

Department of Zoology, Cluster University of Jammu starts week long Wildlife Celebrations

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JAMMU: The Department of Zoology, Cluster University of Jammu, has dedicated week long events to commemorate World Wildlife Week, 2023 where in the students, staff and other stakeholders will participate in letter and spirit for "Global Partnership for Wild life Conservation". The Chief Patron of the event, Vice-Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu, Prof. Bechan Lal in his message said that, the World Wildlife Week is celebrated in India and across the world to protect and conserve flora and fauna. The wildlife week was conceptualized in 1952 with

long term goal to safeguard the lives of the endangered and threatened species. These kind of programmes create awareness among the masses regarding the role of wildlife in maintaining nature's equilibrium. He encouraged the students with best wishes for grand success of celebration of "World Wildlife Week'2023". The patron of the event, Dr. Satinder Kaur (Dean Research Studies/Coordinator Zoology) said that the World Wildlife Week is celebrated at the institution level for awareness among students and other stakeholders for conservation methods for wildlife to strike a balance

in nature's element and preservation of food chain. Wildlife provides a large gene pool and it aids in the conservation of region's species. She further said that the prevention of wildlife from uneven killing and poaching has to be controlled so that the ecosystem pyramid is balanced. On the first day, documentaries on wildlife ecosystem and ethology, prepared by students Anaitum, Qamar Shakeel, Vanshika, Arushi and Ragini, were reeled out. The Department has a schedule of events throughout the week like documentaries prepared by the students, essay writing competition, quiz competition,

poster making, visit to a wildlife reserve and setting up of a photo gallery dedicated to wildlife. The event was attended by the staff and students of the Department of Zoology. The event is being organized by Dr. Anupriya Sachar, Dr. Shallina Gupta, Dr. Pallavi Shrikhandia, Dr. Apurva Sharma and Dr. Sapana Jangral. The department schedule to organise different events like documentaries, essay writing, quiz competition, poster making, visit to wildlife area/Zoo and setting up of a wild life gallery. The documentary, presented by the students of concerned University, depicted

relationship between animals and ecological factors. The event signifies behavioral responses, their parental care and altruistic behavior were beautifully projected. Documentaries contain scientific facts about animals and ecosystems. Many people who live in cities do not have close access to wild, natural environments. However, through wildlife films, they can gain some biological knowledge. Among the students, faculty members of the concerned department also graced the occasion, thereby added a note to the Wild life, their importance and need for conservation.

NSS unit of SMVDU celebrates International Non-Violence Day

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BHADERWAH: NSS unit of Shri Mata Vishno Devi University, Katra celebrated Gandhian Jayanti as International Non-Violence Day. NSS volunteers formed a Human chain to support Non-Violence in their lives. The event started with the welcome address by NSS coordinator Dr. Rajiv Kumar. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar was the chief guest of the occasion and Dean of Students Welfare, Dr. R. K. Mishra was the guest of honor of the event. They shared their thoughts on the life of our great lead-



A resource person expressing views during the programme.

ers Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri ji. A small documentary on Khadi was also displayed on the occasion. NSS volunteers, Ojashvi, Suhani and Akansha recited poems. NSS volunteers, Parvalli and Parakh Rajput anchored the whole event. More than 100 students actively participated in the event. Refreshment was also served at the end of the event.

TBS, JU and FICCI FLO organise workshop on 'Financial Planning for Entrepreneurial Success'



Dignitaries along with faculty members and resource persons during the event.

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JAMMU: The University of Jammu's Business School organised an enlightening event, focusing on the critical theme of "Financial Planning for Entrepreneurial Success" in collaboration with the FICCI FLO Jammu Chapter. Chief Guest of the event G. Velladurai, IEDS, Joint Director, MSME Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh, highlighted the entrepreneurial opportunities in J&K, emphasizing industries

including sheep leather and the apple industry. He inspired the students to aim high and take on the journey towards becoming entrepreneurs. He also highlighted the various funding schemes offered by the MSME to support students in launching new projects. He gave valuable insights into the entrepreneurial landscape of Jammu and Ladakh, and also shared the progress report of Udyam registrations in the region. The event commenced

with the formal welcome address by Prof. Vinay Chauhan, Director, The Business School, University of Jammu. He extended a gracious welcome to the guests and highlighted the relevance of the theme of the workshop for the students. He apprised the gathering about the various initiatives undertaken by TBS for student empowerment and institutional building. Varuna Anand, Chairperson FICCI FLO, Jammu Kashmir and

