tourism events.

During their visit, the

students had the opportunity to interact with Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director, Tourism, Jammu, who commended the efforts of SHTM for encouraging student involvement in such high-level industry platforms.

He appreciated the university's initiative in ensuring students are industry-ready through practical exposure.

Dr. Suvidha Khanna, Dr. Priyanka Sharma and Sachin Thapa also accompanied the students to GITB.

First-ever hands-on cyber forensics workshop organized for 'Design Your Degree' Students



Jammu: In a major step towards integrating experiential learning into undergraduate education, University in collaboration with iHub DivyaSampark, IIT Roorkee, and Cyber Intelligence Global LLP, organized its first-ever hands-on Cyber Forensics Workshop for students enrolled in the innovative Design Your Degree (DYD) program.

Held at the Skill, Incubation, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Development Centre (SIIEDC), the two-day workshop marked a pioneering initiative in bringing digital forensics training to the undergraduate level.

The workshop, conceptualized as part of the broader academic reforms led by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, aligns with his vision of embedding skill-based and real-world learning into higher education.

Prof. Rai has consistently emphasized the importance of preparing students for the digital age, particularly in the increasingly critical fields of cyber security and forensics.

Convened by Prof. Alka Sharma, Director, SIIEDC, and coordinated by Dr. Jatinder Manhas, Associate Director, SIIEDC, the workshop included expert sessions conducted by Vishu Datt, Director, Cyber Intelligence Global LLP, New Delhi. A seasoned cyber forensics and intelligence professional, Vishu Datt guided students through the essential concepts of digital evidence collection, forensic tools and technologies, cybercrime investigation protocols, and the fundamentals of cyber law. The sessions combined interactive lectures with real-time demonstrations, allowing students to experience the complexities and nuances of digital investigations firsthand.

The students enthusiastically engaged in practical exercises replicating real-world cybercrime scenarios. The initiative not only provided a unique academic experience but also bridged the gap between classroom knowledge and industry demands.

The workshop was attended by Design Your Degree faculty members including Prof. K.S. Charak, Prof. Anil Gupta, Prof. Sadaf Shah, Dr. Shallu Sehgal, Dr. Sandeep Arya, Dr. Harish Chander Dutt, Dr. Chinmoyee Maharana, Dr. Sunil Bhaugul, Dr. Ripu Daman, Dr. Sandeep Singh, Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva, Dr. Sarika Verma, and Dr. Manish Kumar, whose support highlighted the University's commitment to encouraging progressive and industry-relevant educational practices.

The successful execution of the workshop was made possible through the dedicated efforts of Research Assistant Mohsin Hassan, and Ph.D. scholars Ms. Ayushi Kotwal, Renu Sambyal, Marzia, and Rahul Sharma, who ensured the smooth coordination and management of the event.

DLIS, Dept of Psychology organize expert lecture on "Sentiment Analysis: An Emerging Area of Research in the LIS Field by Using Social Media Data"

JAMMU:

The Department of Library and Information Science in collaboration with Dept of Psychology organised an expert lecture on "Sentiment Analysis: An Emerging Area of Research in the LIS Field by Using Social Media Data."

The lecture was delivered by Prof. Manoj K. Verma, Head, DLIS, Mizoram University, Aizwal, a renowned expert in the field.

The lecture provided valuable insights into this emerging area of research, which is opening unprecedented avenues for understanding user behaviour, public opinion, and community engagement, reshaping how libraries and information centres approach service delivery and policy making.



Prof. Verma also spoke on key topics such as the exponential growth of digital interactions, platforms like Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Reddit have become rich sources of real-time public sentiment.

The session was highly informative and engaging. The lecture concluded with an interactive Q&A session.

The lecture was attended by faculty members (Dr. Bindu Sharma, Dr. Meghna Dhar, Dr. Reenu Arti Thakur), Scholars and Students. Prof. Sangita Gupta expressed her gratitude to Prof. Verma for sharing his expertise and enriching the academic experience of the students.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Research Scholar Devanshu Saini.

Law School students gain hands-on policing insights through experiential visit to model, women police stations



JAMMU

Jammu – The Law School organized an immersive experiential learning visit for its students to the Model Police Station and Women Police Station in Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, deepening their understanding of law enforcement and criminal justice systems.