Ladakh Chapter, ignited the atmosphere with her fervent passion for craftsmanship and her dedication for promoting women entrepreneurs. She highlighted FICCI FLO's 'Uday Programme' that is paving the way for innovation and growth, providing a platform for entrepreneurs to thrive and succeed in the business world. The invited speaker, CA Samriti Kohli, renowned financial expert and member FICCI FLO, began with sharing her journey

as Chartered Accountant and explained the significance of financial planning for entrepreneurial success. She emphasized on the crucial role of fund management in business operations, underlining its significance as the backbone of sustainable ventures. She spoke about the Industrial Policy of J&K and pinpointed the opportunities therein for the youth. The event saw the enthusiastic participation of the students asking pertinent questions that were duly addressed by the experts. A formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Amisha Gupta, Associate Professor, TBS. She expressed deep gratitude to the distinguished guests by acknowledging their valuable insights and contributions towards the event's success. The event was coordinated by Dr. Shelleka Gupta, Assistant Professor and the Management Club of TBS.

GDC Samba celebrates NSS Day



Faculty members along with students during the programme at Samba.

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JAMMU: The NSS unit of PPNDGDC Samba celebrated the National Service Scheme (NSS) Day with great enthusiasm. The event witnessed the presence of a large number of NSS volunteers, students and faculty members. Prof. Jasbir Singh, Head, Department of Philosophy, Former Chairperson NSS, University of Jammu, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. Sandhya Bhardwaj, Associate Professor, English, Former NSS Coordinator, Cluster University of Jammu was the Special Invitee. The function commenced with the recitation of the National Anthem followed by the traditional lamp lighting ceremony. Prof. (Dr) Twinkle Suri, Principal of the college warmly

welcomed the distinguished guests and highlighted the numerous initiatives undertaken by the NSS unit of the college to address various social issues. She also applauded the selfless efforts of NSS volunteers which reflects the essence of democratic living. Prof. Jasbir Singh in his address emphasized on the transformative power of the NSS in fostering a perfect personality of the students that will further help in contributing towards the welfare of the society. He dwelled on the significance of NSS that aims at instilling love and respect for country and promoting harmony and service mindedness among young volunteers. Dr. Sandhya Bhardwaj exhorted that NSS has

become a foundation for education, developing human values through a wide range of meaningful creative, awareness programmes for the betterment of society. The highlight of the event was the establishment of a dedicated corner by Dept. of Pol. Science within the college adorned with items and literature associated with Mahatma Gandhi, serving as a heartfelt tribute to the iconic leader. The event also witnessed the presentation of a mesmerizing cultural bonanza by NSS volunteers that fetched a great applause from the audience. The proceedings of the function were conducted by Saloni and Neha, NSS volunteers. The function culminated with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Geeta Lakhotra, NSS Programme officer of the college.

NSS Unit of GDC Nowshera organises cleanliness drive



NSS unit of college carrying out cleanliness drive.

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NOWSHERA: In order to inculcate a spirit of National and Social Service amongst the students, Department of Punjabi in collaboration with NSS Unit of the college organized College Cleanliness Drive under the patronage supervision of Principal, Dr. K.K. Sharma. A number of students participated in this drive with great zeal and enthusiasm. Different activi-

ties like Cleanliness of College Campus, Maintenance of Lawns & Play Ground, Maintenance of Botanical & Herbal Gardens, Pruning of Trees & Shrubs and Maintenance of Potted Plants were performed by the students. Prof. Gurjeet Singh (HoD Punjabi) and Dr. Sumil Dutt Sharma (NSS Programme Officer) Co-ordinated the camp with the co-operation and support of

organizing committee members- Prof. Rajat Bhardwaj (Assistant Professor Department of Sociology and Dr. Akhil Khajuria, Principal of the college, Dr. K.K. Sharma, congratulated the organizers for their efforts in making the campus clean and beautiful. He also motivated all the participant students for always being ready to give voluntary services to institution, community and nation as and when required. He focused upon the importance of developing a sense of social and community service amongst the students so that they can contribute for the betterment of the society. Dr. Joginder Singh, IQAC Coordinator also appreciated the students for their energetic participation in the camp. Certificates of Appreciation were given to all the participants of the Camp.

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SAMBA: A thirteen days National Integration Tour was organised by Forever in Operations Division under the aegis of Fire and Fury Corps of Indian Army for 25 students of different age groups accompanied by three teachers of Landon High School, Padum, Zanskar Valley of Ladakh. The tour was flagged off on 22 September 2023 from Kargil District and culminated on 04 October 2023 at Leh. The tour was aimed to provide the youth of far-flung areas of the Union



Army officers along with touring students.