The visit, organized for 6th-semester law students and PG Diploma (Human Rights & Duties Education) scholars, offered first-

hand exposure to policing operations, aligning with the institution's commitment to practical legal education.

During the visit, students toured the facilities and engaged with officers to learn about arrest protocols, investigative techniques, evidence handling, and community policing strategies.

SHO Arun Sharma (Model Police Station) and SHO Aarti Thakur (Women Police Cell), along with investigation officers, provided insights into the appli-

cation of criminal law, civil rights safeguards, and the evolving role of police in society.

A key highlight was SP South Ajay Sharma's session on technology-driven policing, including the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS), procedural justice, and strategies to strengthen police-community relations.

He emphasized the visit's significance, stating, "Building bridges between law enforcement and future legal professionals is

vital. These students will soon shape policies, defend rights, and collaborate with police in courts—understanding ground realities fosters better synergy and reform."

Prof Seema Rohmetra, Director of The Law School, underscored the pedagogical value of the initiative:

"Experiential learning is a cornerstone of legal education. By stepping out of classrooms and into spaces where law is enforced, students gain nuanced

perspectives beyond textbooks. Such collaborations with the police empower them to advocate, litigate, and engage with the justice system more effectively", she said

The visit was coordinated by faculty members under the supervision of Dr. Monica Narang and assisted by Dr. Monika Bhardwaj, Dr. Upasana Sharma, Dr. Rameh Kumar, and Dr. Nitin Sharma, reinforcing the institution's emphasis on interdisciplinary, real-world learning.

Inter-Departmental Tournament 2025-26 for Men



The Inter-Departmental Tournament 2025-26 for Men, held at the University Cricket and Volleyball Grounds under the patronage of the Chairman, Campus Sports Committee and overall supervision of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, saw enthusiastic participation from students across departments. The event was coordinated by Raj Kumar Bakshi, Incharge PTI, Campus Sports Committee.

Day 1: Opening Matches

Volleyball (Men):
Law Department defeated Sociology Department 2-0 (25-18, 25-17)
Commerce Department defeated Geology Department 2-0 (25-12, 25-19)

Cricket (Men):
English Department won by 33

runs against Journalism Department

School of Hospitality and Tourism Management (SHTM) Department won by 87 runs against SIIEDC Department

Day 2: Continued Competitions

Volleyball (Men):
Physical Education Department defeated Design Your Degree Department twice by 2-0 sets (25-11, 25-10 and 25-11, 25-19)
SHTM Department defeated Commerce Department 2-0 (25-16, 25-13)

Cricket (Men):
Law School defeated Geography Department by 65 runs
Law Department defeated Biotechnology Department by 77



runs

Day 3: Further Matches

Volleyball (Men):
Physical Education Department defeated Law Department 2-0 (25-17, 25-13)
SHTM Department defeated Geography Department 2-1 (25-23, 17-25, 15-12)
Physical Education Department defeated SHTM Department 2-0 (25-18, 25-17)

Cricket (Men):
History Department defeated Urdu Department by 8 runs
Sociology Department defeated ICCCR & HRM by 6 wickets

Day 4: Cricket Battles Continue

Cricket (Men):
Department of Distance & Online Education (D.D. & O.E.) defeated Geology Department by 108 runs
Economics Department defeated Political Science Department by 3 runs
SHTM Department defeated Zoology Department by 79 runs

Day 5:

Cricket (Men):
Physical Education Department defeated Physics Department by 10 wickets
MCA Department defeated Sociology Department by 5 wickets
Buddhist Department defeated Commerce Department by 3 runs



DD & OE defeated Law Department by 5 wickets

Match Officials
Sh. Raj Kumar Bakshi, Sh. Vikas Karlopia, Sh. Vijay Kumar, Sh. Ashok Singh, Sh. Anirudh Singh, Sh. Ravish Vaid, Anil Singh, Zahid Rehman, Prince Sharma, and Sahil Sharma ensured fair play and smooth coordination throughout the tournament.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba appreciated the spirit of sportsmanship and highlighted the role of sports in promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, and overall development among students.



Expert Lecture on “Role of AI for Sustainable Future” held at Kathua Campus



KATHUA:

Department of Computer Science & IT in association with University Institute of Engineering & Technology (UIET), Kathua Campus, organized an expert lecture on the topic “Role of Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Future”.

The lecture was delivered by esteemed academician Dr. Yashwant Singh, Professor and Registrar at Central University

of Jammu.

Dr. Yashwant highlighted the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in promoting sustainable development. He detailed real-world applications of AI in areas such as climate modelling, renewable energy optimization, precision agriculture, and smart urban infrastructure. He further emphasized the need to integrate AI solutions to build a greener, more resilient, and sustainable

future.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus in his message lauded the initiative of faculty to organize the lecture on such a significant topic. He further emphasized the responsibility of academic institutions in spreading awareness of cutting-edge technologies and fostering a culture of innovation and research among students.

Dr. Rockey Gupta, Princi-

pal, UIET inspired students to actively engage with the field of Artificial Intelligence and explore its vast potential in addressing critical environmental challenges. He emphasized that AI-driven solutions can significantly contribute to sustainability and societal well-being, urging young minds to be part of this transformative journey.

At the outset, Dr. Sourabh Shastri, In-charge Head of the

MCA Department welcomed the resource person and underscored the growing relevance of AI in addressing modern sustainability challenges.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Bharti Rana. Amit Sharma, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Pranav Ratta, Er. Sandeep Raj, Dr. Vivudh Gupta, Er. Sourav Gupta, Er. Rakshit Khajuria, Er. Puneet Kour, and Er. Jewanjot were also present during the session.

DLIS held an expert lecture on “Information as a Profession”



JAMMU:

Department of Library and Information Science organised an expert lecture on the topic “Information as a Profession”.

The distinguished academician Professor M. P. Satija, Emeritus Fellow and Honorary Professor, DLIS, Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar, was the expert speaker.

Prof. Sangita Gupta, Head of the Department welcomed and thanked Prof. Satija for his visit to the department. Professor Satija shared his deep insights on the evolution, relevance, and future prospects of information science as a professional domain in the 21st century.

Prof. Satija, in his engaging and scholarly lecture, discussed the transformation of information services in the digital age and the ethical dimensions of information work. He further underscored the need for LIS education to evolve with emerging technological advancements and societal needs. The lecture provided valuable insights on the topic and was highly informative and engaging. The lecture concluded with an interactive Q&A session.

The lecture was attended by faculty members (Dr. Bindu Sharma, Dr. Meghna Dhar, Dr. Reenu Arti Thakur), Scholars and Students. Prof. Sangita Gupta, Head expressed her gratitude to Prof. Satija for sharing his expertise and enriching the academic experience of the students. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Meghna Dhar.

Six-month certificate course in music launched at Bhaderwah Campus



BHADERWAH:

The Bhaderwah Campus added a new chapter to its academic and cultural journey with the launch of a Six-Month Certificate Course in Music. Introduced under the School of Education, the course aims to provide students with a platform to learn, appreciate, and perform music in a structured and formal setting.

The inauguration ceremony was held on campus and was graced by Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector, Bhaderwah Campus, as the Chief Guest.

Addressing the gathering of faculty, students, and staff, Prof. Rahul Gupta applauded the introduction of the music course and underscored the importance of embedding creative arts within the academic ecosystem. “Music

elevates the soul and bridges communities. Through this certificate course, we are offering a platform that not only nurtures talent but also reinforces the cultural ethos of our region,” he said.

Prof. Gupta further remarked that the course represents a meaningful step toward making the Bhaderwah Campus a hub of interdisciplinary learning. He expressed hope that the initiative would encourage young learners to pursue their artistic aspirations alongside academic goals, thus preserving and celebrating the diverse musical heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr. Kuljit Singh, Academic Coordinator and In-Charge of the Music Course, presented an overview of the program. He elaborated that the course has been designed to offer both theoretical

grounding and practical exposure in music, creating a balanced and immersive learning experience. Open to all candidates who have completed matriculation (Class 10), the course will admit students twice a year—in April and October. The evaluation framework includes written exams, oral assessments, and live concert performances, ensuring a comprehensive training module.