Territory of Ladakh, an insight to the rich & diverse heritage of the nation. During the tour, they visited various places of inter-

est in Chandigarh, Delhi and Jaipur to include Rock Garden, India Gate, National War Memorial, Nehru Planetarium,

National Science Centre, New Sansad Bhawan, Hawa Mahal, Nahargarh Fort and Jantar Mantar. All the children were

enthralled to witness the diversity of each place. For most of the students it was their first trip out of Ladakh region and one of the most exciting experience was their first flight in an airplane. The students on arrival at Leh on 3 October 23 interacted with the Chief of Staff, Fire and Fury Corps and gave an enthusiastic feedback on their experience and education of the trip. As a token of remembrance of the trip the Chief of Staff, Fire and Fury Corps presented mementoes to the team.

Vibodh predicts inevitable fall of Gupkar Alliance



General Secretary of BJP Vibodh Gupta briefing media.

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JAMMU: Vibodh Gupta, the General Secretary of BJP Jammu and Kashmir and former MLC, has shared his perspective on the Gupkar alliance, expressing his belief that its downfall is not only unsurprising but also inevitable. Gupta's remarks come in response to recent developments within the Gupkar alliance and certain speeches made by PDP leaders during its foundation day, which targeted the National Conference (NC) leadership

for the ongoing instability in Kashmir. In his reaction to these developments, Vibodh Gupta characterized the Gupkar alliance as a coalition of corrupt and dynastic parties desperately trying to salvage their political standing in the Union Territory. He emphasized that their deceptive tactics will no longer mislead the people, as their ulterior motives have been exposed. Gupta asserted that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have firmly committed to uprooting the Gupkar

alliance in the upcoming elections and have rallied behind the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Gupta further highlighted that the residents of Jammu and Kashmir have discerned the opportunistic maneuvers of the Gupkar alliance and now aspire for genuine progress, development, and an end to political deceit. He underlined the BJP's dedication to inclusive governance, transparency, and the well-being of all citizens, which has resonated deeply with the public, earning their trust and backing. Concluding his statement, Vibodh Gupta expressed confidence that the resolute support of the people for the BJP's vision, exemplified by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will ultimately usher in a new era of growth and prosperity for Jammu and Kashmir.

GDC Kunjwani organises 'Deeksharamb-Student Induction Programme'

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JAMMU: IQAC in collaboration with Career Counseling and NSS Unit of the college organized one day "Deeksharamb-Student Induction Programme" for the UG 1st Semester students of session 2023-24 at Government Degree College Kunjwani/Sainik Colony Jammu. The programme aimed to welcome the newly admitted students and to acquaint them with the college's resources, faculty and various academic offerings. The programme began with the lighting of ceremonial lamp along with Saraswati Vandana. Thereafter, the Principal of the college Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo, extended a warm welcome to the new students of UG 1st Semester. He emphasized the college's commitment to nurturing both academic and personal growth. He also explained about the admission process, ensuring that

students had a clear understanding. Dr. Neeru Sharma from Department of English delivered an extensive presentation about National Education Policy-2020. She highlighted about the college's infrastructure, support services, and the variety of courses available and explained the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in detail vis-à-vis revised course structure, holistic and multidisciplinary approach of NEP 2020. After the informative presentation by Dr. Neeru Sharma students had the opportunity to ask questions about NEP, academics, and admissions, helping address their concerns. Dr. Ashaq Hussain from Department of Urdu, skillfully moderated the proceedings of the programme and formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Arti Pandoh Gupta Convener Career Counseling and Placement Cell.

Inter-school zonal level athletics meet/trials commences at Akhnoor



Chief Guest Principal GHSS, Sohal, Dr. Madhu Sharma welcomed during the event.

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AKHNOOR: The first day of the Inter-School Zonal Level Athletics Meet organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Zone Akhnoor was marked by a series of Running, Jumping and Throwing Events for U-14, U-17 & U-19 years Boys categories at Sports Stadium Palwan, Akhnoor here on Wednesday. The Athletics Meet cum trials is being held under the chairmanship of District Youth Services & Sports Office, Jammu Sukhdev Raj Sharma and the overall supervision of I/C Zonal Physical Education Officer, Akhnoor Ashok Kumar. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Madhu Sharma, Principal GHSS, Sohal as the chief guest. She advised the students to maintain team spirit, cooperation and coordination while participating in competitions. She also said that these skills learned during sports activities also help in different phases of life,

like in academics or future career. About 300 boys athletes drawn from different govt. and private schools of Zone Akhnoor participated in the mega-event and showcased their talent in track and field events of the meet. The events conducted were 100, 200, 600, 800, 1500 and 3000 mts in running and in throwing, the events conducted were Discuss Throw, Javelin Throw and Shot Put Throw. The main motive of the competition was to select the best talent in each discipline for their further participation in Inter Zonal District Level Tournaments. ZPEO Akhnoor informed that Athletics is considered the mother of all sports. He stated that there is no shortcut to success, so the athletes winning competitions must practise hard for upcoming district level competitions. He also thanked the Manager, Sports Stadium, Palwan for providing the hall and other allied facilities.