Highlighting the curriculum's design, Dr. Singh shared that the course integrates classical music traditions with modern sensibilities, thereby appealing to a broad spectrum of musical interests. With expert instructors, hands-on learning, and opportunities for public performances, the program aims to instill artistic discipline, confidence, and expressive depth in students.

Law School hosts Career Counseling Session

JAMMU: The Law School of the University of Jammu hosted an inspiring career counseling session with Kanchan Nanda, Founder of Futures Abroad - a leading education consulting firm - that re-defined career possibilities for aspiring legal professionals.

Presenting a compelling vision of a legal landscape where global credentials, technological fluency, and human-centric skills converge, she transformed conventional career perspectives into dynamic professional roadmaps. She illuminated pathways to international practice through key qualifications like the SQE (UK) and NY Bar (US), while powerfully articulating how AI is creating new frontiers in legal analytics and compliance, reminding students that "while algorithms may draft contracts, they'll never replace the lawyer who understands the human story behind each case."

The session masterfully balanced practical guidance on securing transformative internships and building global networks with profound insights about maintaining the human edge in an increasingly digital profession.

Earlier, Prof. Seema Rohmetra, Director of The Law School, set the tone by underscoring the critical role of career guidance in helping law students navigate evolving professional landscapes.

Dr. Monika Bhardwaj, faculty member, delivered concluding remarks that captured the session's energizing effect - evident in the vibrant discussions that continued long after the formal program ended. More than just career advice, this session equipped students with what Kanchan Nanda termed "the degree of adaptability" - that crucial combination of vision, skills, and relentless growth that will define successful legal careers in this transformative era.



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NOTIFICATION

ONLINE (CBT MODE) SCREENING/WRITTEN EXAMINATION FOR THE NON-TEACHING POSITIONS

It is notified for the information of all the concerned that University of Jammu is conducting the Online (CBT mode) Screening/Written Examination at Jammu as per already notified syllabus for the recruitment of the applicants who have applied for different vacant positions advertised vide notices No. Estab./NTW/C&R/24/3111-3210 dated 26.02.2024 and No. Estab./NTW/C&R/24/3239-3338 dated 14.03.2024 as per the detail given below:

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2.	i. Electronic Assistant ii. Micro Photographer iii. Receptionist iv. Section Cutter (Geology)	June 09 th 2025 (SHIFT-II)
3.	i. Field Zoologist ii. Browsing Assistant	June 10 th 2025 (SHIFT-I)
4.	i. Junior Technical Assistant (Chemistry) ii. Computer Operator	June 10 th 2025 (SHIFT-II)
5.	i. Steno-Typist ii. Junior Engineer, Civil	June 18 th 2025 (SHIFT-I)
6.	i. Pharmacist ii. Semi-Professional Assistant	June 18 th 2025 (SHIFT-II)
7.	Junior Assistant	June 19 th & 20 th 2025 (Multiple Shifts)

The Admit Card containing date, time and venue for the examination can be downloaded **five (05) days** before the date of examination of each post from the link **"Download Admit Card for Screening/Written Examination for Non-Teaching Positions"**, available on the University website **www.jammuuniversity.ac.in**

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- ❖ B. Tech: (Computer Science and Engineering)
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i)	Commencement of submission of Application form through email at: uietkc@jammuuniversity.ac.in	19.05.2025
ii)	Last date for submission of Application form on the email id: uietkc@jammuuniversity.ac.in (without late fee)	04.06.2025
iii)	Last date for submission of Application form (with late fee of Rs. 110/-)	10.06.2025
iv)	Date of Notification for Selected Candidates on the Website: https://uiet.kathuacampus.in/	12.06.2025

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IMPORTANT DATES	TIMELINE
Entrance Examination Registration	Open from 15th April 2025
Open House Interaction (Time and Venue will be notified on University's website)	2nd, 16th, and 30th May 2025
Last Date to Apply	2nd June 2025
Date of Entrance Examination	Thursday 5th June 2025 at 11:00 am
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